



“All of history is moving toward one great goal, the
white-hot worship of God and His Son among
all the peoples of the earth.”

— John Piper

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 67 ESV

- Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
- Women: **that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**
- Men: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**
- Women: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**
- Men: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**
- Women: **The earth *has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.***
- All: **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

OPENING HYMN

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night
Into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of
The risen Christ
May our every breath retell the grace
That broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy
With endless life

Chorus: May the peoples praise You
 Let the nations be glad
 All Your blessing comes
 That we may praise
 May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known
May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word.

[Chorus]

This our holy privilege to declare
Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe and tongue,
Your church proclaims.

[Chorus]

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
All creation praise Your glorious Name

[Chorus]

Because You've risen I can rise.
Because You're living I'm alive.
Because Your cross is powerful,
Because You rose invincible
I can get up off the floor.

Chorus: This is my resurrection day.
 Nothing's gonna hold me in the grave.
 This is my resurrection day.
 Nothing's gonna hold me down.
 Say good-bye to my yesterdays.
 Ever since I met You I am changed.
 This is my resurrection day.
 Nothing's gonna hold me down.

Because You rolled the stone away,
Because my debt has all been paid,
Because You stand in victory,
Because You crushed the enemy,
I can get up off the floor.

[Chorus]

The good news is the good news
'cause You chose the rugged cross.
The good news is the good news
'cause You rose up from the dust.
Your gospel is the power that is saving all of us.
So I can get can get up off the floor.
Come on get up off the floor.

[Chorus 2X]

Nothing's gonna hold me down
Nothing's gonna hold me

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we bow down before you because you are worthy of our praise and adoration. Lord Jesus, we rejoice in you, our Redeemer and King. It is good to be in your house this Lord's day. We thank you that through Jesus we can come just as we are: weak, frail, broken, unworthy. Yet you promise to be near the humble and close to the broken hearted. Forgive us our many sins through the blood that was shed for us. Renew us through your Spirit, who is our powerful, holy, constant companion. Be glorified in our lives, in our worship and in our witness. In Jesus name, 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.

SONG OF WORSHIP

Lord Thy Church on Earth is Seeking

**Lord, Thy Church on Earth is Seeking
Thy renewal from above;
Teach us all the art of speaking
With the accent of Thy love.
We would heed Thy great commission;
"Go ye into every place;
Preach, baptize, fulfill My mission,
Serve with love and share My grace."**

**Freedom give to those in bondage,
Lift the burdens caused by sin;
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
Grant release from fears within.
Light for darkness, joy for sorrow;
Love for hatred, peace for strife.
These and countless blessings follow
As the Spirit gives new life.**

**In the streets of every city
Where the bruised and lonely dwell,
We shall show the Savior's pity,
We shall of His mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
We shall serve and seek to bring
All the world to render praises,
Christ, to Thee, Redeemer, King.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Stan Long

The Continuing Mission of Jesus

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.**

(continued)

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

NOTES:

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?

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."

Please pray for:

- Julius and George, for strength, stamina and rest as they continue to give extra time and support to our congregation for more than a year and a half
- Craig, Stan, and Ben as they minister to us through this season of change
- Family of Marlene Wyczalek as they grieve her loss
- Carole McQuay as she grieves the loss of her husband Dave McQuay
- Full participation in the BALM congregational church assessment survey
- The future pastor of Abbott church; our 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
- Rob Armel (Tracey Brown's husband) recovery 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
- 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
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments
- Leaders of our City, State, and Nation

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

LUNCHEON TODAY — following the service, on the 3rd floor.

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, weather permitting, in “Abbott Park” on Highland Ave and Bank St. 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 Meetings — Due to inclement weather, the meeting scheduled for last Wednesday has been moved to this Wednesday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in Room 8. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Children — 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. This will be one of the topics of discussion at the Leadership Meeting this Wednesday.

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

September 5, 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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