

# Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—August 18, 2024



**PRELUDE**      *Where He Leads Me*      Emerson Wynn

**WELCOME**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from a writing by Jamie D. Greening

**Leader:** As we gather in this sacred moment, for a sacred purpose, let us make the most of our worship.

**People:** **We have come to worship the Lord our God.**

**Leader:** As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, let us make the most of our worship.

**People:** **We have come to praise the Lord our God.**

**Leader:** As we respond to the melody in our hearts, let us make the most of our worship.

**People:** **Great is the Lord our God, and worthy of our praise.**

**\*HYMN**      *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*  
UMH #60

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
and when my voice is lost in death,  
praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
while life, and thought, and being last,  
or immortality endures.

Happy are they whose hopes rely  
on Israel's God, who made the sky  
and earth and seas, with all their train;  
whose truth for ever stands secure,  
who saves th'oppressed and feeds the poor,  
for none shall find God's promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;  
the Lord supports the fainting mind  
and sends the laboring conscience peace.  
God helps the stranger in distress,  
the widow and the fatherless,  
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

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Words: Isaac Watts (1719) alt by John Wesley, (1737)  
Music: Matthaues Greiter (1525); harm. V. Earle Copes, (1963)  
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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**      *The Nicene Creed*  
#880 UMH

**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,**

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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

We pray for the world...

Show your mercy and grace to the nations,  
feeding the hungry, redeeming the captives,  
and establishing justice for all people.  
God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community...

Let your wisdom dwell among us,  
so that we may lay aside foolish ways  
and return to your path of righteousness.  
God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones...

Pour out your blessing, O Lord,  
on all those who are suffering;  
give them long lives to enjoy your goodness.  
God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, as you provide for us each day,  
nourish and strengthen us in faith and faithfulness,  
so that we may share your grace in a hungry world;  
through Jesus Christ,  
hear us as we pray as Christ 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.**

## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Share the good news with one another:  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## HYMN

*Give Thanks*  
#2036 FWS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the  
Holy One, give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ his son (repeat).

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";  
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord  
has done for us. (repeat).

Give thanks! Give thanks!

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## SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

<sup>15</sup> Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people  
but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of the time, because  
the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So do not be foolish, but  
understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get  
drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled  
with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> as you sing psalms and hymns and  
spiritual songs to one another, singing and making  
melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks to  
God the Father at all times and for everything in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Word of God for the People of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## SINGING OF FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20AM

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—9:40AM

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Call to Worship* PUSA

In our trouble and need, we look to the Lord,  
the giver of our daily bread, saying:  
God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church...

Help us to discern the mind of Christ,  
so that we may abide in your word  
and walk in your ways each day.

God of abundant grace, **hear our prayer.**

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**GIVING** *In the Garden/What a Friend* Emerson Wynn

**\*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 111 (NRSV, inclusive)

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> Full of honor and majesty is God's work,  
and God's righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> God has gained renown by these wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- <sup>5</sup> God provides food for those who fear the Lord;  
God is ever mindful of the covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> God has shown God's people  
the power of God's works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of God's hands are faithful and just;  
all God's precepts are trustworthy.
- <sup>8</sup> They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- <sup>9</sup> God sent redemption to the people;  
God has commanded the covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is God's name.
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good  
understanding. God's praise endures forever.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks Be to God.**

**MESSAGE** *Righteous Praise*  
Rev. David W. Brown

**\*HYMN** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
#140 UMH

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm (1923)

Music: William M. Runyan (1923)

## BENEDICTION

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Grant us, O Lord, understanding minds,  
that we might know how to live.  
Grant us discerning hearts,  
that we might know the difference  
between good and evil,  
and how we might live to please you.  
Grant us, O Lord, peace all our days,  
to the glory of your name.

In the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.  
AMEN.

## POSTLUDE—9:40AM

*Now Thank We All Our God* Emerson Wynn

\*Stand in body or in spirit

*Liturgist at 8:20 – Mark Paluta*

*Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger*



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

**REGISTER YOUR  
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE  
GIVING**



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## DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES  
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:00pm  
in the Armstrong Room beginning 9/18  
Led by Kent Smith

*Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*, is a thirty-four week overview of the entire Bible. The study covers the entire Bible following the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem.

The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. *Disciple* draws upon the work of scholars, personal Bible reading and study of the participant (about 30 minutes a day), and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible.

Sample material is available at the atrium entrance book cart. If you have questions about the Disciple program, please reach out to Kent at 513-476-7227. Register at [bit.ly/4bAteND](https://bit.ly/4bAteND).



## Armstrong Chapel Ringers

Do you have a desire to serve the Lord with music? You have an opportunity this fall to join a six-week workshop in the art of handbell ringing. Starting September 15, we will meet from 5:30-6:30pm in the Handbell Room on the second floor of our educational wing.

Many handbell techniques, including learning to read and follow music, will be introduced, and if you already know how to read music you will be part of the leadership! Be prepared to start slowly and support each other as you learn. This will be a multi-generational group, from middle school through adult. Families are encouraged to participate together. Contact Chester Imhausen by September 8, [cimhausen@gmail.com](mailto:cimhausen@gmail.com) or 513-633-6411, if you want to enjoy this music team experience!



## ArmstrongKids

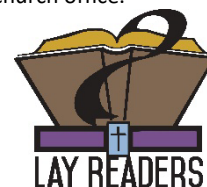
We'll kick-off our new Sunday School  
year on September 8!

Summer Sunday School programming continues through  
Labor Day weekend.

### LITURGISTS NEEDED FOR 8:20 & 9:40 WORSHIP

As a liturgist, you will lead the call to worship and read both Scriptures. Text will be available in advance of the service for preparation.

Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/2Eel6HH>  
or call the church office.



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