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PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED. MARK 4:30-32. JAN LUYKEN

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It's not great faith you need; it is faith in a great God.

- 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)

*selected verses from Psalm 25*

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
**and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
**for you are my salvation; I wait for you all day long.**

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love;  
**for you have shown them from ages past.**

Do not remember the sins of my youth,  
**do not recall my transgressions;**  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
**for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

He leads the humble in what is right,  
**and teaches the humble his way.**

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
**for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

### SILENT PREPARATION

**Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race,  
Called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace:  
Know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty deeds;  
Tell of love that knows no limits, grace that meets all human needs.**

**God has called you out of darkness into his most marvelous light,  
Brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified,  
And all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.**

**Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of love,  
But he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others, let them feel the Father's care,  
That they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings  
share.**

**Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends,  
Strong in faith and swift to answer each command your Master sends;  
Royal priests, fulfill your calling through your sacrifice and prayer,  
Give your lives in joyful service, sing his praise, his love declare.**

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

**Father of mercy, help us, for our faith is weak.  
Instead of believing your gospel, we rely upon other things –  
spiritual privilege, status, past experience, our own works.  
Renew us by your Spirit to trust only your word of promise over us.  
(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)**

**WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

May Christ Jesus, who redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, bless and forgive you and fill you with his Spirit.

All: **AMEN**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

TH# 144 *Father, I Know That All My Life*

Father, I know that all my life  
is portioned out for me,  
The changes that are sure to come  
I do not fear to see;  
I ask Thee for a present mind,  
Intent on pleasing Thee.

I would not have the restless will  
That hurries to and fro,  
Seeking for some great thing to do,  
Or secret thing to know;  
I would be treated as a child,  
And guided where I go.

I ask Thee for the daily strength,  
to none that ask denied,  
A mind to blend with outward life,  
while keeping at Thy side,  
Content to fill a little space,  
if Thou be glorified.

In a service which Thy will appoints  
there are no bonds for me;  
My secret heart is taught the truth  
that makes Thy children free;  
A life of self-renouncing love  
is one of liberty.

## EXTENDING GOD'S WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

As I sit in the stillness of the darkest night  
And I listen to the thoughts of my heart  
This heart that is broken  
And the wounds that reopened  
O, break it by the power of your grace.

Break us by the power of your grace  
O Lord won't you break us  
By the power of your grace  
Break us, remake us,  
Don't let the sorrow take us  
O break us by the power of your grace

When I stand in the presence of a Holy God,  
When I flee, and I cover my face,  
This heart, hard with shame  
Yet you still call my name  
Will you break me by the power of your grace?

When I leave this world,  
and I'm homeward bound,  
To a heaven and earth that's re-made.  
This world, full of sorrow,  
will be glory tomorrow.  
He'll re-make it by the power of His grace.

*Words and Music by Kelley McRae*

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

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Heavenly Father, grant us grace to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have called us in your Son: to bear with one another in humble love in the unity of your Holy Spirit.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, risen King of the world, rule over us in justice and mercy; bring an end to violence and hatred on earth, and establish your kingdom of peace. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Spirit of compassion and strength, heal our broken hearts, bodies, and relationships. Renew us in your presence, and make us instruments of your life and love. 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.**

And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. 3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? 8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Paul Warren

"Watch Yourself"



## **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**

*Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.*

## **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS**

*Beginning at the front of the sanctuary and working our way back, worshipers may move out of their row toward the east aisle (Manse side) of the sanctuary. Everyone **MUST** be masked to participate as they come to the table.*

*At the front of the church in the east aisle, there is a hand sanitizing station where you can sanitize before approaching the table.*

*As you come to the table, the trays will be uncovered and you may take a cup containing a piece of bread and move across the table to take a cup of juice.*

*Please return to your seat down the west aisle (Parking lot side) and hold the elements until everyone that wants to participate has received them.*

*The pastor will invite the participants to remove their masks only long enough to partake of each element. There will be trash receptacles at each door exiting the sanctuary and everyone will be asked to dispose of their own cups.*

## CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, I Come

Out of my bondage sorrow and night,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come,  
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come,  
Into the glorious gain of the cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into Thy blessed will to abide,  
Jesus I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,  
Out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever like wings of a dove,  
Jesus I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of Thy home,  
Jesus I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Words William Sleeper music Greg Thompson ©2000 Greg Thompson

**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 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*
- *Armstrong family - bereavement*

### **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, 11/1	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.

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### 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>

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## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped  
with you today!

November 1, 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 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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