



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”  
— Luke 4:18,19

## 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 (443) 722-2525 and/or George (804) 931-6323.

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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

## PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (read responsively)

Isaiah 42

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:

**I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you;**

I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,

**to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.**

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

**Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise from the end of the earth,**

Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,

**let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains.**

**All: Let them give glory to the LORD, and declare his praise in the coastlands.**

**Chorus:**

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

**(Chorus)**

**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)**

**CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)**

**Holy Father, we confess before you our sinful nature, prone to evil  
and slothful in good. You alone know how often we have sinned,  
wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, forgetting your love.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us. We are ashamed for all the ways we  
have grieved you. Teach us to hate our sin. Cleanse us from our  
secret faults and forgive our rebellion. Holy Spirit, help us to live in  
your light, walk in your ways, and be strong in the grace of Christ our  
Lord. Amen. (*Silent reflection for personal confession.*)**

**WORDS OF COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly  
repent and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord. There is therefore now  
no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

**All: Amen**

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready, stands to save you  
Full of pity, love and power**

**Chorus: I will arise and go to Jesus  
He will embrace me in His arms  
In the arms of my dear Savior  
Oh, there are ten thousand charms**

**Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Every grace that brings you nigh**

**Chorus**

**Come, ye weary, heavy-laden  
Lost and ruined by the fall  
If you tarry 'til you're better  
You will never come at all**

**Chorus**

**Feel Him prostrate in the garden  
On the ground your Maker lies  
On the bloody tree, behold him  
Sinner, will this not suffice?**

**Chorus**

**Lo, the incarnate God ascended  
Pleads the merit of his blood  
Venture on him, venture wholly  
Let no other trust intrude**

**Chorus**

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

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

All: **And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*You Alone Can Rescue*

**Who, oh Lord, could save themselves  
Their own soul could heal?  
Our shame was deeper than the sea  
Your grace is deeper still**

**Chorus:**

**And You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
You alone can lift us from the grave  
You came down to find us, led us out of death  
To You alone belongs the highest praise**

**You, oh Lord, have made a way  
The great divide You healed  
For when our hearts were far away  
Your love went further still  
Yes, your love goes further still**

**[Chorus]**

**And You alone can rescue, You alone can save  
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## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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 4:14-30*

14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23 And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "'Physician, heal yourself.'" What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" 24 And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. 25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Home Turf Advantage or Disadvantage

**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****CLOSING SONG**

*Streets of the City*

**Lord, we stand in the shallows of all you have given,  
Grateful for mercy yet hungry for more,  
for the power of grace to go out from this place  
to the ends of the earth.**

**We have praised You with passion and worshipped in wonder,  
thrilled by Your Spirit and fed by Your word;  
now to fully delight in the riches of Christ  
we must go to the world.**

**Chorus:**

**For You live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy,  
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor.  
And Your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living;  
Your love longs to meet them, but how will they know,  
unless I am willing to go?**

*(Continued)*

Lord, where are You hungry and where are You thirsty,  
naked, imprisoned, with no one to care?  
To give of our best to the poor and oppressed  
is to give back to You.  
So cause us to see with the eyes of the Savior.  
Give us a heart that will love as You love;  
courageous compassion in words and in action  
brings hope to the world.

For You live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy,  
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor.  
And Your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living;  
Your love longs to meet them, but how will they know?

That you live in the streets of the city,  
You stand with the weak and the needy  
You walk with homeless and hungry and poor.  
And your hands are the hands I am lifting,  
Your voice is the life I am living,  
Without us there's no other way they will know,  
So send me, I'm ready to go.

**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.*

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## 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:**

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

The children's sermon is the only focused worship time ministry for children 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 available in the narthex.

All are invited to Bible study on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8. We are studying the book of Joshua, which will take us to the beginning of October. Joshua was stepping into some big sandals, with the death of Moses. Four times in chapter 1, God calls on Joshua to be strong and courageous. Often, we also need to hear something repeated to be reassured when stepping into a difficult task or circumstance. We close with a time of prayer, concluding around noon.

You don't have to live in the neighborhood to come to Community Group on Thursday evenings. We meet on the church lawn to play with the kids, talk, and enjoy each other's company. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket, snacks, food from home or carry-out to enjoy. We start to gather around 6:30 and leave when we feel like it.

Next Sunday, July 4th, there will be a luncheon following the service on the 3rd floor to welcome the Kang family, who will be living in the manse while their paperwork is being finalized for their mission work in Taiwan. Below is a "wish list" with some items that would be of use to the Kangs while they are here. Any donations will be appreciated. Please call Debbie Halterman at 443-992-1658 if you will be donating any of these items.

- Twin, full, and king size sheets and comforters
- Twin, full, and king size mattress covers
- Bed pillows and pillow cases
- Bath towels and bath mats
- Vacuum
- Kitchen knives
- Baking sheets
- Cutting board
- Coffee maker



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped  
with you today!

June 27, 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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