



"It was to save sinners that Christ Jesus came into the world. He did not come to help them to save themselves, nor to induce them to save themselves, nor even to enable them to save themselves. He came to save them."

--William Hendriksen

## 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 103:1-18

Leader: I bless the holy name of God with all my heart.

People: **Yes, I will bless the Lord and not forget the glorious things he does for me.**

Leader: He forgives all my sins. He heals me.

People: **He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with loving-kindness and tender mercies.**

Leader: He fills my life with good things! My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

People: **He gives justice to all who are treated unfairly.**

Leader: He revealed his will and nature to Moses and the people of Israel.

People: **He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; he is slow to get angry and full of kindness and love. He never bears a grudge, nor remains angry forever.**

Leader: He has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins,

People: **for his mercy toward those who fear and honor him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.**

Leader: He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west.

People: **He is like a father to us, tender and sympathetic to those who reverence him.**

Leader: For he knows we are but dust and that our days are few and brief, like grass, like flowers, blown by the wind and gone forever.

All: **But the loving-kindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting to those who reverence him; his salvation is to children's children of those who are faithful to his covenant and remember to obey him!**

OPENING HYMN

*And Can it Be*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be?  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.  
[Refrain]

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.  
[Refrain]

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
[Refrain]

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Beautiful Wonderful Cross*

There is a place where justice and mercy  
Flow as an endless stream  
Bringing salvation, life and redemption  
To sinners awaiting in need

Refrain: At the beautiful, wonderful cross  
At the beautiful, wonderful cross  
Where the King of all glory laid down His life for us  
At the beautiful wonderful cross

There is a place where we who are broken  
Can be restored again  
The past is forgiven, washed and forgotten  
By the love that has conquered sin [Refrain]

There is a place where hope everlasting  
Was sealed by the blood of the King  
To Him be the glory, honor and praises  
Jesus the victory [Refrain]

At the beautiful, wonderful cross  
Where the King of all glory laid down His life for us  
At the beautiful wonderful, beautiful wonderful, beautiful  
wonderful cross

## CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison).

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to to rescue the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and captivate our hearts with your love. May your love flow from us to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silent reflection for personal confession.)*

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Micah 7:18-19*

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

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 CONSECRATION

*All I Have is Yours*

Creator, giver of all things: All I have is Yours.  
Accept my humble offering: All I have is Yours.  
When I was chained to greed and pride,  
Tight-fisted, destined just to die,  
You paid my debt and bought my life —  
All I have is Yours.

All I have. All I have. All I have is Yours.

This offering is a means of grace. All I have is Yours.  
You show me this to grow my faith: All I have is Yours.  
The more I give, the less I need.  
I learn that You'll provide for me.  
'Twas blind to this but now I see —  
All I have is Yours.

All I have. All I have. All I have is Yours.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done. All I have is Yours.  
You'll finish all that You've begun. All I have is Yours.  
That You would use the gifts I bring  
In service of the coming King  
Is reason now to praise and sing:  
All I have is Yours.

All I have. All I have. All I have is Yours.

All I have. All I have. All I have is Yours.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

George Lenning

A Divine Appointment

## 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 TESTIMONY

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me,  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns;  
Unending love,  
Amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.  
[Refrain]

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.  
[Refrain]

## 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.*

**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

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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:**

- Julius and George, for strength, stamina and rest as they continue to give extra time, effort, and support to Abbott for more than a year and a half
- Craig Garriott, Stan Long, and Ben Taylor, as they stand with us through this season of change and growth
- Our congregation:
  - For unity as we begin the BALM congregational surveys
  - For wisdom in seeking God's plan and finding a pastor
- Our Music Together program, as we open registration in the fall; it has been a year and a half since we have been able to offer this program.
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- Raj Mohan, caring for his wife with dementia; granddaughter, mental health
- Raj Mohan's daughter, Sumintra; still undergoing tests for gall bladder
- 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, recovering from a fall
- Erin Kelly (Joe & Beth's daughter) treatment, kidney disease that was in remission
- Timm Muth (George Lenning's cousin), rehab from motorbike accident
- Rob Armel (Tracey Brown's husband) recovering from surgery; possible chemo
- David Klecan, kidney cancer, surgery scheduled on August 18th
- Karen Nines, surgery scheduled on August 25th
- 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*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

**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. You can play with the kids (or watch the kids play), talk, and enjoy each other’s company. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, snacks, food from home or carry-out to enjoy. We start gathering around 6:30 and leave when we feel like it.

**Leadership Meeting** — The first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 8. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 1st. 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.

**Save the Date - Saturday, October 2nd!** Lord willing, we will host our second community event in “Abbott Park” on Highland Avenue and Bank Street. Please pray as we plan this event and consider if you are being called to volunteer. More details will be coming!



## Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

August 15, 2021

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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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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