



“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

- Luke 24:5,6

## 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 25

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;

People: **in you I trust, O my God. Do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Leader: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame

People: **Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.**

Leader: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

People: **For the sake of your name, O LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.**

Leader: The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

People: **My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.**

All: **To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.**

### OPENING HYMN

*Easter People Raise Your Voices*

**Easter People raise your voices,  
Sounds of Heav'n in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices  
Heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.**

**Fear of death can no more stop us,  
From our pressing here below.  
For our Lord has now empow'ered us  
To triumph over every foe  
Alleluia Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

*(Continued)*

Every day to us is Easter,  
With its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
To our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia Alleluia! See the pow'r of heav'nly throngs.

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion  
A love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

Chorus:

Savior he can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again

I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

[Chorus 2x]

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen king Jesus

[Repeat]

## CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Holy Father, God of the living, we forget the wonders you have done, the promises you have kept, and the grace you have given. We rely on our strength, our wisdom, and our goodness to save ourselves. Turning our faces from you, we seek the things of this world to fulfill us and our hearts are restless. Lord Jesus, forgive our many sins. Cleanse the darkness from our souls, and turn our hearts back to you. Empower us now through your Holy Spirit to abandon ourselves to worship and adore you, our resurrection and life. In Christ Name we pray. Amen.

*(Silent reflection for personal confession.)*

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*Psalm 28:6-7*

Praise be to the Lord, for he has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 WORSHIP**

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.**

**To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus;  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed.**

**To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised, to overthrow the grave.**

**To this I hold, my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing,  
I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me.**

**With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
Until I stand, with joy before the throne.**

*(Continued)*

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me.  
[Repeat]

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

*Luke 24:13-35*

**13** That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, **14** and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. **15** While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. **16** But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. **17** And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. **18** Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" **19** And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, **20** and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. **21** But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. **22** Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, **23** and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. **24** Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." **25** And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! **26** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" **27** And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. *(Continued)*

**28** So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, **29** but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. **30** When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. **31** And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. **32** They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" **33** And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, **34** saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" **35** Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Craig Garriott

### Broken Dreams, Burning Hearts

## **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

*Hear the Call of the Kingdom*

Hear the call of the kingdom  
Lift your eyes to the King  
Let His song rise within you  
As a fragrant offering  
Of how God rich in mercy  
Came in Christ to redeem  
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom  
To be children of light  
With the mercy of heaven  
The humility of Christ  
Walking justly before Him  
Loving all that is right  
That the life of Christ may shine through us.

Chorus:

King of Heaven we will answer the call  
We will follow bringing hope to the world  
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim  
Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the Kingdom  
To reach out to the lost  
With the Father's compassion  
In the wonder of the cross  
Bringing peace and forgiveness  
And a hope yet to come  
Let the nations put their trust in Him"

[CHORUS]

## 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
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- 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
- For full participation in the upcoming BALM congregational survey.
- For the future pastor of our church; the Lord knows who he is
- 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
- 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
- Timm Muth (George Lenning's cousin), rehab from motorbike accident
- Rob Armel (Tracey Brown's husband) recovering from surgery; chemotherapy
- David Klecan recovering from surgery
- Karen Nines, upcoming surgery in September
- Rose Shrader (Angela Fischer's sister), cancer, chemotherapy
- Marlene Wyczalek hospitalized for Covid-19, and for her niece Melonie
- Patty Mifsud (friend of George Lenning) cancer, intense chemotherapy
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments
- Leaders of our City, State, and Nation
- 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:**

**BALM Leadership Survey** — If you have been asked to complete a Leadership Assessment Survey but have not done it yet, please submit your completed survey as soon as possible.

**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** — **This Wednesday, September 1st, 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.

**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 29, 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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