



Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 2019 Book of Common Prayer

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## CHILDCARE MINISTRY

You can access children's bulletins at the following address:  
[www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches](http://www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches)



## Quotes for Reflection

Fear is not a Christian habit of mind. - Marilynne Robinson

The first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb, when it comes, find us doing sensible and human things"praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts"not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. - C.S. Lewis

In a time like now, Christian neighboring looks less like fearful self-preservation and more like servanthood toward the elderly, those with HIV, autoimmune disease, or no healthcare, fatigued and under-resourced healthcare workers, etc. Wash hands, for sure. Then, wash feet. - Scott Sauls

### WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively)

*James 5:7-10*

7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth,  
being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

**8 You also, be patient.**

**Establish your hearts,  
for the coming of the Lord is at hand.**

9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers,  
so that you may not be judged;  
behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

**10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers,  
take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.**

### SILENT PREPARATION

## **OPENING HYMN**

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

**Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race,  
Called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits, grace that meets all human needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness into his most marvelous light,  
Brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified,  
And all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.**

**Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of love,  
But he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others, let them feel the Father's care,  
That they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings  
share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends,  
Strong in faith and swift to answer each command your Master sends;  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and prayer,  
Give your lives in joyful service, sing his praise, his love declare.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Lord God, we sin against you and one another. We worry and do not  
give thanks. We allow ugliness and corruption to fill our minds. We  
are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash  
away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right  
spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation.**

*(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)*

## **WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT & DECLARATION OF PARDON**

**Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be  
shaken, forgive you your sins, strengthen you to do God's will, and give you the  
joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**All: AMEN**

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future as he has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
Then shall thou better know his love, his heart,  
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay  
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*Author: Kathrina von Schlegel; Translator: Jane Borthwick (1855)*

## **EXTENDING GOD'S WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING**

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*TH#427 Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high;  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, Still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed, All my help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find: Raise the  
fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy  
is Thy Name; I am all unrighteousness; False and full of sin I am, Thou  
art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; Freely let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.

*Author: Charles Wesley (1740)*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: I  
believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the  
dead; the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is  
seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to  
judge the living 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.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*TH#581 It is Well With My Soul*

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

*It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has shed his own blood for my soul.**

**My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

*Author: Horatio Gates Spafford (1873)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Please prayer requests to the pastor by text message 410.299.6929*

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and  
ever. Amen.**

35 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. 47 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. 48 But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



*"Be Prepared"*

**OFFERING**

*If you would like to give online, you may do so at [www.abbottchurch.org/giving](http://www.abbottchurch.org/giving)*

**~~CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER~~**

-Let's take a moment to mourn the fact that our church body is not able to assemble together this Sunday.

-Pray that the Lord would work to enable us to return to a fuller communion with one another soon.

-Give thanks that though we do not celebrate the sacrament of communion together today we have true communion with Jesus and one another through the power of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in every believer giving us union with Christ and all his people.

-Ask God to grow into a deeper hunger and desire to commune with him and his people in this time of waiting and separation.

## CLOSING HYMN

*All Must Be Well*

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

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*MUSIC:*

*Matthew S. Smith*

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## BENEDICTION

## PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

### **Prayer for those searching**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer of belief**

*Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death, in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.*

### **Prayer for those struggling with sin**

*Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life. Amen.*

### **Prayer of commitment to God's people**

*Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

### **Prayer of thanksgiving**

*Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**PRAYER for the SICK** - if you would like the elders to pray with you or a family member for healing, please contact the pastor at 410.299.6929.

**Directions for accessing Periscope:** Once the service begins, please visit [twitter.com/abbottchurch](https://twitter.com/abbottchurch) from any computer or smartphone. Click on the link that says "abbottchurch is LIVE"

**NEED PRAYER?** We are beginning a daily noon prayer hour at the church each weekday. From 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, someone will be available here at the church to pray with, and for, anyone in need of prayer. The time will also be focused on praying for the ministry of our church and for God's Spirit to be at work in our midst. If you would like to be part of this new prayer ministry, please let the pastor know.

## HE HEARS

*“This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” — 1 JOHN 5:14*

**Prayer tip:** *The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Psalm 145:18*

### **Please pray for:**

- Your church staff, officers and leaders
- Men and women of the military, police and fire departments
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- Ongoing health concerns for the following members and friends:  
*Larry Halterman, Milly Flynn, Gene and Diane Shaw, Phyllis Brown, Dawn Brewer, Brent Schepleng, Clint Neuder, Brenda Neuder, Robin and Toni (Billie Mitchell’s granddaughters), Narouz family (especially Vicky), Don Sapp, Jackie Lubin*
- *Raj Mohan’s wife, dementia, and granddaughter, mental health issues*
- *Lydia Frasca, chemotherapy and radiation treatment*
- *David Files, pain management*
- *Nancy Steigler - cancer surgery, recovery and salvation*

### **MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES WHICH WE SUPPORT:**

- Andy and Bev Warren with MTW in Ethiopia
  - Jason and Liz Polk with MTW in Ethiopia
  - Jessica Ringsmuth with MTW in Kenya
  - Bert and Nancy Williams with MTW in Uganda
  - Bruce and Pat with MTW in France
  - Chris Garriott with RUF at the University of Maryland
  - Jacob Jasin with RUF-I at Johns Hopkins University
  - Mountain View Bible Camp — Abbott Center for the Arts
  - Abbott Tutoring Center. — We Care Ministry
- Prayer requests will be removed from list after 4 weeks unless updated*

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABBOTT

Today, 3/22	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, 3/23-27	12:00 PM Prayer - Please send requests to the pastor or to <a href="mailto:abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com">abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com</a>

## COMMUNITY GROUPS & ONGOING EVENTS: ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Tuesdays at 5:45 PM (summer break)	<b>Abbott Tutoring Center</b> Please think about helping in the fall!
1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM	<b>Session Meeting @ Room 7</b>
Thursdays at 11:00 AM	<b>Senior Community Group @ Room 8</b>
Thursdays at 6:30 PM	<b>Highlandtown Community Group @ Warren Home (Manse)</b>
4th Fridays at 6:30 PM (5th Fridays on conflict nights)	<b>Abbott Fellowship Night (FAA)</b> Next Meeting: 10/25
1st & 2nd Saturday mornings 10 AM-12 PM	<b>We Care Center @ Room 7+8</b>
3rd Sundays after worship service	<b>Prayer Group @ Room 8</b>



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped  
with you today!

March 22, 2020

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## How may we serve you?

(please check the appropriate box)

- I am a visitor
- I would like to find out about how  
to become a Christian
- I am interested in membership  
(Abbott schedules classes regularly)
- I would like a call from the pastor
- I would like prayer
- I would like to join a  
community group
- My contact information has changed

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