



“God does not need your good works,
but your neighbor does.”

— Martin Luther

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Isaiah 25:6-9

Leader: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

**People: And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.**

Leader: He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,

**People: and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the
earth, for the Lord has spoken.**

Leader: It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might
save us.

**All: This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."**

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great;
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.**

(continued)

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
The Lord of Hosts his name,
From age to age the same,
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

A mighty fortress is our God!
His kingdom is forever.
(Repeat)

His kingdom is forever.
(Repeat 3 times)

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing.

SONG OF PRAISE

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 1: This is my resurrection day.
Nothing's gonna hold me in the grave.
This is my resurrection day.
Nothing's gonna hold me down.**

**Chorus 2: 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 1 & 2]

**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 1 & 2, Chorus 1]

**Say good-bye to my yesterdays.
Ever since I met You I am changed.
This is my resurrection day.
Nothing's gonna hold me,
Nothing's gonna hold me down**

CONFESSION OF SIN (in unison): Lord God, we sin against you and one another. We worry and do not give thanks. We allow ugliness and corruption to fill our minds. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation. In Christ's name we pray. 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

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

Grace Alone

**I was an orphan lost at the fall
Running away when I'd hear your call
But Father, you worked your will**

**I had no righteousness of my own
I had no right to draw near your throne
But Father, you loved me still**

(continued)

And in love before you laid the world's foundation
You predestined to adopt me as your own
You have raised me so high above my station
I'm a child of God by grace and grace alone

You left your home to seek out the lost
You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, your face was set

I worked my fingers down to the bone
Nothing I did could ever atone
But Jesus, you paid my debt

By your blood I have redemption and salvation
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation
I am born again by grace and grace alone

I was in darkness all of my life
I never knew the day from the night
But Spirit, you made me see

I swore I knew the way on my own
Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, you moved in me

At your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone
Called into a kingdom that cannot be shaken
Heaven's citizen by grace and grace alone

So I'll stand in faith by grace and grace alone
I will run the race by grace and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace and grace alone

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Acts 13:1-3

Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **3** Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

George Lenning

Mission in the Hands of a Sovereign God

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 ELEMENT

SONG OF PRAISE

You Are the Light

VERSE: We are the people of God
The sons and daughters of Love
Forgiven restored and redeemed
We're living our lives
To the praise of our King
We are the ones who will shine
His Light in the darkness of night
The hopeless the broken the poor
They will be hopeless and broken no more

CHORUS: You are the Light
The Light of the world
And we shine You Lord
You are the Light
The Light of the world
And we shine You Lord

[Repeat VERSE and CHORUS]

We shine like stars in the universe
Proclaiming the Hope of our God
To the sons and daughters in all the earth
We shine You Lord

[CHORUS]

To the lost and the broken
The hurting and hopeless
We shine You Lord
To the ones who are weary
The burdened and suffering
We shine You Lord

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." — I 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 give extra time and support to our congregation
- Craig, Stan, and Ben as they minister to us through this season of renewal
- The future pastor of Abbott church; our Lord knows who he is
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- Angela Jones (Angela Fischer's mother), diabetes, other health concerns
- Rose Shrader (Angela Fischer's sister) cancer, chemotherapy
- Raj Mohan caring for his wife with dementia; granddaughter, mental health
- 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) taking chemotherapy
- Karen Nines, hernia; surgery scheduled for September has been postponed
- 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:

Thanksgiving volunteers — Our Community Thanksgiving feast is only a month away and we need volunteers and monetary donations in order for it to be a success. A few folks are needed on Wednesday, 11/24, to help with food preparation. On Thanksgiving, we need volunteers to help with set up (10:00 a.m. - noon), serving (noon - 2:00 p.m.) and clean up (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.). Please consider how you can be part of this great tradition of serving our neighbors. If you would like to help or have any questions, call Ann Pfeifer at 443-527-0124.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting — Wednesdays on Zoom from 12-12:30 p.m. The link is on the Abbott FaceBook Group. You can also email abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com to submit a prayer request or for the link to be sent to you. You can sign on and off any time during the half-hour.

Leadership Meeting — This Wednesday, November 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8. All are welcome.

Adult Sunday School — Classes meet at 9:45 a.m.

Bible study — Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in Room 8. All are welcome! We close with a time of prayer, concluding around noon.

Community Group — Thursday evenings, weather permitting, we gather informally in Abbott Park on Highland Ave and Bank St. We start gathering around 6:00 p.m.

Ordained deacons, non-ordained deacons assistants, & deaconesses are needed at Abbott. This is a mercy ministry that calls men and women of God to manage and disburse the deacons fund to those in need, oversee the Building-Maintenance Committee, and assist in serving communion. If you feel God's call to this ministry, let George or Julius know. If you are asked to serve in this capacity, please give it prayerful consideration.

We Care Center — Open the 1st two Saturdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon to give food to the needy. Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the box in the vestibule.

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped
with you today!

October 31, 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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