



“God, hold us to that which drew us first,  
when the cross was the attraction,  
and we wanted nothing else.”

— Amy Carmichael,  
“God’s Missionary”

## 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

### Responsive Call to Worship

Psalm 96

Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

All: **Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!**

### OPENING HYMN

*Come Thou Fount*

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise,  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

*(Continued)*

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*#491 Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow me."

As, of old, apostles heard it  
By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
Leaving all for His dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying, "Christian, love me more."

*(Continued)*

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear Thy call,  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison).

Gracious Lord, we confess that we dishonor you in our words, thoughts and deeds. Depending on our strength, we stumble. Glorifying in our own righteousness, we reject you. Turning our faces from you, we seek the things of this world to satisfy us. *Lord, forgive our many sins; cleanse the darkness from our lives, turn our hearts back to you. We pray these things in the name of your most precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.* (Silent reflection for personal confession.)

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given you a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will, and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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.**

## 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 PRAISE

*Lord of My Life*

**A sky without a North Star  
A ship without an anchor  
Caught up in the current  
My heart is prone to wander**

**All these roads I've taken  
Lead me back to nowhere  
You're the destination  
You're the way to get there.**

**You can have it all**

**Be the song I sing  
Be my guiding light  
Savior of my soul  
Be the Lord of my life  
Every step I take  
Always by my side  
I am yours, You are mine  
Be the Lord of my life**

**Mercies never failing  
Forgiveness overflowing  
The beauty You're unveiling  
A love that just keeps growing**

**This is all I want  
I surrender all**

*(Continued)*

Be the song I sing  
Be my guiding light  
Savior of my soul  
Be the Lord of my life  
Every step I take  
Always by my side  
I am yours, You are mine  
Be the Lord of my life

I wanna go where you go  
Wanna move where you move  
Wanna love who you love  
Watch it break on through (3xs)

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I am yours, You are mine  
Be the Lord of my life

CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Luke 14:25-35

25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,  
26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother  
and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own  
life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross  
and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring  
to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he  
has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation  
and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, 'This  
man began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going  
out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate  
whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against  
him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great  
way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So  
therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot  
be my disciple. 34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its  
saltiness be restored? 35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the  
manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Craig Garriott

Think, Think, Think

## 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

*Be Thou My Vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
Thou my best Thought by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,  
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:  
Raise Thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## 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.*



## 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 & Diane Shaw, Jackie Lubin, Phyllis Brown, Dawn Brewer, Brent Schepleng, Clint Neuder, Brenda Neuder, Robin & Toni (Billie Mitchell's granddaughters), Narouz family (especially Vicky), Don & Lorraine Sapp, 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 Jackie
- Mike Brooks, son of Earl and Betty Brooks, fighting a rare cancer
- Dawn Brewer, recuperating from shoulder surgery with rehab
- Phyllis Brown, home from hospital, still recovering from a fall
- Erin Kelly (Joe & Beth's daughter), relapse of kidney disease that was in remission
- Timm Muth (George Lenning's cousin), rehab from motorbike accident
- Alberta Goeller grieving the loss of her husband.
- Tracey Brown's husband, Rob, was diagnosed with colon cancer

### **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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Luncheon** — Today on the 3rd floor immediately following the worship service.

**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** — Every Thursday 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), weather permitting. 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 Meeting** — This Wednesday, August 4th, at 7 p.m. in Room 8. Leadership meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. 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!

August 1, 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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