



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

June 18, 2017

Father’s Day

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* indicates when those who are able may stand

Welcome! We are glad you are here. As we gather for worship let us keep our conversations to a minimum and then use the time of the Prelude to prepare our hearts and minds for worship. Following worship there will be time for conversation and fellowship.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Good morning and welcome. While we know that God is too immense for the universe to contain, we also know that God is closer to us than anything or anyone else. In Christ, God is nearer than our heart beat, closer than our thoughts and feelings. Let us celebrate and worship the One who is our light and our salvation, the joy of our heart’s desiring. *(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and use the prayer request cards for your joys/concerns.)*

Interlude Music & Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ summons us to answer God’s call of mercy.

Christ gathers us and gives us power to be healed and to heal,

To be forgiven and to forgive,

To be freed from sin and to set others free,

To tell one another and the world:

God’s presence is at hand.

Come, let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer

God of wonder, you appeared to Abraham as three persons; you reveal your fullness in your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit fills your people with hope through the peacemaking cross of Jesus. Gather us as Christ’s faithful disciples and empower us with his good news, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* Gathering Song

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

#645

Call to Confession

The mystery of God brings the promise of life, but we doubt the Spirit’s power to overcome death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son, reveals that nothing is impossible with God. Let us confess our sin and receive new life.

Prayer of Confession

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. O Covenant-keeper, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this good news so that others will also receive your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. *(Silent Prayer of Confession)*

Prayer Response

“Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”

#71

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ gave his life to save us from the wrath of God.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Trust the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Amen.

* Response of Praise

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

#81 (vs.3)

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love;

Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.

Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?

Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age. Amen.

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

God of redemption, summon us to Sarah’s joy, Abraham’s wonder, and Paul’s confident hope through the word and work of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

NRSV pg. 13 & 16

Response: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem, Praise the Lord!

Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

NRSV pg. 1027

Response: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Bucket Brigade

Sermon

"Laugh With Me"

Pastor Rhonda

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

"The God of Abraham Praise"

#49

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God, like any good father, brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry. We believe that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind. We believe that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows, and blocks the path of the ungodly. We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. We believe that the church, as the possession of God, must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged. We believe that, in following Christ, the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others. Amen.

A Prayer for Father's Day and the Lord's Prayer

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all – and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways – both big and small – they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

We remember also those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent – grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches – and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

Heavenly Father, bless all earthly fathers today and every day. Their influence as teachers and role models should never be underestimated. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen. (Local Intercessions)

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, forever. Amen.

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

* Offertory Response

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#609

(Alternate Tune)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

Good and holy God, for your steadfast love and faithfulness we give you thanks and bless your name. Let our whole lives become songs of gratitude, joy, and praise so that all the earth may know that we are your people and you are our God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Introduction and Commissioning of Camp Counselors

Preacher: Would those to be commissioned please come forward. In John 12:26 we hear Jesus' instruction on serving. He teaches: *"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."* Through your service, will you become the physical hands and feet of Christ manifesting and multiplying God's loving presence and provision on earth?

Camp Staff: We will.

Preacher: Christian service is *action* springing out of *faith* in response to God's captivating love for each of you. As you serve in mission on behalf of the youth of this church, will you follow Christ's example of service, courage, and love?

Camp Staff: We will. We intend our faith to become action as we respond to God's call to serve others. With a courageous faith, we hope that, through our actions and service, lives might be impacted – both the lives of those we will serve and our own! We pray that God will use us to spread love to the children and youth we will serve. And we hope we can count on the prayers of this congregation to support us during our time at Camp.

Preacher: (to the congregation): Before us today are servants of the Lord who are choosing to act on their faith through their service. Will you support them on this journey with your purposeful prayers and lively affirmation?

Congregation: We will. We also are reminded of our call to serve God and our neighbor.

Preacher: Let us pray: Gracious God, send your Spirit upon these, your precious servants. Fill them with your love so that they might show love to those whom they will serve. Equip them with a tenacious drive to do Your will and manifest, through their service, Your love for creation. Fill them with an immutable call to serve in your name. Gift them with protection and peace as they endeavor to serve others. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray these things. Amen. Friends, join me in offering a blessing upon our camp counselors and the youth they will serve.

Congregation: Go forth in the name of Jesus Christ. Play safe. Be kind and generous to one another, loving each other genuinely and serving as beacons of Christ's light and a sign of hope to your neighbor. Amen.

* **Sending Song** ***"This Is My Father's World"*** **#370**

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Benediction Response** ***"May the God of Hope Go with Us"*** **#765**
May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

* **Sharing the Peace of Christ**
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* **Postlude**

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Questions for Reflection

How is God's presence experienced in a Christian's life?

Does God have a sense of humor?

How has God made you laugh?

Does laughter help get us through the tough days?

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF June 18, 2017

Welcome Friends! If you are new in the area or looking for a church home, we hope you will consider becoming a part of this community of faith. Please use the Fellowship Pad to note your presence with us and the welcome card to help us serve you better. **There is a large- print Bible and handheld hearing devices on the table at the back of the sanctuary and also in the foyer for anyone who needs them.**

Please be advised: Videos, audiotapes, and photographs may be taken during worship and other church activities for broad use (including the Internet), and that by attending you consent to this and to the broad use described. **If you do not wish to have your photo taken and/or published on our website**, please send a request in writing to office@chapellane.org or Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church, 5501 Jefferson Ave., Midland, MI 48640.

Children in Worship: We have ***Worship Bags*** in the back of the sanctuary containing worship aids for children: Blue-handled bags for older children, red-handled bags for younger. Please return them to the floor below the rack at the end of the service. We have a staffed ***nursery*** for children infant through first grade (older children may use the nursery and playground if accompanied by an adult). During the school year, we offer ***Children's Church*** for kids from kindergarten through 6th grade on most Sundays. Children will remain for part of worship and will be dismissed part way through the service to a time geared toward them.

Tape Ministry: Each week our worship service is taped and sent to our homebound members and friends. This is a ministry of our Deacons. If you would like more information, please contact Harry White (692-2059).

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin announcements are listed **two weeks** prior to an event. For a forecast of upcoming events farther in the future, please visit "newsletter" or the church "calendar" at www.chapellane.org. Did you miss last week's announcements? They may be viewed at "Worship /bulletin" at www.chapellane.org.

CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through July 2, 2017

Sincere Thanks: Please accept my thanks and appreciation for your thoughts and words honoring Shirley. Yes, she surely will be missed. Thank you all. Clyde Babcock

Ladies Luncheon: Join us on the 4th Tuesday of the month for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Shirlene's. The next date will be June 27th. Please sign up by Sunday, June 25th. There is

a sign-up sheet on the PW bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions, call Alice Wiltse at 631-7271 or email wiltsealice1943@charter.net. Hope to see you there.

Prayer List Updates: We have updated those military and law enforcement personnel on our prayer list. There is a copy of that list in the Deacon's portion of the kiosk in the foyer if you would like one.

Church Picnic and Camp Sunday: On June 25th, our campers will share with us a musical during worship. Immediately following worship, we will join "out back" for a picnic and games. Meats and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Happy Summer: School ends this week. Please keep our children and youth in our prayers this summer, praying that they stay safe, well and fulfilled.

Memorial Service: Our dear friend Sue Haske Lane died earlier this week. A Memorial Service is planned for her on Monday, June 26th at 11:00 a.m. here at Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church. The family will greet friends beforehand, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Upcoming EFPN Mobile Food Pantry events: Free food give-aways by the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) are scheduled for the following dates and locations: **Thursday, June 29**, at Blessed Sacrament Church on the corner of Swede and Ashman Roads; **Saturday, July 22**, at Messiah Lutheran Church on Poseyville Road; **Thursday, August 17**, at Midland Missionary Church on South Eleven Mile Road (west of Midland and about one mile south of M-20); **Thursday, September 7**, at North Midland Family Center on Shearer Road in Mills Township; and **Thursday, October 5**, at the United Steelworkers Hall on James Savage Road off Waldo Road. An event is planned at the Midland Civic (Ice) Arena in early November but the date is to be determined.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through July 2, 2017

Michigan Blood thanks you for your support of the recent blood drive. Nine pints of blood were given. Your gifts of generosity bring hope and life.

Area Vacation Bible School offerings:

First United Methodist June 19-June 23

Memorial Presbyterian June 20-June 24

United Church of Christ Evenings June 15, June 22 and June 29

Trinity Lutheran June 19-June 23

First Baptist July 11-July 15

St. John's Lutheran July 25-July 29

Midland Reformed Evenings August 1-August 5

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians: Karen Graef and Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader: Ron Hynds
Ushers: Carol Rowe, Alice Wiltse, Kerry and Kelly Buell
Nursery: Renee White, Jennifer Hahn, Sarah Hahn
Ministers: *All the members of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church*

Our Mission Statement

Celebrating our diversity of gifts, we seek to serve Christ by serving others with grace, love and laughter.

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