



"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

2 Timothy 1:7

"...another fear that the Bible speaks of, one that we must have...stands up to all our other fears. It brings wisdom, joy, rest, and life. It is a holy fear — the fear of God."

John Piper

## 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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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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WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

1 John 4:13

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

**<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.**

<sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

**<sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.**

<sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

**<sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love.**

<sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar;

**for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen can not love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.**

## SILENT PREPARATION

### OPENING HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;  
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

## **CONFESSION OF SIN** *(In unison)*

Lord God I confess my heart is darkened by fear. I fear many things and can not bring my lips to even name them. I fear things in life, but even more the uncertainty of how and when life may end. I fear doing things wrong and being inadequate. I fear what I know and I fear the unknown. I fear how others may respond to me and the consequences of how I have responded to them. I fear the consequences of following your call on my life. In your great love Heavenly Father, please replace my fear with your presence that I might trust you and know you in a new way. Help me to be so wrapped in Christ's love so that I might serve others with the love and grace that enfolds and carries me. Replace the shadows of my heart with the holy fear of closing my heart to your light.

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

## **WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

All: **AMEN**

Arise, my soul, arise,  
 Shake off thy guilty fears:  
 The bleeding Sacrifice  
 In my behalf appears:  
 Before the Throne my Surety stands, before the Throne my Surety  
 stands, My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above,  
 For me to intercede,  
 His all-redeeming love,  
 His precious blood to plead;  
 His blood atoned for ev'ry race, His blood atoned for ev'ry race,  
 And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

**Chorus:**

Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
 Arise, my soul, arise.  
 Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise  
 Arise, my soul, arise.  
 Shake off your guilty fears and rise

Five bleeding wounds he bears,  
 Received on Calvary;  
 They pour effectual prayers,  
 They strongly plead for me;  
 Forgive him, O forgive, they cry, forgive him, O forgive, they cry,  
 Nor let that ransomed sinner die!

My God is reconciled;  
 His pard'ning voice I hear;  
 He owns me for his child,  
 I can no longer fear;  
 With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
 And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Arise My Soul Arise words Charles Wesley Alt. Kevin Twit music Kevin Twit  
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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**

*There is a Hope*

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day;  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
To make His will my home.**

**There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
A consolation strong against despair,  
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Savior there!  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
And they will lead me home.**

**There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
That lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold His face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.**

There is a Hope words and music by Mark Edwards & Stuart Townend  
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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Father of all mercies, help us to remain confident in your promise of life – as those who walk now by faith and not by sight.

Lead us to hunger and thirst after you, Jesus, fount of life, knowing that you will never drive us away.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of the nations, we pray for leaders of nations to strive for justice and peace, that all who suffer oppression or violence might be delivered and that your church might freely minister reconciliation.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of all compassion, grant comfort and restore all who suffer, all those who groan under their burden. Grant that they may know the power of your risen life. Make us willing agents of your compassion and strengthen us to minister your wholeness to others.

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.**



<sup>1</sup> But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup> For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell

from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;  
19 and taking food, he was strengthened.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Karl Dortzbach

*"Rise and Go"*

## **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/](http://www.abbottchurch.org/) giving or by mailing a check to the church office at 3426 Bank St., Baltimore, MD 21224.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**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**

<b>Today, 6/28</b>	10:45 AM Morning Worship
<b>Monday-Friday, 6/29-7/3</b>	12:00 PM Prayer -Please send requests to Julius, George, 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 see Ann Pfeifer - we need tutors!
<b>1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM</b>	<b>Session Meeting @ Room 8</b> Next Meeting TBD
<b>Thursdays at 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Senior Community Group</b> @ Room 8
<b>Thursdays at 6:30 PM</b>	<b>Highlandtown Community Group</b> @ Warren Home (Manse)
<b>4th Fridays at 6:30 PM</b> (5th Fridays on conflict nights)	<b>Abbott Fellowship Night (FAA)</b>
<b>1st &amp; 2nd Saturday mornings</b> 10 AM-12 PM	<b>We Care Center</b> @ Room 7+8
<b>3rd Sundays after worship service</b>	<b>Prayer Group @ Room 8</b>



# Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

**JUNE 28, 2020**

**NAME(S)** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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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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