



The small-mindedness which pushes itself forward and leaves others behind is confronted with the large-hearted love of God. All Christians are called to the same healthy dependence on God's love and the same generosity in sharing it with those in need. – N.T. Wright

## THANK YOU for JOINING US

We are made to worship together, but we find ourselves living in a particular and unprecedented moment that has not touched American lives in generations. The good news is that while we are made to worship God together, we do not need to be in a particular place to meet with God. So I hope you have gathered together with your housemates, family, and maybe a couple others. God is present with us at all times, and He delights to meet with you today regardless of where you are or how many people you are with. We seek to offer this service as an encouragement to you amid these difficult times. We look forward to worshiping together again, breaking bread and giving hugs to one another. You are missed.

As an encouragement to others, please take a picture of your home gathering, post it to social media with the hashtag *#abbottchurchathome* and tag us on Instagram *@abbottchurchbaltimore*

Please send prayer requests to the pastor by text message 410.299.6929

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

There are few callings more worthy of honor than motherhood. Which is why God likens his own love for us to the relentless, too often unrequited, self-sacrificial love of a mother for her child (Isa 48:15; 66:13; Ps 131:2). There are few struggles more gut-wrenching than motherhood lost or denied. Which is why scripture speaks of infertility as an archetype of the agonies of life, of all that is wrong with our broken world (Isa 49:21; cf. Ex 23:26; Ps 113:9; Isa 54:1). It's appropriate, then, that on Mother's Day we honor all women. Dear sisters, daily laying down your lives as mothers: We honor you. Dear sisters, tearfully longing to be mothers: We love you. Mother's Day is not a happy event for everyone. Many folks have deep wounds and hurts for many different reasons. Infertility. Singleness. Death. Abuse. And a whole host of reasons that a person may not fit in with the societal expectation for women to be married and bear children. Motherhood may be the goal for mature women, but there are more ways to be a mother than bearing biological children. And not every mother experiences happiness and wholeness at all times. And not all children have relationships with their mothers that are happy and whole. So as we honor our sisters today, be mindful and sensitive to all.

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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)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THE SEASON OF EASTER

The fullness of the resurrection requires more than a day to unpack. The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration that ends on Pentecost Sunday (the Greek word *pentekoste* means “fiftieth”). The Easter season is a time to let the implications of the resurrection sink in deeper, inviting us to realign our worldview and conform our living to the reality that we have been raised with Christ to new life. Easter is full of joy and the laughter of love—the grave is empty, love has won, Christ is risen! Give yourself over to the experience of that joy—take in the absolute wonder of God’s purposeful plan of salvation. - Philip Reinders

## WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively) *selected portions of Psalm 41*

Blessed is the one who considers the poor!  
**In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**  
the Lord protects him and keeps him alive;  
**he is called blessed in the land;**  
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.  
**The Lord sustains him on his sickbed;**  
in his illness you restore him to full health.

**As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me;**  
heal me, for I have sinned against you!”  
**But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up . . .**  
By this I know that you delight in me:  
**my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.**  
But you have upheld me because of my integrity,  
**and set me in your presence forever.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
**from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

## SILENT PREPARATION

**OPENING HYMN**

*Come People of the Risen King*

**Come, people of the Risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
And those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

**Come, young and old from every land -  
Men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands -  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing -  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
"Our God is all in all!"**

**Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

*Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend, 2008*

## CONFESSION OF SIN *(In unison)*

Dear Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our frivolous attitude toward life, our callousness toward suffering, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

## WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

All: **AMEN**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Community of Christ*

Community of Christ, who make the cross your own,  
live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:  
the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,  
whose children are of every race and every song.

Community of Christ, look past the Church's door  
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.  
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,  
take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.

Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound  
cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round:  
disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,  
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.

When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,  
the climate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;

our currency be love and kindness our law,  
our food and faith be shared as one for ever more.

Community of Christ words by Shirley Erena Murray  
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**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**

*Compassion Hymn*

There is an everlasting kindness  
You lavished on us  
When the Radiance of heaven Came to rescue the lost;  
You called the sheep without a shepherd  
To leave their distress  
For your streams of forgiveness  
And the shade of Your rest.

And with compassion for the hurting,  
You reached out Your hand  
As the lame ran to meet You  
And the dead breathed again;  
You saw behind the eyes of sorrow  
And shared in our tears,  
Heard the sigh of the weary,  
Let the children draw near.

**CHORUS**

What boundless love,  
What fathomless grace  
You have shown us, O God of compassion!  
Each day we live  
An offering of praise  
As we show to the world Your compassion.

We stood beneath the cross of Calvary  
And gazed on Your face  
At the thorns of oppression  
And the wounds of disgrace,  
For surely You have borne our suffering  
And carried our grief  
As You pardoned the scoffer  
And showed grace to the thief.

How beautiful the feet that carry  
This gospel of peace  
To the fields of injustice  
And the valleys of need—  
To be a voice of hope and healing,  
To answer the cries  
Of the hungry and helpless  
With the mercy of Christ.

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend, 2008

## 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.

With mercy You've shown me, Your unfailing love  
Your holiness purges my sin  
Your blood has redeemed me, I'm washed in Your grace  
With patience You cleanse me within

Make me like You  
Take the pieces of my life and make it new  
Make me like You  
Make me wholly completely brand new

To love the unloved ones to count all but loss  
I take up my cross for You  
To picture You broken to see You as King  
For You anything I will do

Make me like You  
Take the pieces of my life and make it new  
Make me like You  
Make me wholly completely brand new

*Mike Busbee, 2005 ThankYou Music, CCLI Song Number 4624453*

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

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

*Luke 14:1-14*

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. **2** And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. **3** And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" **4** But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. **5** And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" **6** And they could not reply to these things. **7** Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, **8** "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest



someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, **9** and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. **10** But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. **11** For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**12** He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. **13** But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, **14** and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Pastor Paul Warren

*"Dinner Party Etiquette, Part One"*

## OFFERING

*Abbott Church depends on your generosity. It is important to realize that people's needs are only going to increase in the coming months. So will you help us come alongside others as we seek to minister with the good news of Jesus and meet people's needs? You can give online at [www.abbottchurch.org/giving](http://www.abbottchurch.org/giving) or by mailing a check to the church office at 3426 Bank St., Baltimore, MD 21224.*

## 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. his people in this time of waiting and separation.*

CLOSING HYMN

*Streets of the City*

Lord, we stand in the shallows of all you have given,  
Grateful for mercy yet hungry for more,  
for the power of grace to go out from this place  
to the ends of the earth.

We have praised You with passion and worshipped in wonder,  
thrilled by Your Spirit and fed by Your word;  
now to fully delight in the riches of Christ  
we must go to the world.

For You live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy,  
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor.  
And Your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living;  
Your love longs to meet them, but how will they know,  
unless I am willing to go?

Lord, where are You hungry and where are You thirsty,  
naked, imprisoned, with no one to care?  
To give of our best to the poor and oppressed  
is to give back to You.  
So cause us to see with the eyes of the Savior,  
Give us a heart that will love as you love;  
courageous compassion in words and in action  
brings hope to the world.

For You live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy,  
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor.  
And Your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living;  
Your love longs to meet them, but how will they know?

That you live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy  
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor. *(continued)*

**And your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living,  
Without us there's no other way they will know,  
So send me, I'm ready to go.**

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**POSTLUDE**

*God be with You Till We Meet Again*

**God be with you till we meet again,  
By His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath His wings securely hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

*Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.*

**God be with you till we meet again,  
When life's perils thick confound you,  
Put His loving arms around you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again,  
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
Smite death's threatening wave before you,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

*Sing to the Lord: Lillenas Publishing Co., Kansas City, MO, 1993*

**BENEDICTION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**NEED PRAYER?** From 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, someone will be available to pray 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. Please text prayer requests to the pastor, Julius and/or George.

**The May/June Upper Rooms** are have arrived at the office. Please let the office know if you would like one mailed to you. Please signify large or small edition. We can also let you do a curbside pick-up if you want to come by the office. You can also get the daily meditation from their website using the following address: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>  
Or if you prefer a PDF version for download to your computer or print, use this address: <https://upperroom.org/covid-19>

## 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 ONLINE**

<b>Today, 5/10</b>	10:45 AM Morning Worship
<b>Monday-Friday, 5/11–5/15</b>	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**

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



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

May 10, 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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