



"Sorrow and grief drive you into God and show you resources you never had and never knew you needed."
-Tim Keller

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. – Psalm 73:26

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 George by text message 804-931-6323

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www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches

WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Isaiah 53:1-5

¹ Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
**He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
**Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.**

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
**yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.**

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
**the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

SILENT PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN

Across the Lands

1. You're the Word of God the Fa-ther, from be-
 2. Yet You left the gaze of an-gels, came to
 3. With a shout You rose vic-tor-ious, wrest-ling
 fore the world be-gan; ev-'ry star and ev-'ry
 seek and save the lost, and ex-changed the joy of
 vic-t'ry from the grave, and as-cend-ed in-to
 pla-net has been fash-ioned by Your
 hea-ven for the an-guish of a
 heav-en lead-ing cap-tives in Your
 hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-gether by the
 cross. With a prayer You fed the hun-gry, with a
 wake. Now You stand be-fore the Fa-ther in-ter-
 pow-er of Your voice: let the
 word You stilled the sea. Yet how
 ced-ing for Your own. from each
 skies de-clare Your glo-ry, let the land and seas re-
 si-lent-ly You suf-ered that the guilt-y may go
 tribe and tongue and na-tion You are lead-ing sin-ners
 joice! You're the Au-ther of cre-a-tion, You're the
 free!
 home.

19



Lord of ev-'ry man; and Your cry of love rings

Musical notation for measure 19: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note G4, then quarter notes F#4, E4, D4, C4.

22



out a - cross the lands. ____

Musical notation for measure 22: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, followed by a half note G4, then quarter notes F#4, E4, D4, C4.

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CONFESSION OF SIN *(In unison)*

Father we confess that compared to the sacrifice of Christ for us we have lost so little, yet we regard the little we have lost as great. We consider inconvenience and missed opportunity as a sacrifice of enormity, and our hearts are full of complaint. Our mouths cry out against you and against our fellow man. Lord Christ forgive us for failing to recognize your suffering as what we deserve. Holy Spirit humble us with the humility of Christ, He considered others before He considered himself. We need to see and embrace the losses of others and not just our own.

(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He poured out his life unto death and was numbered with the transgressors for he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

All: **AMEN**

**You take what is
And you make it beautiful.
When love floods in,
We're restored forever more.**

**With breath that brings the dead to life
With words that pierce the dark with light
Only by the blood are we set free.
With mercy strong to carry shame
And nail it to a tree
You alone hold the power to redeem.**

**No guilt competes
With innocence crucified.
No grave can hold what your grace has justified.**

**Rejoice oh child of God
Lift your eyes to see.
With every morning light
Again we are redeemed.**

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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.**

God of my mercy and my praise, Thy glory is my song,
 Though sinners speak against thy grace With a blaspheming
 tongue.

When in the form of mortal man Thy Son on earth was found,
 With cruel slanders, false and vain, They compassed him
 around.

Their miseries his compassion move, Their peace he still
 pursued;
 They render hatred for his love, And evil for his good.

Their malice raged without a cause, Yet, with his dying breath,
 He prayed for murderers on his cross, And blessed his foes in
 death.

Lord, shall thy bright example shine In vain before my eyes?
 Give me a soul akin to thine, To love my enemies.

The Lord shall on my side engage, And, in my Savior's name,
 I shall defeat their pride and rage Who slander and condemn.

The Psalms and Hymns of Isaac Watts, 1806

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Gracious Father in heaven, who sends his blessing on all men as a sign of
 his love: Bring peace to our world in the midst of its strife; bestow justice
 on the poor, the alien, and the orphan; and grant our rulers the wisdom
 to rule well. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who fills the whole church with his fullness: Build your saints up in love for one another, grant that the presence of God would abide in our midst, and strengthen us to confess you boldly to the world. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, our Comforter, through whom the whole Godhead dwells within us: Console those who suffer in body or in mind, strengthen the faith of those who are weighed down with doubt, and grant perseverance to the persecuted saints around the world. 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 forever and ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Acts 8: 1-6, 26-40

⁸ And Saul approved of his execution.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city[a] of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did.

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go towards the south[d] to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?"[e]

³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Karl Dortzbach

"Joy in the City"

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

**Hear the call of the kingdom
Lift your eyes to the King
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God rich in mercy
Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven
The humility of Christ
Walking justly before Him
Loving all that is right
That the life of Christ may shine through us.**

(Chorus)

**King of Heaven we will answer the call
We will follow bringing hope to the world
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name**

Hear the call of the Kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come
Let the nations put their trust in Him"

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 Julius 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, 6/21	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, 6/22-6/26	12:00 PM Prayer -Please send requests to Julius, George, or to abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com

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

Tuesdays at 5:45 PM	Abbott Tutoring Center. Please see Ann Pfeifer - we need tutors!
1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Session Meeting @ Room 8 Next Meeting TBD
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)
1st & 2nd Saturday mornings 10 AM-12 PM	We Care Center @ Room 7+8
3rd Sundays after worship service	Prayer Group @ Room 8

**CONGREGATION AND
COMMUNITY CARE:
2019 - 2020**

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OFFERING — WEEK 24

	Budget	Giving
Last week	\$5,080	\$2,989
YTD	\$120,310	\$95,273

If you would like to give online, you may do so at www.abbottchurch.org/giving

**Use This Space for Prayer
Requests, Ideas and Concerns**
(Please tear off and place in the offering plate)

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

JUNE 21, 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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