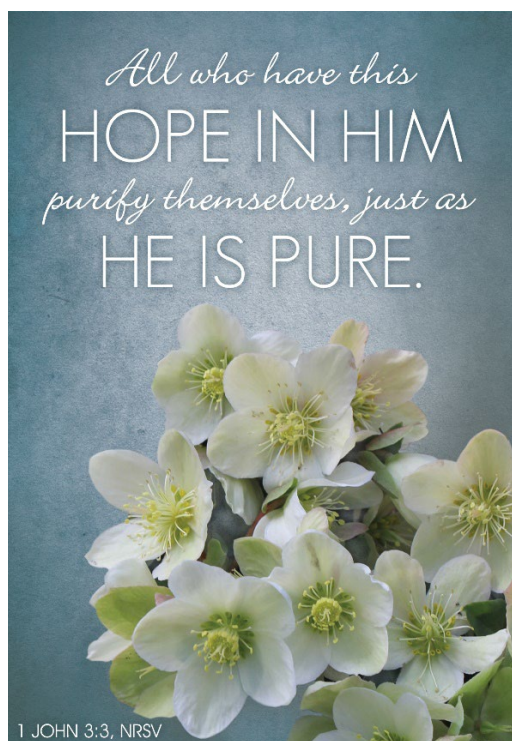


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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from a post on *Life in Liturgy*,

Leader: God of life, we worship you.

People: **God of creation, we praise you.**

Leader: God of revelation, we learn from you.

People: **God of resurrection,
we come to celebrate you.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!**

*HYMN

Christ is Alive
UMH #318 vs 1,2,5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His Love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now,
and dwell in every place and time.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Words: Brian Wren, 1968

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

The Nicene Creed

#880 UMH

The Nicene Creed is the historic statement of belief of the Christian faith devised by the Council of Nicaea, convened in A.D. 325 by the Emperor Constantine in the city of Nicaea, located in what is now northwest Turkey. The Creed was revised in 381 by the Council of Constantinople.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin
Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic
church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*universal

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSV)

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

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 Kaleigh Hollyday

HYMN *O How He Loves You and Me*
#2108 FWS vs 2

Jesus to Calv’ry did go; his love for sinners to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

Words & Music: Kurt Kaiser
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CONFESSONAL PRAYER

written by Moira Laidlaw

Living God, who came to this world and entered human pain, come and be in every painful place in our lives, be in every painful place in our world.

Living God, who in the secret darkness rose from the grave, come and be in the secret, dark places in our lives, be in every secret, dark place in our world.

Living God, who sent the women to proclaim the resurrection make us witnesses of the same new life we find in Jesus Christ.

Living God, Risen Son, come and make us your living Church, Your risen Church, Your Easter Church, in every place in our world.

As we come to the empty tomb, hear us as we pray as you 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.

SCRIPTURE

1 John 3:1-3 (NRSV)

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

Purified Hope
Rev. David W. Brown

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*HYMN

The Day of Resurrection
#303 UMH

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

Text: John of Damascus Translator: John Mason Neale (1862)
Music: Henry T. Smart, 1835

BENEDICTION

adapted from a writing by Mike Yager

Sorrow and mourning. Left behind.
Fear and shame. Left behind.
Sin and death. Left behind.
Our old ways and our old selves. Left behind.

He who has conquered the grave.
He who is risen.
He who reigns.
Halleluiah.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
we pray. Amen.

*Stand as you are able

Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta

Liturgist at 9:40 – Hanlin Bavely

*The flowers in the Old Chapel are from the memorial service of
Carol Stoecklin.*



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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



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GIVING



Armstrong
MEN
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

SUPERCharge
Event

UTOPIA

Community Partners
A Child's Hope Int'l
Our goal is to pack 50,000 meals

The poster features a silhouette of two men standing on a beach at sunset, with a golf bag between them. The background is a warm, golden sunset over the ocean.

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

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

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Enjoy the artwork of our Preschool students on display today in the Atrium. All donations will go towards outdoor play items for our students to enjoy while at recess!



Springouting

Tunes & Blooms

Thursday, April 25
6:00 pm

Free concert \$10.00 Parking
RSVP to Dianna Sheely



Cincinnati Zoo

Why tip-toe through the tulips when you can rock the garden?

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

For complete details, registration, and sponsorship, visit: armstrongchapel.org/men/

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. Childcare is available by RSVP.

Armstrong MEN Craving Pancakes and Fellowship?

Saturday BREAKFAST



April 20
in the Fellowship Hall
8:00 am - 9:30 am



Thursday, May 2 at 7:30am
Veterans Memorial
Corner of Shawnee Run and Drake Roads

Pastor Brown will be participating.
Gather to pray for our nation and its leaders.



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