



“Before one can walk as Christ walked,
and talk as He talked, he must first begin to think as Christ
thought.”

— A A Allen

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 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

**We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,
And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.**

**We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return
The gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.**

**We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family,
Diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
And so shall his work on earth be done.**

**We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own
Each ember loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on
To give warmth and light, and to inspire.**

We Are God's People words by Bryan Jeffrey Leach
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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. Amen.

(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **AMEN**

HYMN 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. "

Compassion Hymn Words and
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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

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

**1. May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by His love and power controlling
all I do and say.**

**2. May the word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through His power.**

**3. May the peace of God, my Father,
rule my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.**

**4. May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.**

**5. May I run the race before me,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As I onward go.**

**6. May His beauty rest upon me
as I seek the lost to win,
and may they forget the channel,
seeing only Him.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Jesus our brother,
may our love for your people
as brothers and sisters in your family
bridge the things that divide and isolate us, so we may give each other
our lives in service.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Gentle Father,
we pray for the children here today. May they know by our love for them
that the church is their family,
and that you are their loving Father.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of Life,
we pray for those who live
in the unity of marriage.
Strengthen and protect their lives together.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God over all,
give us encouragement through the lives
of others before us who have followed you. May their faithfulness lead us
to trust in you.

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 2:1-22

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

¹⁹ I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰ For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹ For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²² But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son[e] with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Karl Dortzbach

"Encouragement in 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

Oh How Good it is

**Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwell together in spirit, in love and unity;
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruits of his presence here among us.**

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out his word.
Til the whole world sees the Redeemer has come,
For he dwells in the presence of his people.**

**Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing of belonging.**

**Oh how good it is to embrace his command
To prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.**

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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, 8/9	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, 8/10-8/14	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**

Dan Pittas, Sr. - Elder
PRAYER

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Dustin Pfeifer -Elder
DISCIPLESHIP - CAMP DIRECTOR

Julius Fischer Jr. - Elder
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Rob Taylor - Elder
MERCY MINISTRY - WE CARE

George Lenning - Elder
MISSIONS, CLERK OF SESSION

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MERCY MINISTRY - WE CARE

Kristen Bibo
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TUTORING CENTER DIRECTOR

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OFFERING — WEEK 31

	Budget	Giving
Last week	\$5,080	\$2,189
YTD	\$155,870	\$118,139

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!

AUGUST 9, 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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