



Today God's kingdom is both present and future - as present as his resurrection and as future as his return; or to put this another way, the kingdom is as present as met need and as future as unmet need . . . The kingdom's 'presence' here can simply be the presence of Jesus himself, who is the kingdom in person.

-Dale Bruner

**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 145*

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

The Lord is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!**

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your power,

**to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

### SILENT PREPARATION

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)*

**Father of mercy, we come to you heavy-laden, burdened by the weight of sin and wearied by the brokenness of our world. Turn us from trusting in our own wisdom, forgive and free us, and grant us a childlike faith in you.**

*(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**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

**Hear the call of the Kingdom, lift your eyes to the King;  
Let His song rise within you as a fragrant offering  
Of how God, rich in mercy, came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom to be children of light  
With the mercy of heaven, the humility of Christ;  
Walking justly before Him, loving all that is right,  
That the life of Christ may shine through us.**

**King of Heaven, we will answer the call.  
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,  
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' Name.**

**Hear the call of the Kingdom to reach out to the lost  
With the Father's compassion in the wonder of the cross,  
Bringing peace and forgiveness, and a hope yet to come:  
Let the nations put their trust in Him**

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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**

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

**Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your Church  
And we need Your power in us**

**We seek Your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
And we pray revive this earth**

**Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand, heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire, win this people back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here, we pray**

**Unleash Your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth**

**BAPTISM**

*Susie Eileen Rankin*

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

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Father, you speak to us by your Son, your glory and express image: through him you made all things; now you have made him heir of all things. Renew your people in his image that we may live as your children.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Jesus, seated at the Father's right hand: you bear a name above every name, sustaining our world by your word. Establish your reign over all the earth, a reign of justice and peace, that grace and truth may flourish.

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, you send Christ to us to bring healing and wholeness to all: overshadow us by your power, that any who are in pain or distress may know that your salvation is real and lift up your name in praise.

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.**

20 Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

22 And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.

23 And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. 24 For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. 25 But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man.

27 They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot— they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, 29 but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all— 30 so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. 31 On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back.

32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. 34 I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. 35 There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left."

37 And they said to him, "Where, Lord?" He said to them, "Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Pastor Paul Warren*

*"Questions about the Kingdom"*



## **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.*




Je - sus shall reign where - 'er the sun  
 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue  
 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring



Does his suc - ces - sive jour - ney run;  
 Dwell on his love with sweet - est song;  
 pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;



His king - dom stretch from shore to shore,  
 And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,



Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 Their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 And earth re - peat a loud A - men.



He shall reign in glo - ry crowned with grace and might.



Bless His name and praise the sov - 'reign king.



He shall reign for - ev - er with His chos - en bride.



All the earth shall sing that Je - sus is the king.

## 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, 11/15	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 15, 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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