



Not only does God lavish on you love that will never cease
and grace that will never end,
and not only is he great in faithfulness,
but the mercy he extends to you and to me
is renewed each new morning.

It is not tired, stale, irrelevant, worn out, ill-fitting, yesterday mercy.

No, God's mercy is new morning mercy.

It is form-fitted for the needs of your day.

It is sculpted to the shape of the weaknesses, circumstances, and
struggles of each and every one of his children.

— Paul David Tripp,
New Morning Mercies

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:
www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches

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

From Psalm 110 ESV

Leader: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

People: **The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

Leader: Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;

People: **from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.**

Leader: The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

People: **The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

Leader: He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

All: **He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.**

OPENING HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of thy
Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows
cease;

'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for
me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, New life the dead
receive;

The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; The humble poor believe.

SONG OF TESTIMONY

Glorious Day

I was buried beneath my shame.

Who could carry that kind of weight?

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive.

All my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name and I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.

[Repeat]

Now Your mercy has saved my soul.

Now Your freedom is all that I know;

The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

You called my name and I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day. *(Continued)*

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy,
But chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter, I was an orphan.
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing
I have a future, my eyes are open, 'cause when
You called my name, I ran out of that grave

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day.
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness in - to Your glorious day.

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison).

Father God, you who are near the humble and despise not those with broken and contrite hearts, we confess our sin. We have strayed from your commandments. We have wandered from your ways. We have forgotten your love. Our first love we have given to others. You who forgive all our sins and heal all our diseases, forgive us through your Son. Renew us in steadfast hearts that we might live for your praise and glory. Amen.

(Silent reflection for personal confession.)

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Psalms 103:10-12

(TLB)

He has not punished us as we deserve for all our sins, for his mercy toward those who fear and honor him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west.

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.

SONG OF WORSHIP

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect spotless Righteousness
The Great Unchangeable I Am
The King of Glory and of Grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Luke 22:31-34

31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."
33 Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." 34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Stan Long

Jesus Prays for Simon

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 PRAISE

Great is Thy Faithfulness

"Great is Thy faithfulness, " O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

"Great is Thy faithfulness!" "Great is Thy faithfulness!"
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
"Great is Thy faithfulness, " Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

[Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

[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

*O For a Thousand
Tongues* words: Charles
Wesley music: Carl G.
Gläzer arranged by
Lowell Mason

Glorious Day by Kristian
Stanfill, Sean Curran, Jason
Ingram, and Jonathan Smith
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Great is Thy Faithfulness words:
Thomas O Chisholm music:
William Runyan

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
 - For participation in completing 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
- Timm Muth (George Lenning's cousin), rehab from motorbike accident
- Rob Armel (Tracey Brown's husband) recovering from surgery; possible chemo
- David Klecan, recovery from surgery
- Karen Nines, consultation Aug 25; surgery in September
- Rose Shrader (Angela Fischer's sister), cancer, chemotherapy
- Marlene Wyczalek, positive for Covid-19, and for her niece/caregiver, Melonie
- 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

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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 22, 2021

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

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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