



## 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*

**NEED PRAYER?** 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 Julius and/or George.

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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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## REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

"Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever." Psalm 86:11,12

"Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me." John 6:57

## WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively) Exodus 15:11; Deuteronomy 3:24; Deuteronomy 33:26; 1 Samuel 2:2; 1 Kings 8:23; Psalm 35:10; Psalms 89:8; Psalm 89:1

Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

**For what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do the deeds and mighty works you do?**

There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty.

**There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.**

O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below— you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

**My whole being will exclaim, "Who is like you, O LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them."**

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you? You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

**I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

## PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy pow'ful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.

## CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy Father, your Son became poor that we might become rich. He died that we might live, not for ourselves but for Him who loved us and gave Himself freely for us. But we confess, we think more about our thoughts than your Truth. We are captivated more by our plans than by your eternal Kingdom. Forgive us. Heal our confused minds with your Word, heal our divided wills with your Spirit, heal our anxious hearts with your love, that we might enjoy you and glorify you forever. *(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord.)*

## WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his son to be our Savior, forgive our sins, raise us from death to live in his light, and make us holy to serve him in the world.

All: Amen

## SONG OF WORSHIP

*Jesus I am Resting Resting*

Jesus, I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee,  
As thy beauty fills my soul,  
For by thy transforming power,  
Thou hast made me whole.

Jesus, I am resting, resting  
In the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of thy loving heart.

O how great thy lovingkindness,  
Vaster, broader than the sea!  
O how marvelous thy goodness  
Lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved,  
Know what wealth of grace is thine,  
Know thy certainty of promise  
And have made it mine.

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus,  
I behold thee as thou art,  
And thy love, so pure, so changeless,  
Satisfies my heart;  
Satisfies its deepest longings,  
Meets, supplies its every need,  
Compasseth me round with blessings:  
Thine is love indeed.

Ever lift thy face upon me  
As I work and wait for thee;  
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory,  
Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Keep me ever trusting, resting,  
Fill me with thy grace.

## **EXTENDING GOD'S WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING**

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

All: **And also with you.**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Dr. Ben Taylor

*Now, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:*

**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.**

### **SONG OF PRAYER**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness —  
Take it to the Lord in prayer! *(Continued)***

**Are weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our Refuge —  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, for sake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.**

## **OFFERING**

*The offering is a way for members and friends of Abbott Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give. You can mail your giving to the church or if you would like to give online, you may do so at [www.abbottchurch.org/giving](http://www.abbottchurch.org/giving)*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON**

*Luke 2:39-52*

<sup>39</sup> When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him. <sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have  
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you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”<sup>49</sup> “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”<sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Craig Garriott

Jesus Grew

## **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**

## **SONG OF CONSECRATION**

Christ Be in My Waking

**Christ be in my waking,  
As the sun is rising,  
In my day of working,  
With me every hour.  
Christ be in my resting,  
As the day is ending,  
Calming and refreshing,  
Watching through the night. (Continued)**



Christ be in my thinking,  
And my understanding,  
Guarding me from evil,  
Walking in the light.  
Christ be in my speaking,  
Every word a blessing,  
Pure and not deceiving,  
Grace to all who hear.

Jesus, this is my devotion:  
All my life to know You,  
Every day to walk with You.  
Saviour, You're my deepest longing,  
You're the One I live for,  
Teach me, Lord, to walk with You.

Christ be in my gladness  
For the joy of living,  
Thankful for the goodness  
Of the Father's hand.  
Christ be in my sorrow,  
In my day of darkness,  
Knowing that I follow  
In the steps He trod.

Christ when hope has faded,  
Nothing left to cling to,  
Every pleasure jaded,  
Every well is dry.  
Christ the loving Shepherd  
Draws me with His kindness,  
Leads me from the desert  
To the streams of life.

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## 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.*



## 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, Lorraine Sapp, David Files*
- Raj Mohan, caring for his wife with dementia; granddaughter, mental health
- Lydia Frasca, chemotherapy and radiation treatment
- Tom Lubin, caring for his wife
- Mike Brooks, son of Earl and Betty Brooks, fighting a rare cancer
- Dawn Brewer, shoulder pain, surgery May 24th
- George Lenning's daughter, Hannah, neurological issues, testing
- Anora Gousse, pneumonia, and children; recovering from coronavirus

### **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

*Prayer requests will be removed from list after 4 weeks unless updated*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**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 "We Care", children's ministry, social media, diaconal programs, teaching, and more all have needs.

Adult Sunday school classes are meeting together for prayer for the church body and the future of the church.

The children's sermon will be the only focused worship time ministry for children during the service until fall. Continue to pray for this important ministry. Parents, come prepared for your children to remain with you throughout the worship service. Children's bulletins and crayons are in the narthex.

All are invited to attend Bible study on Thursday. Mornings at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8. The study closes with a time of prayer, concluding around noon each week.

Next Sunday, June 13th, there will be a luncheon immediately following the service with the pastoral team of BALM; Craig Garriott, Stan Long, and Ben Taylor. June 1st marked the beginning of laying the groundwork, vision casting, and developing criteria that will be used to call a pastor for the next chapter in the life of our church. Please take this opportunity to meet and fellowship with Craig, Stan, and Ben, and to ask them any questions you may have.



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

June 6, 2021

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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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