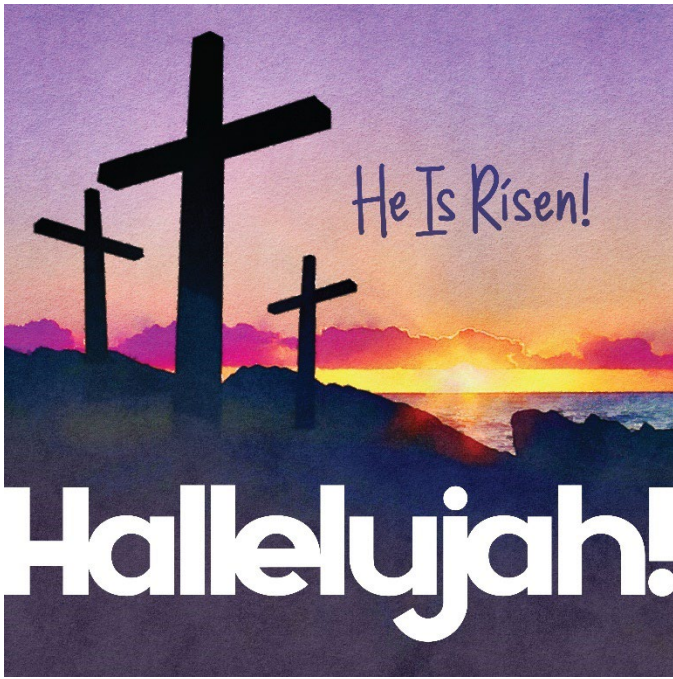


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Welcome to Easter and the  
celebration of new life!

## PRELUDE

*Easter Fanfare*  
*This Joyful Eastertide*

Trumpet: Bob Gray, Pat Counts  
Trombone: Steve Hoock

French Horn: Grace Kim  
Tuba: Kyle Hurst

## WELCOME

**CHORAL INTROIT**     *The Eternal Gates*     -Helvey

**\*HYMN**     *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
#302 UMH

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Text: Charles Wesley (1739)  
Music: Easter Hymn

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Written by Thom Shuman

Jane Florer, liturgist

Leader: Where shattered hearts are made whole,  
where wounded souls are healed,  
where life is stronger than death:

**People: there, the stone has been rolled away.**

Leader: Where the lonely become our friends,  
where a stranger is welcomed home,  
where hope is stronger than despair,

**People: there, we find Jesus!**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: Alleluia! Christ is with us!**

## \*Affirmation of Faith

based on Ephesians 2— written by Michael Perry

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign  
of Christ:

**By God's mighty power**  
**God raised from the dead**  
**our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**and seated him at the right hand in heaven;**  
**far above all rule and authority,**  
**power and dominion,**  
**and every title that can be given,**  
**not only in the present age**  
**but also in the age to come.**

**God placed all things under his feet**  
**and appointed Christ**  
**to be head over everything**  
**for the Church,**  
**which is his body,**  
**the fullness of him who fills everything**  
**everywhere and always. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8 (NRSV)

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already

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been rolled back. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup> So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Dianna Sheely



## HYMN

*To God Be the Glory*  
#98 UMH, refrain only

Praise the Lord,  
Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!  
O Come to the Father thru Jesus the son,  
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1875)  
Arranger: William H. Doane (1875)

## EASTER PRAYER

written by Christine Sine

God we were blind, but now you open our eyes,  
to see your glory revealed through your son Jesus  
Christ, who died and rose again to lead us into life.

God we were deaf, but now you unstop our ears,  
to hear the power of your resurrection story.

Once we were dead but now in Christ we are alive.

God we were unable to speak, but you set free our  
tongues, to rejoice and sing with all the hosts of  
heaven:

Holy, holy, holy is the one who transfigures our  
world with the Spirit of Life.

Holy, holy, holy is the one who redeems and makes  
whole all creation.

Holy, holy, holy is the one in whose light we see  
that heaven and earth will be made new.

As we come to the empty tomb, hear us as we pray as  
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** *Rise to Sing, the Light is Breaking* -Nelson  
**\*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.

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:19-24 (NRSV)

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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## MESSAGE

*Rejoice!*  
Rev. David W. Brown

## CHOIR

*Hallelujah!* -Handel

## BENEDICTION

Pastor Sara O'Connor

based on Romans 6:10, Hebrews 13:20

Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has any power over Him. The life He lives, He lives to God. Alleluia!

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do God's will; and the blessing of almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever. Amen.

## POSTLUDE

\*Stand as you are able

*Greeters in the Atrium – Molly and Jim Barber, Martha and Gary Steier*



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



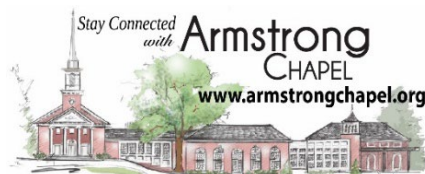
Today, you may add fresh cut flowers to the **Living Cross** on the church lawn. This cross reminds us of the loving grace of God who used Christ's death on the cross to beautify our lives with forgiveness. We also remember that the cross has become a central symbol of Christian faith and hope, although it was once a tortuous instrument of execution. You might want to bring a camera for a family picture in front of this lovely and meaningful backdrop. *Share your pictures on our social media!*



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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## Easter Flowers

### IN MEMORY OF...

**My Husband, Tom Ader** given by Sandy Ader  
**Our Parents, Wayne and Virginia Brown, and Bud and Vinnie Ader** given by Sandy Ader  
**Tom and Ruth Brock** given by Andre and Jeanie Affatato  
**Domenic and Lillian Affatato** given by Andre and Jeanie Affatato  
**Our Parents: Ben and Dorcas Basone, and Jack and Mary Shiverdecker** given by Ben and Darlene Basone  
**Jane Louise Bavely** given by Hanlin Bavely  
**Our Parents** given by Barbara Bell and Victor Rodriguez  
**Ernestine R. Guzman, Victor's Sister** given by Barbara Bell and Victor Rodriguez  
**Nancy H. Stafford, Barbara's Aunt** given by Barbara Bell and Victor Rodriguez  
**Hugh J. W. Brandt, Beloved Father, Husband, Brother, and Friend** given by Nancy Tehan and the Brandt Family  
**My Grandparents** given by Ryan Clark  
**Our Grandparents: Joseph and Virginia Schultz, Walter and Mary Clare Sweeney, Donald and Phyllis Boyd, and Clyde and Genevieve Conn** given by Chase and Molly Conn  
**Our Parents** given by Jay and Jackie DeWitt  
**Loved Ones** given by Jay and Jackie DeWitt  
**Bryan, Jennifer and Mollie Florer** given by Jon and Jane Florer  
**Parents and Grandparents** given by Jon and Jane Florer  
**My Parents** given by Elizabeth Hackman  
**My Grandparents** given by Elizabeth Hackman  
**Gary's Parents, Charlie and June Hartman** given by Gary and Janice Hartman  
**Janice's Parents, Al and Marion Jorgensen** given by Gary and Janice Hartman  
**Our Son, Don Horton** given by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Horton  
**My Husband, Dr. Ronald K. Irvin; and Our Parents** given by Marlene Irvin  
**Our Dear Granddaughters, Hannah and Penelope "Poppy" Krehbiel** given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson  
**Our Parents, Robert and Marjorie Jackson, Fred and Barbara Pummill, and Walton Doench** given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson  
**Danielle King** given by Kevin King  
**My Wife, Coleen Lowe** given by G. Franklin Lowe, MD  
**David Orr** given by Patrick and Valerie McEnroe  
**Ed McEnroe** given by Patrick and Valerie McEnroe  
**Wayne McShay** given by McShay Family

**Husband and Father and Grandfather, Garth Gregory Miller** given by Audrey Miller and Family  
**Greg's Parents, Garth and Marva Miller** given by Audrey Miller  
**Audrey's Parents, David and Verna Korn** given by Audrey Miller  
**Our Parents** given by Gordon and Joy Miller  
**Parents and Grandparents** given by Galen and Shannon Mills  
**Niki's Father, William Lundquist** given by Bill and Niki Mitchell  
**Our Parents and Grandparents** given by Chip and Robin Nielsen  
**Ralph F. Lewis, Husband** given by Charlene Pflugstag Lewis  
**My Parents, Dr. Charles W. Simons DDS and Helen Simons** given by Charlene Pflugstag Lewis  
**Our Parents, Barbara and Joe Eveland and Eppa Rixey III; and Our Grandparents** given by Eppa and Buffie Rixey  
**Jim Sauter** given by Jill Sauter and Family  
**Irv Scharfenberger, Husband** given by Shirley Scharfenberger  
**Family** given by Gary and Martha Steier  
**Our Parents, Bob and Lorma Ferrell, and John and Betty Troller** given by David and Sue Troller  
**Sue's Brother, William Ferrell** given by David and Sue Troller  
**My Husband, Peter B. Wakefield; and My Dear Friend, Becky Patterson** given by Dottie Wakefield

### IN HONOR OF...

**Our Pastors and Staff**  
**The Armstrong Choir** given by Andy and Julie Webster  
**William H. Stafford and Kimbrough B. Polinsky, Barbara's Uncle and Niece** given by Barbara Bell and Victor Rodriguez  
**My Parents** given by Ryan Clark  
**Our Parents: Mark and Joanne Sweeney, and Rex and Jane Conn** given by Chase and Molly Conn  
**Our Children and Grandchildren** given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson  
**Our Daughters and their Families** given by Gordon and Joy Miller  
**Loved Ones** given by Galen and Shannon Mills  
**Our Children and Grandchildren** given by Chip and Robin Nielsen  
**Our Children, their Spouses, and Grandchildren: Carol, Ellie and Jack Sullivan, Sarah, JP, Caroline, Molly and Towner Pharr, Quint, Maggie and Nancy Rixey; Our Parent, Nancy Gottschalk; and Loved Ones** given by Eppa and Buffie Rixey  
**My Beloved Aunt and Uncle, Roger and Frances Stafford** given by Inge Marie Papaeliou  
**Our Family** given by Gary and Martha Steier  
**Our Grandchildren, Paul, Anna, and Grace Stanek** given by Andy and Julie Webster





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All-Church  
**SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA**  
*Walking in the Light of Jesus*  
**April 7** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
*in the Atrium*  
**FOOD FELLOWSHIP FUN**  
Have fun building lanterns to illuminate and shine the light of Jesus.

**ALL KINDS OF SPRINGTIME FUN FOR EVERYONE!**

Lunch starts at 11:15am

Chimes with Chester – Games – Bouncy House – Cotton Candy Machine  
**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**

Sponsored by ArmstrongKids

# Hands & Hearts Ministry

**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](mailto:ihbookmom@aol.com)) or Jill Crosswell ([jcrosswell@aol.com](mailto:jcrosswell@aol.com)).



Women UNITED  
*Monthly Luncheon*  
**APRIL 10**  
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
National Exemplar  
6880 Wooster Pike  
RSVP to Dianna Sheely



Armstrong **MEN** Craving  
Pancakes and Fellowship?  
**Saturday BREAKFAST**  
  
**April 20**  
in the Fellowship Hall  
8:00 am - 9:30 am



Armstrong **MEN** **SUPER**Charge Event  
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.  
**UTOPIA**  
Community Partners  
A Child's Hope Int'l  
Our goal is to pack 50,000 meals

# April 27

in the Worship Center  
8:30 am - 1:00 pm  
**FREE EVENT**

**A CONFERENCE FOR MEN BUILDING FAITH**

Movie, Fellowship, Lunch, and more!

*All ages are welcome to share  
in this inspirational day!*

For more information visit our website

[www.armstrongchapel.org](http://www.armstrongchapel.org)

Direct link to register: <https://bit.ly/4ajgTx3>

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## Young Couples' Dinner Nights!

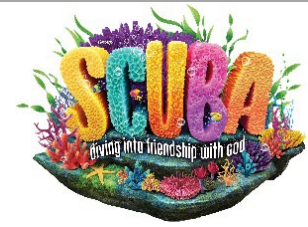
Friday Nights

5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9

Gather for dinner, fellowship, and discipleship on Friday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Atrium! All young(ish) couples are welcome. Come and enjoy summer cookouts — hotdogs, hamburgers, or chicken will be provided — *bring a side dish or dessert to share*. RSVP to Sara O'Connor at [soconnor@armstrongchapel.org](mailto:soconnor@armstrongchapel.org). Childcare is available by RSVP.



SAVE THE DATE  
5th Annual  
**GOLF SCRAMBLE**  
**FRIDAY JULY 12**  
Shotgun start at 9:00 am  
HAMILTON ELKS GOLF CLUB  
Lunch Provided  
Share in a day of friends, fun and friendly competition on the green!  
MALE, FEMALE, AND COED TEAMS ARE WELCOME  
**REGISTRATION OPENS SOON**



## 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](http://ArmstrongChapel.org/children)



## Springouting

### Tunes & Blooms

Thursday, April 25  
6:00 pm

Free concert \$10.00 Parking  
RSVP to Dianna Sheely



Cincinnati Zoo

Why smell the tulips when you can rock the garden?



Coming this fall! We are planning a daytime Handbell Beginner Class – open to everyone interested in learning how to read music and how to play handbells. There are many techniques involved, but we want this group to develop at their own pace. Presently planned for Thursdays, either late morning or early afternoon. Great for all adults and homeschooled children/teens who want to learn something new. Interested? Questions? Contact Chester Imhausen at [cimhausen@gmail.com](mailto:cimhausen@gmail.com) or call/text 513-633-6411.

### WOMEN'S STUDIES

[ArmstrongChapel.org/womenunited](http://ArmstrongChapel.org/womenunited)

- **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Armstrong Room. *The Chosen*, Season 2. Led by Kelly Haney and Serena Tsuang.
- **Mondays at 6:30pm** at Panera in Mariemont. *The Chosen*, Season 4. Led by Victoria Rhodus.
- **Tuesdays at 9:45am** at the home of Julie Holland.
- **Thursday at 6:30am** in the Armstrong Room. *William Barclay's Gospel of Matthew*. Led by Jan Bell and Pam Westrup.

### MEN'S STUDIES

[ArmstrongChapel.org/men](http://ArmstrongChapel.org/men)

- **Friday Morning Bible Study:** Verse-by-verse study of scripture (currently in Luke) led by Pastor David Brown. Fridays at 7:00am in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00pm at 50 West Burger Bar. Led by Gordon Miller.
- **715BC:** Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:15am at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Currently studying *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Henri J. M. Nouwen. Led by Bill Woodward.
- **Armstrong Men "Nooners":** Wednesdays (4/3, 4/17) at noon for lunch at Ferrari's in Madeira. Discussion on the life application questions from the *Upper Room* devotional. Led by Bryan Holland.



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