

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—August 25, 2024



To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence, evermore.
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore!

Words: Anonymous included in hymnal by John Wesley (1782)
Music: Felice de Giardini (1769)

***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,
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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from a writing by John Wesley

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.

People: Be thy gracious name adored.

Leader: Thou to whom all praise belong.

People: Hear our prayer, accept our song.

*HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King
UMH #61

Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing,
help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word,
gird on thy mighty sword,
our prayer attend!
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!

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SCRIPTURE Psalm 84:1-4; 10-12 (NRSV)

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
- ² My soul longs, indeed it faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow finds a home
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- ⁴ Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.
- ¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.
- ¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
- ¹² O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

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

HYMN *A Charge to Keep I Have*
#413, vs 4 UMH

Help me to watch and pray,
and on thyself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die!

Words: Charles & John Wesley (1762)
Music: Lowell Mason (1832)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will,
place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things
To your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
You are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven.

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.

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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 9:1-19

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

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"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹² In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³ "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁸ Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

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Thanks Be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Stephen H. Hoard

John Wesley

1. Personal piety
2. Clay feet
3. Social Action
4. John Wesley for today

Special thanks to Rev. Stephen H. Hoard, one of our Pastor Emeritus here at Armstrong Chapel, for sharing the message as Pastor David is on vacation

*HYMN

Come Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

#603 UMH

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire,
fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee
the prophets wrote and spoke),
unlock the truth, thyself the key,
unseal the sacred book.

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,
brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move,
and let there now be light.

God, through the Spirit we shall know
if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below,
the depths of love divine.

Text: John & Charles Wesley (1740)
Music: Hymns Ancient and Modern (1861)

BENEDICTION

Quote from a writing by John Wesley

"...declare unto all that are willing to hear,
the glad tidings of salvation."

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

*Stand in body or in spirit

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Shelley Bamberger

*John Wesley, Jr. at 9:40 – Jacob Stephen Engel, beloved
grandchild of Steve and Jody Hoard*



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

**REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE**



**ONLINE
GIVING**

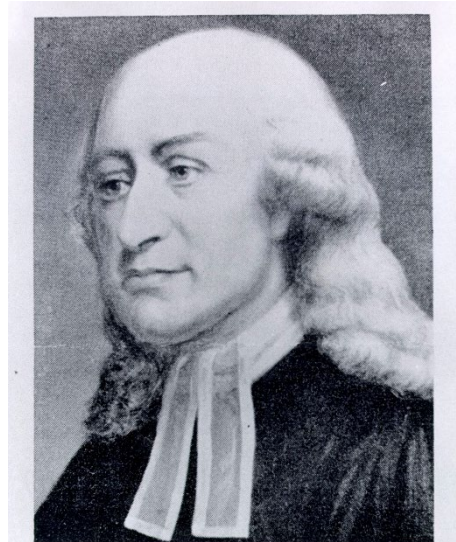


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John Wesley

June 17, 1703—March 2, 1791

- J.W.'s grandfathers were both ministers. J.W., his father and both brothers were Anglican Ministers who graduated from Oxford University.
- J. W. was the fifteenth birth of nineteen that his mother Susanna had in twenty years. She was the twenty-fifth birth of her father, married twice. His brother Charles wrote the words to an estimated 6,000 hymns.
- Susanna Wesley home-schooled her children, unheard of for girls and sent three boys to Oxford University. She is often referred to as the "Mother of Methodism."
- John Wesley was never a Methodist. Methodist was a derogatory term to describe how mechanically J.W. practiced the faith in college. Also called the "Holy Club."
- J.W. opposed the colonies' rebellion in 1775, such that Colonial Methodists were suspected of being Tories.
- Methodist scholar Albert Outler realized J.W. added "Experience" to the Anglican emphasis on "Scripture, Tradition and Reason" for sources of authority. Although referred to as the Wesleyan Quadrilateral it is not original with J.W. Outler also noted Wesley is the most published person in English history.
- J.W. rode horseback in England an estimated 250,000 miles, ten times the circumference of the earth. He averaged twenty miles a day for forty years and preached 4,000 sermons.
- Famous J.W. quotes. "My heart was strangely warmed. I felt I had trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine and saved me from the law of sin and death." (John Wesley, The Bi-centennial Edition Journal and Diaries, Ward and Heitzenrater, eds., Vol. 18, 249-250)
- "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can."
- J.W. was a missionary in Savannah, in the colony of Georgia, as a guest of John Oglethorpe, hoping to deliver "Primitive Christianity" to the Native Americans.
- J.W. was impressed on his voyage to Georgia by the Moravians missionaries who showed no fear of dying during a violent storm. They had something he didn't.
- Realizing his renewal movement would not be acceptable in the Anglican Church, late in his life, J.W. sent Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury to the states as "General Superintendents." Instead, shortly after their arrival they ordained each other, Bishops. The Methodist publishing house is named Coke(A)sbury.
- Sophie Hopkins in Georgia set her hat for J.W. He at first showed no interest, changed his mind and then it was announced she would marry another man. Wesley was shocked and later refused to serve her communion. Her husband threatened to sue him and Wesley fled the Georgia colony. He had trouble with a woman before and another later, before marrying a Huguenot widow at the age of 48. The marriage fizzled and they separated. They probably would have divorced but it was unacceptable in those days. Some would say he had trouble finding a woman as spiritual as his mother.



JOHN WESLEY

Portrait by John Jackson, R.A., (1778-1831), presented to the World Methodist Building, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, by Mr. Charles C. Pawlin.



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Today at Summit Park (Tower) from 5:00-7:00pm

Youth Grades 7-12 – Bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship and fun! We'll gather with the youth of Sharonville UMC for a meal, make cards for Ronald McDonald House, and play some games.

Questions? Please connect with Carol Adams, Sharonville UMC's Director of Youth Ministries and member of Armstrong Chapel – Youth@sharonvilleumc.org

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.



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 or 513-633-6411, if you want to enjoy this music team experience!



Armstrong Kids

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

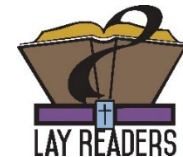
Summer Sunday School programming continues through
Labor Day weekend.

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.



WOMEN'S STUDIES

ArmstrongChapel.org/womenunited

- **Mondays at 9:30am** in the Armstrong Room. New study begins 9/16. *Hear My Prayer* by Liz Ditty is a six-week study that leads to a deeper understanding of God's character and a closer walk with Him. Led by Sue Porter and Serena Tsuang.
- **Mondays at 6:30pm** at Panera in Mariemont. New 13-week study begins 9/9. *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer is an action plan for putting on the full armor of God, piece by piece, so you are equipped to turn challenges and discouragement into opportunities for prayer by developing and implementing practical, purposeful prayer strategies. To get your book and video access, please call (513) 379-5187. Led by Victoria Rhodus.
- **Tuesdays at 9:45am** at the home of Julie Holland. New Study begins 9/10. ABIDE, a study of the letters of 1, 2, 3 John by Jen Wilkin. In this 10-week study see how 2000 years later, the Bible calls to Christians in similar challenges to recall the great salvation and to abide in the truth.
- **Thursday at 6:30am** in the Armstrong Room. William Barclay's *Gospel of Matthew*. Led by Jan Bell and Pam Westrup.



MEN'S STUDIES

ArmstrongChapel.org/men

- **Friday Morning Bible Study:** Verse-by-verse study of scripture (currently in Luke) led by Pastor David Brown. Fridays at 7:00am in the Armstrong Room and via Zoom.
- **Burgers, Brews & the Bible:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00pm beginning 9/10 at 50 West Burger Bar. New study of 1 Corinthians. Led by Gordon Miller.
- **715BC:** Breakfast Wednesdays at 7:15am at the National Exemplar in Mariemont. Currently studying the book of Mark. Led by Bill Woodward.