

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." — Matthew 11:28-30

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.

You can access children's bulletins at the following address: <u>www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches</u>

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)Psalm 62Leader: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Leader: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

People: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

All: One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.

OPENING HYMN

Vagabonds

(Words and music on the following pages)

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CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Strong, loving and good God, we confess our sin. We do not rest in your love. We do not rely on your strength. We do not trust in your goodness. We depend on ourselves and we are restless and anxious. Forgive us. Heal us. Renew us through the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (Silent reflection for personal confession.)

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Romans 5:1

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: <u>Amen.</u>

SONG OF WORSHIP

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad, I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink, and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my Star, my Sun; And in that light of life I'll walk, Till trav'ling days are done.

EXTENDING GOD'S WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING

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

All: And also with you

SONG OF TESTIMONY

'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take him at his word; Just to rest upon his promise; Just to know, thus saith the Lord.

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust his cleansing blood; Just in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease; Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Luke 6:1-11

On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. 2 But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" 3 And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: 4 how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" 5 And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath." 6 On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. 8 But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. 9 And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" 10 And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did

so, and his hand was restored. 11 But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Defiant Jesus

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

In Christ Alone

Rev. Craig Garriott

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save 'Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

(continued)

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

BENEDICTION

What is one thought from the sermon today that you can take with you and ask the Lord to help you apply it to your life?

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." — I 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
- Raj Mohan's daughter, Sumatra; recovering from surgery
- Lydia Frasca, chemotherapy and radiation treatment
- Tom Lubin, caring for his wife, and for Jackie Lubin
- Mike Brooks, son of Earl and Betty Brooks, fighting a rare cancer
- Dawn Brewer, in rehab recuperating from shoulder surgery
- Phyllis Brown, home from hospital, still recovering from a fall

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:

Please come to a luncheon on the 3rd floor, immediately following the service today for a time of fun, food, and fellowship.

There will be a Leadership Meeting this Wednesday, July 7th, at 7pm in Room 8. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY CARE:

OFFERING — WEEK 27

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| Last week | \$5,180 | \$1,363 |
| YTD | \$134,680 | \$103,392 |

If you would like to give online, you may do so at www.abbottchurch.org/giving

Use This Space for Prayer Requests, Ideas and Concerns

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Julius Fischer Jr. - Elder MUSIC AND WORSHIP

George Lenning - Elder CLERK OF SESSION

Craig Garriott, Stan Long, and Ben Taylor BALM PASTORAL STAFF

Jared Pfeifer MERCY MINISTRY - WE CARE

Kaitlin Rankin SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

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Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

July 4, 2021

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| I am interested in membership |
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| (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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