

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—March 10, 2024



This is the 4th Sunday in a 40-day journey toward the cross and empty tomb. It marks a season of self-examination, repentance – a turning away from sin and establishing practices of righteousness and a commitment to the message of the cross. This year, we will be using the resource *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright. Copies of the study guide are available at the Atrium entrance area. Video study materials are available online through Rightnow Media by the same name. Free access is available by contacting the office at jhelton@armstrongchapel.org.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 43: 19-21

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow.

People: **We are the people God has formed through Christ.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

*HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

#340 UMH

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

*I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me with his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

Come ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. (Refrain).

Author: Joseph Hart (1759)

Harmonizer: Charles H. Webb (1987)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed,

#881 UMH

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Traditional use of this creed includes these words: "He descended into hell."

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SCRIPTURE

Daniel 7:13-14 (NRSV)

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

Dianna Sheely

HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead
#375 UMH refrain only

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Words: William Farley Smith (1986)
Music: Afro-American spiritual

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

written by Paul Sauer

Heavenly Father, as you sent Abraham out to a new place and a new land, so you invite us to anticipate worlds and realms beyond our imaginations. As we journey in faith, bless us with your presence that our new life in Christ might be full.

The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Holy Spirit, our heavenly helper, you call us to worship the LORD, our keeper. He does not slumber nor sleep. He preserves our lives forevermore.

The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver to the dead, with the Father and the Holy Spirit you call into existence things that do not exist, things too wonderful for us to even imagine. You justify the sinful with your own righteousness, and by faith we receive your grace as a pure gift.

The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Lord Jesus, as you taught Nicodemus heavenly things, give us ears to hear your Heavenly Word, and a heart to accept your grace of a new birth from above. As you were lifted up upon the cross for us, so lift our hearts in faith that we may have eternal life with you.

The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

We bring to mind those persons among us in need of healing. Hear our prayers offered in faith that you already know the names of all who seek your touch: (name them silently in our hearts).

The day of the Lord is coming: **He abounds in steadfast love.**

Jesus taught us to pray 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.

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SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:20-21 (NRSV)

²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

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Thanks be to God.



MESSAGE

The Hope of Jesus' Second Coming

Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

#719 UMH

Refrain:

*My Lord, what a morning;
my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning,
when the stars begin to fall.*

You'll hear the trumpet sound,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

You'll hear the sinner moan,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

You'll hear the Christian shout,
to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand,
when the stars begin to fall. (Refrain)

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BENEDICTION

Inspired by Hebrews 12:1

Brothers and sisters, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us rid our lives of every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us, knowing that the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit goes with us. Amen.

**Stand as you are able*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Hanlin Bavely



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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**



5125 Drake Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45243 – 513-561-4220

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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Lilies and spring flowers will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

You may purchase a plant in honor of or in memory of loved ones. \$25 per plant. You may take a plant home with you on Easter Sunday. Please return baskets to the church.

Online order form: <https://bit.ly/3dj6CXC> or send a check and a note to the church office. Orders need to be received by Monday 3/25.

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.



Organizational Meeting Tuesday, April 2

Robin Nielsen's home 7275 Cayuga Drive
(3 minutes from the church)

10:30am-12:30pm w/Refreshments!

Be part of something special as we launch a new monthly prayer shawl and creative ministry. Experience the sense of purpose that comes from making a small difference in the lives of those who might benefit from a handmade item on their journey to wholeness. Whether it's a prayer shawl, lap blanket, pocket prayer square, or prayer bear for a child, you do not need to be able to sew, crochet, or knit, to join this new group. There will be many options to help such as attaching prayers and labels, cutting patterns, and packaging. Bring a friend! Anyone is welcome! We want to create a community of givers using our hands and hearts and have fun and fellowship in the process.

Questions or to RSVP, connect with Robin Nielsen (ihbookmom@aol.com) or Jill Crosswell (jcrosswell@aol.com).

LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF RESURRECTION

Come experience the story of Easter in a whole new way! This walk-through immersive exhibit in the Atrium will take you through Jesus' final week leading to the Resurrection.



"DON'T BE ALARMED," HE SAID. "YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS THE NAZARENE, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE HAS RISEN!"

Egg Hunt

11:00am on Easter Sunday

Bring your basket!
Meet in the Atrium.



Women UNITED

Monthly Luncheon

MARCH 13
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

National Exemplar
6880 Wooster Pike
RSVP to Dianna Sheely

Armstrong MEN

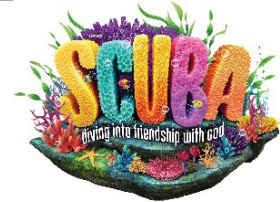
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

Craving Fellowship?
(and White Castle sliders?)



Saturday Breakfast
March 16 @8am
in the Atrium

Gather for fellowship and fun while satisfying your craving! No Cost.



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

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Holy Week



March 24

8:20am in the Old Chapel
9:40am in the Sanctuary
10:30am in the Worship Center

Each of the services will celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the Passion of the coming week. We will wave palms and encounter the emotions of a week that will change the world forever!



March 28

7:00pm in the Worship Center
Experience elements of a traditional Passover at this family-friendly event. We'll hear about how God delivered His people during the Exodus and rejoice in how God delivers His people through Jesus Christ.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served, so RSVPs would be helpful. Check box #1 on your Connect Card on Sunday or email Pastor Sara at soconnor@armstrongchapel.org.



March 31

8:20am in the Old Chapel
9:40am in the Sanctuary
10:30am in the Worship Center

Celebrate the Risen Lord!

Services will be designed so volunteers, workers, and children may attend worship services with their families. Activity bags will be available. No Sunday School or Nursery this Sunday only.