

Armstrong Chapel Worship Resource—April 19, 2026



PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from the *Equipper*

LEADER: God is with the disciples when their grief doesn't let them recognize Jesus...

PEOPLE: **Jesus open our eyes!**

LEADER: The Scripture reveals the very nature of God's plan of salvation.

PEOPLE: **Jesus open our eyes!**

LEADER: The One who listens to our sorrow is the same one who has already carried it all the way to the cross.

PEOPLE: **May Jesus open our eyes to see Him — over and over again.**

*HYMN

Christ is Risen
#307 UMH

Christ is risen!

Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen!

Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen!

Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning.

See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;

Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen!

Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us.

Sing Hosanna everyone!

Text: Brian Wren (1984)

Music Harmonizer: Austin Lovelace (1964)

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*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

Psalms 116:1-4 & 19b (CEV)

¹ I love you, Lord!

You answered my prayers.

² You paid attention to me,
and so I will pray to you
as long as I live.

³ Death attacked from all sides,
and I was captured
by its painful chains.

But when I was really hurting,

⁴ I prayed and said, "Lord,
please don't let me die!" ...

^{19b} Shout praises to the Lord!

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

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TIME SINGING OUR FAVORITE HYMNS—8:20am

TIME WITH CHILDREN—9:40am

HYMN *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*
#2031 FWS

We bring the sacrifice of praise
into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise
into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

Text & Music: Kirk Dearman (Heb. 13:15)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Adapted from The Church of England

Almighty Creator, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of His presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by His risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth. May we, the first fruits of your new creation, rejoice in this new day you have made, and praise you for your mighty acts.

Silent Prayers may be offered

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as the Savior taught us, so we pray:

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 OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Offer the peace of Christ by saying:

The peace of Christ be with you.

Respond: And also with you!

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GIVING

OFFERTORY

*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

Luke 24:13-35 (NRSVUE)

¹³⁻¹⁶ That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

¹⁹⁻²⁴ He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

²⁵⁻²⁷ Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

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²⁸⁻³¹ They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: “Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.” So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

³² Back and forth they talked. “Didn’t we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?”

³³⁻³⁴ They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: “It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!”

³⁵ Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

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MESSAGE

Are We There Yet?
Rev. David W. Brown

THEN
their eyes were
OPENED
and they recognized
HIM.
LUKE 24:31, NIV

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

*HYMN

Up From the Grave He Arose

#322 UMH

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

*Up from the grave he arose,
with a mighty triumph o’er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

Author & Music: Robert Lowry

BENEDICTION

from Dr. Lisa Hancock

Go now in the courage and blessing of the Risen Christ to live as bearers of the astounding good news to bring hope and peace in a world that so desperately needs Resurrection.

In God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer we pray.
Amen!

POSTLUDE

**Stand in body or in spirit*

Liturgist at 8:20 – Lisa Dayton

Liturgist at 9:40 – Victoria Rhodus

Greeters at 9:40 – Molly and Jim Barber and Sally Scheer



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

REGISTER YOUR
ATTENDANCE



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GIVING



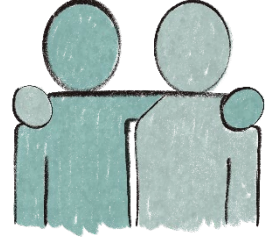
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A Better Approach to Memory Care

Sunday, April 26 during Coffee Fellowship in the Atrium
with Teresa Youngstrom, registered nurse, dementia specialist and podcaster

Sponsored by Stephen Ministry

Do you know the difference between a “broken brain” or a simple “strained brain?” How do you know if it’s normal forgetfulness, or something more serious? Where can we find help for ourselves or loved ones with brain changes? Gather to ask questions, hear stories, learn about dementia and enjoy Teresa’s wonderful energy.



Teresa’s mission is to provide great information and support to anyone caring for a person living with memory loss or any brain changes. On her website, teresayoungstrom.com, you’ll find some podcasts that might be of interest to you and your situation:

- “Dementia Do’s and Don’ts” —S1 ep41
- “Symptoms of Dementia, or NOT!”—S1 ep38
- Episodes about behaviors—S1 ep16, ep17 and ep18
- Interviews and discussions with many professionals and various senior services and care organizations

We cannot have VBS without volunteers!



VBS is July 13-16 with decorating and prep during the weeks before. Visit <https://bit.ly/4sY5WKU> to let us know how you want to help.

If you have questions, connect with Jennifer Hock at hockkj@yahoo.com.

Armstrong Day at the Reds

Sunday, May 31 at 1:40

Take me out to the
ballgame...
and watch the Reds
defeat the Atlanta Braves



Tickets are \$35/ea
<https://bit.ly/4d1kUuV>

You may also donate towards discounted tickets for
Madisonville Braves players and their family
members.



Armstrong Chapel wants to celebrate the hard work and amazing accomplishments of the graduating Class of 2026.

We will recognize graduates during Worship services on May 17. If you’re graduating from high school, college, or beyond, fill out the form and let us know (even if you are unable to attend)!

<https://bit.ly/4cs0EAN>

DEADLINE = MONDAY, MAY 11!



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