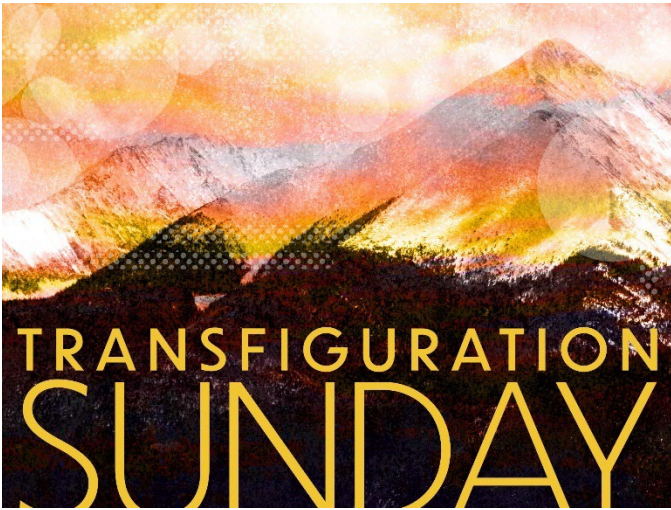


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on materials by Rev-o-lution Worship Resources

Leader: Stop and listen! The voice of God is calling to us.

People: **God is calling us to listen to the Gospel news.**

Leader: The voices of this world promise us worldly things,

People: **But only God promises us eternity.**

Leader: Stop for a moment. Pause. Take a deep breath.

(Pause for a few seconds)

Listen to what God is speaking in your heart.

People: **May we be open to the word of God.**

Leader: Stop and listen! The voice of God is calling to you.

*HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed
#203 UMH

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains,
shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever;
that name to us is love.

Author: James Montgomery (1821)
Composer: W. H. Monk (1868, alt.)

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9 (NRSV)

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God.

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TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

Dianna Sheely

HYMN

Steal Away to Jesus

#704 UMH, refrain only

Steal away, steal away; steal away to Jesus.

Steal away, steal away home.

I ain't got long to stay here.

Words & Music: Afro-American spiritual

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

by Rev Mindi

God of Transformation, we stand on the precipice of the metaphorical mountain, preparing to enter Lent, preparing to enter Your story of journeying in the wilderness and journeying toward the cross. We come to this moment recognizing our own need to transform our point of view: to look away from the fake gospel of this world that tells us to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps, that tells us if we work hard we will be blessed, and instead, turn to the Gospel of Truth: that to live is to die to the ways of this world. Help us to put aside the worldly measures of success and instead seek You and Your ways. We cannot go back to the simple understanding of being a good person to get into heaven, for that is a false gospel. Instead, we must work to dismantle systems and structures of sin in this world. To put ourselves in the shoes of those who have never had the opportunity to know a world without suffering and pain. To listen with kindness and compassion to the stories of injustice and wrongdoing, and work to restore what has been taken, repair what is broken, and pursue justice, in order to live into Your kin-dom. For only then might we understand that faith is more than a simple confession in Your sovereignty over us, but a lifelong commitment to solidarity with You, Jesus the Christ, who lived and died and lives again, and in whose name we pray the prayer Jesus taught saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen

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GIVING

*RESPONSE

#95, UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Author: Thomas Ken (1674)

Composer: Louis Bourgeois (1551)

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51:1-3; 10-12 (NRSV)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Mountaintop Mercies

Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

#2173 TFWS

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine,

fill this land with the Father's glory,

blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;

flow, river, flow,

flood the nations with grace and mercy,

send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. (refrain)

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Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. (refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (refrain)

Author & Composer; Graham Kendrick
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BENEDICTION

By Nancy C. Townley

Get ready to serve the Lord. Go in peace and joy,
sharing the good news of Jesus' transforming love and
power for all.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
AMEN.

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie

Liturgist at 9:40 – Rev. Steve Hoard

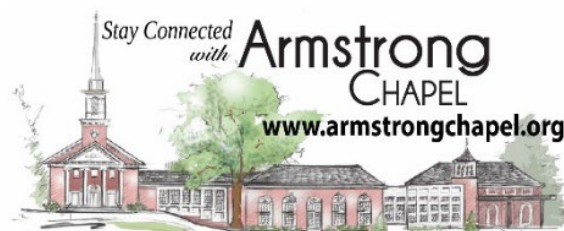


*Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium
following the 9:40 service!*



February 14 at 4:30pm in the Old Chapel

The year's season of Lent begins on February 14 – a day known as Ash Wednesday. This day is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter. Ashes symbolize both death and repentance. Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.



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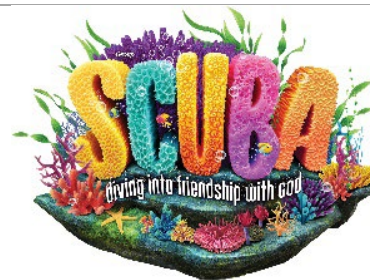
Rev. David Brown, Lead Pastor — Rev. Sara O'Connor, Director of Community Outreach & Group Ministries
Dianna Sheely, Director of Children, Family, and Women's Ministries



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During Lent, we will partner with Inter Parish Ministry to help stock their pantry with necessary food items. This time of year, food pantries often run low on many items. Through Sunday, March 24, please bring in **pasta, applesauce, crackers, and granola bars** for IPM. Let's help to meet needs in our community during this season of Lent through food items and prayer. Pray for families in our communities for their needs to be met – both physically and spiritually. Lent is a time of reflecting on our need for the grace and work of the Cross and preparing our hearts for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life and all that we need.



vacation bible school
registration is open to dive into
a friendship with God!

July 15-18, Monday-Thursday from 9:30-12
\$65 per child (age 4 to entering grade 5)
ArmstrongChapel.org/children

rightnow MEDIA

During Lent, we encourage you to use the video series *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright on RightNow Media as an additional resource to our sermon series.

Designed for use with the *Surprised by Hope Participant's Guide* available on the resource cart at the Atrium entrance.

For your **FREE** access to RightNow Media, call or email Joy in the church office (513-561-4220, jhelton@armstrongchapel.org).

Women UNITED

Monthly Luncheon

FEBRUARY 21
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike

RSVP to Dianna Sheely

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MEN
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

Saturday Breakfast
February 17
8:00-9:30am in the Atrium
Come pray together, laugh together,
and share! No Cost.