



For Jesus came to raise the dead. He did not come to reward the rewardable, improve the improvable, or correct the correctable; he came simply to be the resurrection and the life of those who will take their stand on a death he can use instead of on a life he cannot. -Robert Farrar Capon

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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

selected verses from Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Do not put your trust in princes,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God.

He executes justice for the oppressed;

he gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

SILENT PREPARATION

**Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!**

**He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity. (Chorus)**

**He comes in comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.**

**To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.
(Chorus)**

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth. (Chorus)**

**The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, That Name to us is Love. (Chorus)**

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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)**

CONFESSION OF SIN *(In unison)*

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires are known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may truly love you
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Your word assures us: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has forgiven us and given us access to his grace.

All: **AMEN**



1. When Love came down to earth, and made His home with
 2. When ev - 'ry un - clean thought, and ev - 'ry sin - 'ful
 3. Come lay your heav - y load, down at the Mas - ter's



men. The hope - less found a hope, — the sin - ner found a
 deed, was scourged up - on His back, — and ham - mersed through His
 feet. Your shame will be re - moved, — your joy will be com -



friend. Not to the pow - er - ful, — but to the poor He
 feet. The in - no - cent is cursed, — the guil - ty are re -
 plete. Come cru - ci - fy — your pride — and en - ter as a



came. And hum - ble hun - gry heart, — were sat - is - fied a - gain.
 leased. The pun - ish - ment of God, — on God has brought me peace.
 child. For those who bow down lov - w, — He'll lift up to — His side. —



— What joy, what peace, has come to us. What



— last time
 — hope, what help, what — love. What love.

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

He Knows My Name

**I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in His hand**

**He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call**

**I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go**

**He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call**

Words and Music by Tommy Walker, 1996 .

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for all who believe in you. May the word of Christ dwell richly in our hearts and knit us together in the bond of your love. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of the nations, we pray for our city, for those who live, work and visit here. Speak your word of peace in our midst and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of all compassion, we pray for those who do not believe, for our neighbors, our family members, our friends. Open their ears to hear your voice and open their hearts to receive you, the very Word of life. 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.**

19 "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' 27 And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— 28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' 29 But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Paul Warren

"The Great Reversal"

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

~~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

The Wonderful

Cross

***When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride***

***See from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown***

***O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die
And find that I***

May truly live

***O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross
All who gather here
By grace draw near
And bless Your name***

***Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all***

Composed by J. D. Walt, Lowell Mason, Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves

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BENEDICTION

PRAYERS FOR REFLECTION

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death, in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life. Amen.

Prayer of commitment to God's people

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of thanksgiving

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.

WE NEED YOU! There are currently many areas of service and leadership that you may be able to fill. Some areas of need are immediate and can be done during this time of COVID and limited in person activities, others are more strategic and longer term. Ministries such as "WeCare", children's ministry, social media, diaconal programs, teaching, and more all have needs. If you know of someone that you believe would make a good elder or deacon, we would encourage you to speak to that person and encourage them towards that ministry. Also speak to one of the elders or the pastor about them and let us know so that we can follow up as well.

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, 10/25	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, every week	12:00 PM Prayer -Please send requests to the pastor or to abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com

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	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!

October 25, 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 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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