

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—May 12, 2024



PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Adapted from a writing by Joan Stott

Leader: Come all God's people! Let us gather to praise our Mighty God!

People: **With joy we celebrate and give thanks for God's faithfulness.**

Leader: Come all God's people! Let us gather to sing to our Glorious God!

People: **With joy, and with all creation, we celebrate the powers of our King.**

Leader: Come all God's people! Let us gather to worship and honor God!

People: **With joy we celebrate the wonderful deeds of our God and King,**

*HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns
UMH # 327

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges (1851) & Godfrey Thring (1874)
Music: George J. Elvey (1858)

*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



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SCRIPTURE Psalm 47: 1-2, 6-8 (NRSV)

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- ² For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth...
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
- ⁸ God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

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 *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* UMH #175 vs 1

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux Translator: Edward Caswall (1849)

Music: John B. Dykes (1866)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Adapted from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship website

Jesus Christ, mediator and high priest, we thank you
for becoming human and for experiencing the joys
and sorrows of life, which assures us that you are able
to sympathize and rejoice with us.

**We praise you for the many joys of life:
for the beauty of creation,
for your work in this world,
for the growth of your kingdom,
for the greatest source of our happiness:
the gift of eternal life.**

As our mediator, you stand before God, petitioning
God on our behalf, so we boldly bring before you our
prayers for creation and its care:

**for the nations of the world,
for our nation and its leaders,
for this community and those in authority,
for the church universal as it works on your behalf,
for this local church in its ministry,
for persons with particular needs.**

We pray this day for all mothers. As Jesus said from
the cross to his beloved disciple: “Behold your
mother. Woman behold your son.”

**We acknowledge the depth of relationships with all
women and their gifts of life for each of us. We also
surround with gratitude all those who have provided
nurture and care beyond biological boundaries. In all
women, we behold our mother. For all people, we
behold the children of God. Grant us human
relationships that extend to Kingdom bonds, and
blessings for all.**

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.**

HYMN *Jesus the Very Thought of Thee* UMH #175 vs 2

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux Translator: Edward Caswall (1849)

Music: John B. Dykes (1866)

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 Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your
love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do
not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in
my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Creator of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom
and revelation as you come to know Christ, ¹⁸ so that,
with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may
perceive what is the hope to which he has called you,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among
the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness
of his power for us who believe, according to the
working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to
work in Christ when God raised him from the dead

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and seated him at the right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

MESSAGE

A Church of Authority
Rev. David W. Brown

*HYMN

My Hope is Built
UMH # 368

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

Text: Edward Mote (1834)
Music: William B. Bradbury (1863)

BENEDICTION

based on Acts 1

People of God, we are sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit, to be God's witnesses; to proclaim the Good News to everyone we meet, to share the love that God has lavished on us in Jesus Christ.

So go in the power and strength of God, to bear witness to all you have seen and experienced. AMEN.

*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Greg Bailie
Liturgist at 9:40 – Hanlin Bavelly



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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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>

Armstrong
MEN

Craving

White Castle and Fellowship?

Saturday BREAKFAST



May 18

in the Armstrong Room
8:00 am - 9:30 am



Choir Memorial Concert

Featuring Rutter's *Requiem*
Sunday, May 19 at 4:00pm

Remembering choir members who have passed away over the 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.



146th Memorial Day Observance

Monday, May 27

10:30am

Old Armstrong Chapel (outside)

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/

Family Movie Night

**Friday, June 7 @ 6:30pm
in the Worship Center**

In the movie *Migration*, the Mallard family trip experience will inspire them to expand their horizons, open themselves up to new friends and accomplish more than they ever thought possible, while teaching them more about each other—and themselves.



**Popcorn & Drinks Provided
Bring a friend!**

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. Questions? Connect with Sara O'Connor at 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!



**Armstrong
PRESCHOOL**
A Ministry of Armstrong Chapel

Armstrong Preschool is hiring for the 2024-2025 school year! Looking for fun, energetic, and loving individuals to become part of our team. Lead and assistant teacher position available 4 days a week, Monday-Thursday. Education degree preferred but not required. Contact the director, Amy Voss, at avoss@armstrongchapel.org if you or you know of someone that would be interested.