## Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—June 9, 2024



### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

By Nancy C. Townley

Leader:	This is the day that the Lord has made!		
People:	Let us rejoice and be glad in it!		
Leader:	This is a day of new beginnings!		
People:	This is a time for growing into new		
	disciples for Jesus.		
Leader:	Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship.		
People:	Let us be prepared for service to God.		
	AMEN.		

\*HYMN

This is a Day of New Beginnings UMH # 383, selected verses This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new. Text: Brian Wren (1978) Music: Carlton R. Young (1984) Music © 1987 Hope Publishing Co.

#### **\*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 138: 5-8 (ESV)

- <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly, but the haughty God knows from afar.

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfill God's purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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** 

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HYMN Precious Name UMH #536, Refrain only Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Words Lydia Baxter (1870) Music: William H. Doane (1871)

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Nancy C. Townley

Lord, in this season of growth, open our hearts to grow in your love. Help us to truly trust in your creative process in our lives. We look around and we see the beauty of your world, the blossoming flowers and plants, the growth of children, the joy of celebrations of graduation and marriage, of receiving new life. And we also see the sadness and sorrow that has invaded the world when systems of injustice and hatred lay claim to people's lives. Prepare us, O Lord, to become ambassadors of peace and hope. Help us to place our trust in you, so that when we are serving others, they may come to know your abiding love and power. Give us courage and great joy as we serve you.

Leader:	When our hearts are grieving, crying out in		
	distress –		
People:	The Lord hears our cries.		
Leader:	When our spirits are wandering, lost and afraid –		
People:	The Lord seeks and finds us.		
Leader:	When our days seem filled with anger and		
	hopelessness –		
People:	The Lord brings comfort and peace to us.		
Leader:	When we don't think we have anything to		
	offer to God. –		
People:	God produces miracles in our lives that can		
	serve others.		
Leader:	When we need to know that God is with		
	us –		
People:	God is present in all the earth.		
Leader:	For all the ways in which God blesses our		
	lives –		
People:	We give thanks and praise!		
Leader:	For the people who have taught and guided		
	us, who have shown us the right paths of		
	God –		
People:	We give thanks and praise!		
Leader:	For the wonderful things which we have		
	seen and the things yet to come –		
Doonlos	We give thanks and praise to God!		

People: We give thanks and praise to God!

And now let us pray in boldness by the power of the Spirit 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

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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

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 (NRSV) <sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>1</sup> For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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#### MESSAGE

The Work of God's Hands Rev. David W. Brown

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#### \*HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above UMH #126

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory.

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises, that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part: To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: To God all praise and glory. Text: Johann J. Schütz (1675) Translator: Francis E. Cox (1864) Music: Maurice F. Bell (1906) BENEDICTION

written by Nancy C. Townley

Go now in peace, knowing the miracles that God has produced in your life. Be assured that there are still more miracles to come. Bear witness to God's love to all you meet. In the name of the Creator, the Holy One who resides with you always, go in peace. AMEN.

\*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Sara O'Connor Liturgist at 9:40 – Hanlin Bavely

9:40 Music

Prelude	O Worship the King	-arr Whitworth
	Chester Imhausen, organist	
Offertory	Sing to the Lord	-Sterling
	Seth Kelly, tenor soloist	
Postlude	Postlude in G Minor	-Taylor



Gather for coffee and treats in the Atrium following the 9:40 service! Join in a special farewell for Dianna Sheely.







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

# It's almost time to dive into this year's vbs – scuba! diving into friendship with God!

We have over 140 wonderful kids signed up and want to ensure they have a wonderful experience here at ArmstrongKids. Part of that is creating a fun, inviting space. That's where you come in! <u>We need</u> your help to create and set up for this fantastic week. Please take a look at the slots available to come in and help with VBS prep and see where you can plug in. There is a space for everyone! From collating



needed materials to painting and crafting set design, there is a place for you to plug in. https://bit.ly/3wKthYT

Thanks in advance for your help in bringing a wonderful experience to the kids in our community!



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 positions 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.



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



## Would you like to explore the art of Handbell Ringing?

Consider registering for the *Community Handbell Workshop* on Saturday, August 17

from 10:00am–4:00pm at St. Paul Community UMC (8221 Miami Road, 45243). This workshop is for all levels – beginners to advanced! The workshop will be led by Eric Timerding from the Louisville, KY area.

Registration is \$25 per person and must be sent to our handbell director, Chester Imhausen, by Sunday morning, June 23. Please contact him at 513-633-6411 or at <u>cimhausen@gmail.com</u>.

# **Outreach—IPM Summer Picnic**

Our mission partner Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) in the Eastgate area is once again celebrating summer with drive-thru picnics. Guests will be provided with a hot meal that includes a hot dog or hamburger, chips, cookie, and fruit.



Monday, July 22 from 9:15am-12:15pm is Armstrong's opportunity to grill and prepare bagged picnic lunches. Sign up to volunteer by connecting with Pastor Sara (soconnor@armstrongchapel.org, 513-561-4220).