



A capacity to be thankful in the midst of hard times requires acknowledging that we do not know the whole story, that we are living before it is complete, and that we are thankful for the presence of God and faithful persons in our lives. Gratitude is a crucial way that death and destruction do not have the final word, and cannot fully define us.

- Christine Pohl, *Living Into Community*

## 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 100 "A Psalm for Giving Thanks"*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

### **2 Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Come into his presence with singing!

### **3 Know that the Lord, he is God!**

It is he who made us, and we are his;

**we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

### **4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

**and his courts with praise!**

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

### **5 For the Lord is good;**

his steadfast love endures forever,

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## SILENT PREPARATION

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress.  
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Father-like he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Widely as his mercy goes.**

**Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
Praise with us the God of grace!**

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

**God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully. We enjoy the fruits of the harvest but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry. We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.**  
*(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)*

**WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be shaken, forgive you your sins, strengthen you to do God's will, and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**All: AMEN**

Loved before the dawn of time,  
Chosen by my Maker,  
Hidden in my Savior,  
I am His and He is mine,  
Cherished for eternity.

When I'm stained with guilt and sin,  
He is there to lift me,  
Heal me and forgive me;  
Gives me strength to stand again,  
Stronger than I was before.

*So with every breath that I am given  
I will sing salvation's song;  
And I'll join the chorus of creation  
Giving praise to Christ alone.*

All the claims of Satan's curse  
Lifted through His offering,  
Satisfied through suffering;  
All the blessings He deserves  
Poured on my unworthy soul.

Singing glory, honor, wisdom, power  
To the Lamb upon the throne;  
Hallelujah, I will lift Him high.  
Hallelujah I will sing

Stars will fade and mountains fall;  
Christ will shine forever,  
Love's unfading splendor.  
Earth and heaven will bow in awe,  
Joining in salvation's song.

*Salvation's Song words & music Stuart Townend & Andrew Small  
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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**

*Jesus, Thank You*

**The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me**

*Your blood has washed away my sin;*

*Jesus, thank You*

*The Father's wrath completely satisfied;*

*Jesus, thank You*

*Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table;*

*Jesus, thank You*

**By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end**

### **BRIDGE**

**Lover of my soul,**

**I want to live for You.**

*words and music by Pat Sczebel*

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

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Father of mercy and love, grow us up together, that we might be of one mind and one love, gentle toward one another and full of thanks. And may joy in the Lord overflow in us.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Jesus Christ, our Savior, Lord of all nations: guide those with power and in authority. Fill their minds with what is true and just, to know what is honorable and commendable.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, our Comforter, grant us peace: draw near all who suffer; deliver them from worry. Guard the vulnerable and those who struggle. Lift their supplications before the Father.

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.**

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Pastor Paul Warren

*"Returning Thanks"*

## 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.*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature  
O Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
fair are the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fair is the moonlight  
And all the twinkling, starry host  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine.

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*
- *Rode 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, 11/8	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!

November 8, 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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