

You may never know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have.

- Corrie Tenboom

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: <u>www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-</u> churches

WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively) Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it: let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own: Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified: No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; Whose pow'r a scepter sways From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Absorbed in prayer and praise: His reign shall know no end; And round his pierced feet Fair flowers of Paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet. Crown Him the Lord of Life Who Triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save. His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

CONFESSION OF SIN (In unison)

Heavenly Father, we confess to you our fears, our worries, and our anxieties. You have given us your perfect love which casts out all fear and your peace which transcends all understanding, but even still we feel dislodged, displaced, untethered, and uncertain during these times. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief.

(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

HYMN OF PRAISE

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save 'Til on the cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand In Christ Alone Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend ©2001 Thank You Music CCLI# 14442252

EXTENDING GOD'S WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING

Minister: The peace of the Lord be alwages with you. All: **And also with you.**

Confession of Faith

Heidelburg Question #1.

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong –body and soul, in life and in death– to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

SONG OF PRAISE

All Must Be Well

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well;
 Free and changeless is His favor, All is well;
 Precious is the blood that healed us,
 Perfect is the grace that sealed us,
 Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us,
 All must be well.

2. Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well;
Happy still in God confiding,
Fruitful if in Christ abiding,
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding,
All must be well.

3. We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well;Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well;On our Father's love relying,Jesus every need supplying,Yes in living or in dying,

All must be well. All Must Be Well Words by Mary Bowley-Peters alt. by Matthew S. Smith Music by Matthew S. Smith © 2007 Detuned Radio Music ccli# 14442252

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Loving Father, we pray for the church in all the world: turn the hearts of your people from anger and accusation, that we would live as the reconciled household of God. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

We ask your blessing upon all who are sick or in distress: grant them peace and renewal through the blood of Christ, and healing and comfort in both body and spirit. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask mercy for the homeless, the poor, and the needy: grant homes, jobs, opportunities, and resources to find relief and may we be instruments of your generous provision.

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 4:10-20

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Our Times, God's Time"

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 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.

CHORUS Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name: For all creation, a 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.

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.og/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." -I 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, 8/23 | 10:45 AM | Morning Worship |
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| Monday-Friday, 8/24-8/28 | | Prayer -Please send Julius, George, or to choffice@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! |
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| 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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Jared Pfeifer MERCY MINISTRY - WE CARE

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OFFERING — WEEK 33

Budget Giving Last week \$5,080 \$3,822 YTD \$165,330 \$124,026 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 23, 2020

NAME(S)

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How may we serve you?

(please check the appropriate box)

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| I would like to find out about how |
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| to become a Christian |

| I am interested in membership |
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| (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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