



One day as I was reading the second chapter of I John, I realized that my personal life's objective regarding holiness was less than that of John's. He was saying, in effect, 'Make it your aim not to sin.' As I thought about this, I realized that deep within my heart my real aim was not to sin 'very much'—  
Can you imagine a soldier going into battle with the aim of  
'not getting hit very much'

— Jerry Bridges

## 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

### CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

*Psalm 136:1-3*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

All: **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

### OPENING HYMN

*God So Loved*

**Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more**

**Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness, find what You're looking for**

**For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever**

**Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms  
See His open arms**

*(continued)*

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The pow'r of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love

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## SONG OF PRAISE

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You, we turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You, we long for You  
'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day  
In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

## CHORUS:

Hosanna, hosanna

You are the God Who saves us, worthy of all our praises

Hosanna, hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You, we turn to You

In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new, You make us new

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day

In Your Presence all our fears are washed away, washed away

## CHORUS

'Cause when we see You, we find strength to face the day

In Your Presence all our fears are washed away

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**CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison).** *(From the Book of Common Worship, 1906)*

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech you, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silent reflection for personal confession.)*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Romans 5:1*

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

All: Amen

## **GREETING & GOD'S WELCOME AND WORKINGS AT ABBOTT**

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

People: **And also with you.**

## **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).*

### **SONG OF CONSECRATION**

*Take My Life*

**Holiness, holiness is what I long for  
Holiness is what I need.  
Holiness, holiness is what You want for me.**

**Righteousness, righteousness is what I long for  
Righeousness is what I need.  
Righteousness, righteousness what You want for me.**

### **CHORUS:**

**Take my life and mold it.  
Take my mind transform it.  
Take my will conform it to Yours, to Yours, O Lord**

**Brokenness, brokenness is what I long for  
Brokenness is what I need.  
Brokenness, brokenness what You want for me.**

### **CHORUS**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Luke 6:43-45

**43** "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, **44** for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thornbushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. **45** The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Rev. Dr. Benton W. Taylor, Jr.

Tree and Fruit

### 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 COMMITMENT**     *My Jesus I Love Thee (With Every Breath)*

**My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now**

**I love Thee because Thou has first loved me  
And purchased my pardon, on Calvary's tree  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now**

**CHORUS:**

**I love You in life, I love You in death  
With every beat of my heart, with every breath  
I love You in life, I love You in death  
With every beat of my heart, with every breath**

**In mansions of glory, and endless delight  
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now**

**CHORUS**

**BENEDICTION**





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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?

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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.*

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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 and Lorraine Sapp, Jackie Lubin, David Files*
- Raj Mohan, caring for his wife with dementia; granddaughter, mental health
- Raj Mohan's daughter, Sumatra; recovering from surgery and infection
- 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
- Erin Kelly (Joe & Beth's daughter), relapse of kidney disease that was in remission

### **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
- Abbott Center for the Arts
- We Care Ministry
- Mountain View Bible Camp

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Party at Abbott Park** — Mark your calendar to come on Saturday, July 24th, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The party is open to everyone. There will be music and food, and games for the children. Come fellowship with one another and let our neighbors know that they are welcome to join us!

**Adult Sunday School** — Classes are meeting at 9:45 a.m. to pray for the church body and the future of the church.

**Bible study** — Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8. All are welcome! We are studying the book of Joshua, which will take us to the beginning of October. We close with a time of prayer, concluding around noon.

**Community Group** — Thursday evenings in Abbott Park (church lawn). You don't have to live in the neighborhood to come. We 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.

**Leadership Meetings** — First Wednesday of each month at 7pm in Room 8. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Children** — 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.



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped  
with you today!

July 18, 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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