



He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to
gain that which he cannot lose.

-Jim Elliott

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

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

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)

Psalm 9 (selected verses)

1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

2 I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.

7 The Lord reigns forever;

he has established his throne for judgment.

8 He rules the world in righteousness

and judges the peoples with equity.

9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed,

a stronghold in times of trouble.

10 Those who know your name trust in you,

for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

11 Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;

proclaim among the nations what he has done.

SILENT PREPARATION

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me."

As, of old, apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake
Turned from home and toil and kindred
Leaving all for His dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call;
give our hearts to Thine obedience,
serve and love Thee best of all.

Words by Cecil Francis Alexander, 1852

CONFESSION OF SIN *(In unison)*

**Christ Jesus, our Lord,
you came in love as a servant to all,
laying down your life for us.
You call us to humility,
yet we seek honor above others.
You call us to love, bearing others patiently,
yet we grumble against our neighbors.
You call us to serve one another,
yet we complain it is too much trouble.
Forgive us, O Lord, remembering mercy.
Disrupt our complacency in sin,
and by your Spirit, make us people who love,
because you first loved us.**
(Please confess your sins silently 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**

**Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.**

**Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy unmixed with Thee.**

**Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure, With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.**

**Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.**

**Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.**

Words by Henry F. Lyte, 1824

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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

All for Jesus

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
All my beings' ransomed pow'rs:
All my thoughts, and words, and doings,
All my days and all my hours.**

**Let my hands perform His bidding,
Let my feet run in His ways-
Let my eyes see Jesus only,
Let my lips speak forth His praise.**

**Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,
Cling to gilded toys of dust,
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;
Only Jesus will I trust.**

**Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision,
Looking at the Crucified.**

**Oh, what wonder! How amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings-
Deigns to call me His beloved,
Lets me rest beneath His wings.**

Words and Music by Mary D. James, 1889

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Father, you call men and women to leave the past behind and follow Jesus as his disciples along the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon those he continues to call today. Confirm our sense of mission and strengthen us in it. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Jesus, grant healing grace to the sick, injured and disabled; make them whole and deliver them from powers of darkness. Grant an awareness of your forgiving and loving presence to all who are burdened, lonely, anxious, or depressed. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Spirit, sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life. Grant peace and a holy death to all who are dying and uphold mourners by your grace and consolation.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Trinity, restore to wholeness whatever is broken in our lives, neighborhoods, cities, nation, and world. Overcome war with peace, poverty with provision, oppression with justice, and persecution with freedom. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with, For this, O Lord, we pray: **All Lord, hear our prayer.***

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 now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Luke 14:25-35

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. 34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? 35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Paul Warren

"Everything You've Got"

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 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.

CLOSING HYMN

For the Cause

**For the cause of Christ the King we give our lives, an offering
'Til all the earth resounds with ceaseless praise to the Son**

**For the cause of Christ we go with joy to reap, with faith to sow
As many see and many put their trust in the Son**

***Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name:
For all creation, ev'ry nation, God's salvation through the Son!***

**For the King once lifted high to cries of rage, of 'crucify!'
Endured the cross as every sin was laid on the Son**

**To the King who conquered death
To free the poor and the oppressed
For lasting peace for life and liberty in the Son**

**Let it be my life's refrain: to live is Christ, to die is gain;
Deny myself, take up my cross and follow the Son**

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**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

Today, 5/24	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, 5/25-5/29	12:00 PM Prayer - Please send requests to the pastor or to abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com

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

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

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

May 24, 2020

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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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