



Grace is the foundation of the gospel. It has the power not only to save sinners from guilt and judgment but also to transform those same sinners to be like Christ.

-Nathan Rambeck

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

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

WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Psalm 145:1-10a

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² **Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.**
- ³ Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ **One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.**
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- ⁶ **They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.**
- ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ **The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.**
- ⁹ The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
- ¹⁰ **All your works praise you, Lord**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**Come and stand before your Maker full of wonder, full of fear
Come behold His power and glory yet with confidence draw near**

**For the one who holds the heavens and commands the stars above
Is the God who bends to bless us with an unrelenting love**

Chorus

**Rejoice, come and lift your hands and
Raise your voice, He is worthy of our praise
Rejoice, sing of mercies of your King
And with trembling, rejoice**

**We are children of the promise the beloved of the Lord
Won with everlasting kindness bought with sacrificial blood**

**Bringing reconciliation to a world that longs to know
The affections of a Father who will never let them go**

Chorus

**All our sickness, all our sorrows Jesus carried up the hill
He has walked this path before us He is walking with us still**

**Turning tragedy to triumph Turning agony to praise
There is blessing in the battle So take heart and stand amazed**

**Rejoice, when you cry to Him He hears
Your voice, He will wipe away your tears
Rejoice, in the midst of suffering
He will help you sing**

Chorus

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CONFESSION OF SIN *(In unison)*

I thank you, my dear God, that I have learned not to begin faith by my own efforts, nor attempt to destroy my sin with my own repentance. I thank you that Another has seized and carried my sins and has made atonement for them. With joy I wish to believe this. It seems so very right and comforting to me. But I cannot believe it by myself, and I find no power in me to convince myself. I cannot comprehend it as I ought. Lord, lead me, help me. Give me the power and gift to believe. Amen.

(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

All: **AMEN**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all my sin.

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

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

Help Me to Live

**Help me to live this life
As a living sacrifice
holy and pleasing to you**

**Lord, help me to live this life
As a living sacrifice
holy and pleasing to you**

**Make my worship pure
Make this love endure
Melt way my pride
Lord, renew my mind**

**Help me to live for you only
To Reflect your glory
To be as one called by my God
That you be seen as beauty
By the life you live through me
Be glorified
Oh God
And help me to live**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Loving Father, whose love cost your only Son,
Enable us to follow him in the way of the kingdom:
Fill our hearts, open our eyes,
and move our hands in love toward our neighbor.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ our reconciler, be our mediator and wisdom
in the midst of broken and strained relationships.
Grant us repentance and forgiveness;
comfort our hearts when restoration seems far off.
For this, O Lord, we pray:
All Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit of peace, grant us your comfort,
and lead your church to be faithfully present
to those who grieve. Bring your healing and peace
to those who suffer in their bodies, minds and spirit.
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

Philippians 1:3-30

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace,[a] both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹² I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

(Continued)

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Karl Dortzbach

"Partnership With Christ"

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

You are the Light

We are the people of God
The sons and daughters of Love
Forgiven restored and redeemed
We're living our lives
To the praise of our King

We are the ones who will shine
His Light in the darkness of night
The hopeless the broken the poor
They will be hopeless and broken no more

You are the Light
The Light of the world
And we shine You Lord
You are the Light
The Light of the world
And we shine You Lord

We shine like stars in the universe
Proclaiming the Hope of our God
To the sons and daughters in all the earth
We shine You Lord

To the lost and the broken
The hurting and hopeless
We shine You Lord
To the ones who are weary
The burdened and suffering
We shine You Lord

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Notes

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, 8/2	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, 8/3-8/7	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

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

AUGUST 2, 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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