



The kingdom of God is, at its heart, about God's sovereignty sweeping the world with love and power, so that human beings, each made in God's image and each one loved dearly, may relax in the knowledge that God is in control . . . God, the creator, loves to give good gifts, loves to give you the kingdom – loves, that is, to bring his sovereign care and rescue right to your own door. – N.T.Wright

## **To those joining us on line today...THANK YOU!**

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 the pastor by text message 410.299.6929

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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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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively)

*Psalm 112*

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
**who have great delight in his commandments.**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
**gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending  
**and order their affairs with justice.**

For they will never be shaken;  
**the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil tidings;  
**their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**

### SILENT PREPARATION

### OPENING HYMN

*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*

**Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.**

*(continued)*

Man may trouble and distress me,  
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me;  
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me  
While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,  
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation  
Rise o'er sin and fear and care  
Joy to find in every station,  
Something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,  
Think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee,  
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.

Haste thee on from grace to glory,  
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee,  
God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,  
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition,  
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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

**Almighty, most merciful Father,  
we wander and stray from your ways like lost sheep.  
We follow the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We leave undone things that we ought to do;  
and we do things that we ought not to do;  
and there is no health in us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.  
Pardon and forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord**  
(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)

With ev'ry morning I will kneel to pray,  
To be a blessing in this coming day  
In ev'rything I say and ev'rything I do, to wholly honor you.

At noon remind me through this day to give  
My full attention to the ones I'm with,  
Be mindful of those things around and those within,  
and fully enter in.

Teach me the wisdom of remembering,  
And give me the wisdom to forget.  
Lead me, Oh, teach me to live each day for you.

And in the evening as my thoughts retell  
This passing day let me remember well;  
So that no bitterness takes root within my soul,  
help me to let them go.

And in the night-time may my mind be free  
To truly rest and be refreshed in sleep;  
And by releasing every worry, every strain, be free to start again.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me and before;  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in peace and Christ in storm;  
Christ in hearts of all who know me,  
Christ in friend and stranger all.

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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.**

Lord, thou lov'st the cheerful giver,  
Who with open heart and hand  
Blesses freely, as a river  
That refreshes all the land.  
Grant us then the grace of giving  
With a spirit large and free,  
That our life and all our living  
We may consecrate to thee.

We are thine, thy mercy sought us,  
Found us in death's dreadful way,  
To the fold in safety brought us,  
Nevermore from thee to stray.  
Thine own life thou freely gavest  
As an off'ring on the cross  
For each sinner whom thou savest  
From eternal shame and loss.

Blest by thee with gifts and graces,  
May we heed thy church's call;  
Gladly in all times and places  
Give to thee who givest all.  
Thou hast bought us, and no longer  
Can we claim to be our own;  
Ever free and ever stronger,  
We shall serve thee, Lord, alone.

Savior, thou hast freely given  
All the blessings we enjoy,  
Earthly store and bread of heaven,  
Love and peace without alloy;  
Humbly now we bow before thee,  
And our all to thee resign;  
For the kingdom, pow'r, and glory  
Are, O Lord, forever thine.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Father of all creation, we are so prone to worrying – about things we want, about things we can't control, about what others think of us.

You know what we need. Help us to trust in your care for us.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of the nations, you call us to love others sacrificially. May we love our neighbors as you love us, and may we store up treasures in heaven while we live here on earth. For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of all compassion, remember those who live in darkness.

Comfort the grieving, the lonely, and those suffering in mind and body. Lift the burdens we carry today. 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:

**All 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 now and forever. Amen.**

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and the glory now and forever. Amen.**



10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. 15 And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

16 "The Law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. 17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.

18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries a woman divorced from her husband commits adultery.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Paul Warren

*"A Call to Faithfulness"*

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

## **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*-Let's take a moment to mourn the fact that our church body is not able to assemble together this Sunday.*

*-Pray that the Lord would work to enable us to return to a fuller communion with one another soon.*

*-Give thanks that though we do not celebrate the sacrament of communion together today we have true communion with Jesus and one another through the power of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in every believer giving us union with Christ and all his people.*

*-Ask God to grow into a deeper hunger and desire to commune with him and his people in this time of waiting and separation.*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*All I Have is Yours*

***Creator, giver of all things:***

***All I have is Yours.***

***Accept my humble offering:***

***All I have is Yours.***

***When I was chained to greed and pride,  
Tight-fisted, destined just to die,  
You paid my debt and bought my life —  
All I have is Yours.***

***All I have. All I have. All I have is yours.***

***This offering is a means of grace.***

***All I have is Yours.***

***You show me this to grow my faith:***

***All I have is Yours.***

***The more I give, the less I need.***

***I learn that You'll provide for me.***

***'twas blind to this but now I see --***

***All I have is Yours.***

*(continued)*

*Your kingdom come, Your will be done.*

*All I have is Yours.*

*You'll finish all that You've begun.*

*All I have is Yours.*

*That You would use the gifts I bring*

*In service of the coming King*

*Is reason now to praise and sing:*

*All I have is Yours.*

**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 the pastor, Julius and/or George.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be having our traditional community **Thanksgiving celebration** this year. However, at this time, we are making plans to do carry out meals on Thanksgiving Day. Taking every possible precaution, we will NOT be accepting any food donations this year, but we are asking for financial donations to cover all of the costs we anticipate in preparing and serving the meal. We will also be limiting the number of volunteers. If you are interested in participating in any way, please indicate on a tear-off form, or see Jerry & Ann Pfeifer for more information.

## 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

*"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*
- *Shelly Armstrong, pancreatic cancer, on hospice care*

### **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

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABBOTT ONLINE

Today, 10/18	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, every week	12:00 PM Prayer -Please send requests to the pastor or to <a href="mailto:abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com">abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com</a>

This morning we will be offering a **Children's Church** program during the morning worship service. The 3rd floor is set up to accommodate proper social distancing and we ask that children ages 3-7 that want to participate please wear masks. If you have questions, please contact Ann Pfeifer.

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

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



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped  
with you today!

October 18, 2020

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## How may we serve you?

(please check the appropriate box)

- I am a visitor
- I would like to find out 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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