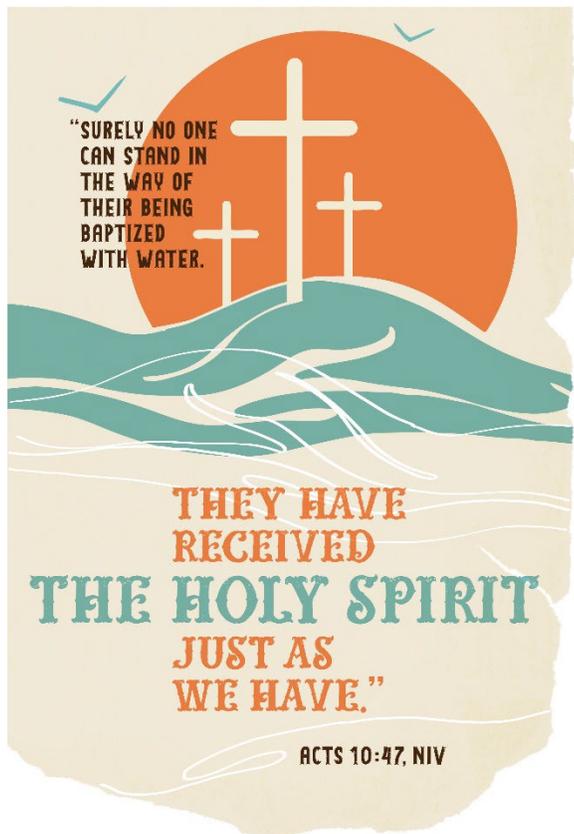


# Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 5, 2024



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from a post by Joanna Harader

Leader: Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!  
Hallelujah!

People: **On this day we celebrate resurrection.**

Leader: The power of life has overcome the power  
of death. Hallelujah!

People: **The light of love has shattered the  
darkness of fear. Hallelujah!**

Leader: We come to worship the God whose  
resurrection power lives on in the Christ we  
serve. Hallelujah!

### \*HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
UMH # 400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson (1758)

Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, (1813)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** *The Apostle's 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.**

\*universal

### SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98: 1-4 (NRSV)

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done  
marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory. <sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known  
his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight  
of the nations. <sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast  
love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the  
ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

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<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

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                      Benny Mitchell

HYMN                                              *Spirit of Faith, Come Down*  
UMH #332 vs 3

O that the world might know  
the all atoning Lamb!  
Spirit of faith, descend and show  
the virtue of his name;  
the grace which all may find,  
the saving power, impart,  
and testify to humankind,  
and speak in every heart.

Words: Charles Wesley (1746)  
Music: Sacred Harp (Mason), (1840)

## CONFESSONAL PRAYER

Adapted from John Birch

When our faith stands at the grave, grieving, forgive us.

When our faith is short of understanding, forgive us.

When our faith, beset by doubt, sees no further than an empty tomb today, forgive us.

Bring to mind the cry of Mary, 'I have seen the Lord!' and grant us faith to believe!

And now let us pray in boldness of faith 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

Acts 10:44-48 (NRSV)

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks Be to God.**

## MESSAGE

*A Global Outpouring*

Rev. David W. Brown

## INVITATION

And so, we gather at the table. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, throughout the world.

As we come together around the table. We discover that our differences are not something we tolerate but that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred in our midst.

So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here, here in this community, here at this table.

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## REMEMBRANCE

We remember the stories that Jesus' disciples tell, stories of bread broken and shared, feeding a multitude, stories of being gathered together, enemy and friend, around tables, stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the Sacred.

On a night of both celebration and betrayal, Jesus took the bread on the table, blessed it and broke it; reminding them that it is in the breaking that we become whole, in losing our lives that we find them, in serving that we are served.

As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf, when we eat this bread, we become one with one another.

Jesus took the cup on the table, poured out and sharing, passed it among them saying, "Drink from this cup all of you." It is my new covenant offered for the world.

As the grapes find life in the vine, when we drink this cup, we become at one with the source of life itself.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.

— adapted from a writing by Katherine Hawker

## SHARING OF BREAD AND CUP

*Elements are gluten free so that all might participate. Receive a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. You may also wish to find the package of sealed elements near the grand piano. All are invited at the Table of Christ.*

## \*HYMN

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
UMH # 57, vs 1-5

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Text: Charles Wesley (1739)

Music: Carl G. Glaser, arr by Lowell Mason (1839)

## BENEDICTION

written by Rev Margaret Whyte

Go out into the world as the people of God, and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace, the Son who gave his life for you give you peace, and the Spirit who is with you day by day, inspire you to greater service both now and forever more. Amen

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\*Stand in body or in spirit

*Liturgist at 8:20 – Carol Ney*

*Liturgist at 9:40 – Jane Florer*



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

**REGISTER YOUR  
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE  
GIVING**



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**Armstrong Chapel wants to celebrate the hard work and amazing accomplishments of the graduating class of 2024.**

**DEADLINE = MONDAY, MAY 13!**

We will recognize graduates during Worship services on May 19. If you're graduating from high school, college, or beyond, fill out the form and let us know! <https://bit.ly/4cBXQ2W>

## Young Couples' Dinner Nights!

**Friday Nights – 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9**

Gather for dinner, fellowship, and discipleship on Friday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm 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.



## Choir Memorial Concert

Featuring Rutter's *Requiem*

Sunday, May 19 at 4:00pm

Remembering choir members who have passed away over last 35 years.

## RIVER'S EDGE



**BRASS BAND**

Service of

**Praise & Patriotism**

**Sunday, May 26**

**during 9:40am Worship**

No Sunday School. There will be childcare for nursery through age 3.



**146<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day**

**Observance**

**Monday, May 27**

**10:30am**

Old Armstrong Chapel (outside)

SAVE THE DATE

5<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://armstrongchapel.org/men/)

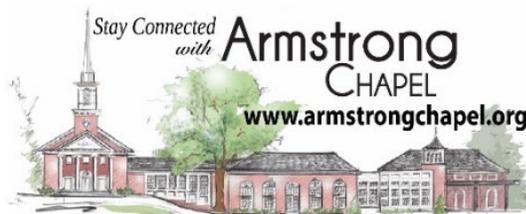
## We are hosting families through Found House/IHN this summer!

June 2-8 & July 28-August 3

Working with our mission partner, Found House/Interfaith Housing Network (IHN), and together with Indian Hill Church, Armstrong Chapel will host 4 families in need in our church. We need volunteers to help provide dinners, be hosts for the evening and to remain overnight for these families, and volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. For complete details and sign-up opportunities, visit our website: [armstrongchapel.org/serve/community](http://armstrongchapel.org/serve/community). Questions? Connect with Sara O'Connor at [soconnor@armstrongchapel.org](mailto:soconnor@armstrongchapel.org).



*IHN is an amazing ministry to families in need of temporary housing, and Armstrong is privileged to get to host and share the love of Christ in this way. IHN is a way that families can serve together! Please check your calendars and sign up to help!*



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