



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

July 23, 2017

10:00 AM

**Guest Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna**

**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

We're glad you came to join with us in our worship today. We hope that you will feel God's love in a new way and that you will leave this place feeling refreshed and renewed. You are so welcome here, and we do hope that you'll come again and that you'll join us in fellowship as we strive to make some very special friends. *(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

People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.

**I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever!**

For great is your steadfast love for me.

**You have delivered my soul from the depths.**

God says, “Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go.”

**Come, let us worship the Lord.**

## Gathering Prayer

**You opened your mouth and uttered a word and creation sprang forth in abundance. Let us open our mouths in praise, that we may bear fruit in every season and be satisfied by your goodness, for you, O God, are the source of all growth; your grace abounds forever. Amen.**

## \* Gathering Song

*“Here in This Place”*

#401

## Call to Confession

Trusting in God's mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which God already knows.

## Prayer of Confession

**Most compassionate God, we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus Christ, sharing our common lot. You understand the times we have strayed like lost sheep, wandering through life, far from home. You understand when we separate ourselves from your peace by attempting to shape our own path in the forest of life. You understand when we find ourselves in places we ought not to be trapped and unable to turn ourselves around. At other times, through fear, we find ourselves huddling too long in the safety of the fold; not daring to venture out into your pastures where we're called to live and share. As the shepherd who seeks a lost sheep, seek us out when we wander and when we hide. Forgive us our complacency and lack of trust. Challenge us and fill us with your Spirit that we might be channels of your tender care for those who are brokenhearted or wandering. 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

My fellow children of God, do not fear, for our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. So be reconciled with God and at peace with one another. **Amen.**

## \* Response of Praise

*“Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show”*

#33 *(vs.1)*

*Praise the Lord! God's glories show; Alleluia!*

*Saints within God's courts below; Alleluia!*

*Angels round the throne above, Alleluia!*

*All who see and share God's love. Alleluia!*

## WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD

## Prayer for Illumination

**Holy One, you love with a father's tenderness and a mother's zeal. Move now in our hearts. Breathe through the words we hear, the songs we share, the burdens we carry, until we discover our purpose in your liberating love, for**

we long to join creation's praise and to shine with the mercy of the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 NRSV pg. 904  
Response: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Rest of the Story" Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

\* Song of Response "Be Thou My Vision" #450

\*Affirmation of Faith *Philippians 2:5-11*  
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Morning Prayer and 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, forever. Amen.

Offering of our Gifts  
*Offertory*

\* Offertory Response "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought" #712  
*In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today,  
To serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.  
O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.*

### \* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

Holy God who chose to live among us: You remind us that in your creation good and evil exist side by side. We know that the evil can come in subtle ways, valuing the regard of others more than seeking to please you, putting

self-promotion before compassion for others, or turning a blind eye to injustice. May the gifts we give this morning be our affirmation to choose the good over the evil, and what serves your loving purpose over what denies it. Help us to bear fruit, and may our lives be deemed worthy at the time of harvest. We pray in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

## WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\* Sending Song "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #542

### \* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" STF #2088  
*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth, to show the way;  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky:  
Lord, I lift your name on high.*

### \* 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.

Did you know?

The annual statistical report of the General Assembly was released earlier this year. At the end of 2016, the number of Presbyteries stood at 170 and the 3 Presbyteries that reported membership growth are: Atlantic Korean, Nevada and Western Colorado. The 10 largest Presbyteries are: Greater Atlanta, Grace, Charlotte, National Capital, Chicago, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New Hope, Salem and Coastal Carolina.

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## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 23, 2017***

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***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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.chapellane.org). Did you miss last week's announcements? They may be viewed at "Worship /bulletin" at [www.chapellane.org](http://www.chapellane.org).

### **CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Aug 6, 2017**

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**Today, July 23** – We welcome Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna to our service today! We are grateful for her leadership. Pastor Rhonda is on study leave and vacation and will return to the office on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact the church office at 631-2081 if you need pastoral assistance.

**Presbyterian Women Luncheon:** Join us on July 25<sup>th</sup> for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Shirlene's. Please sign up by today. 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](mailto:wiltsealice1943@charter.net). Hope to see you there.

**Ordination Gift:** The church would like to give a gift to Chrissy Westbury the day of her ordination, August 13<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to purchase a gift card to a church supply house that she could use for a clergy robe, stoles or clergy shirts. If you would like to contribute to that gift, please make your check out to the church but mark the memo line "C. Westbury Ordination Gift." Contact: Alice Wiltse @ [wiltsealice1943@charter.net](mailto:wiltsealice1943@charter.net). *Please try to have your gift to church by Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> so that the gift card can be ordered well in advance of the ordination.*

**Fun in Faith Fellowship** will be attending a Great Lakes Loons game on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m. the Loons will be playing The Bowling Green Hot Rods and the theme is "Country Western Night." Find that Cowboy hat and get in touch with Nancy and Howard Graves for tickets at [hhgraves@aol.com](mailto:hhgraves@aol.com).

**Women's Circles:** The study books for the Women's Afternoon and Evening Circles are available to purchase and are located in the foyer on the PW table. The cost is \$11.00 per book. Please sign your name and deposit the money in the envelope provided. Thanks!

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Aug 6, 2017**

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#### **Area Vacation Bible School offerings:**

St. John's Lutheran July 25-July 29

Midland Reformed Evenings August 1-August 5

**Host An Exchange Student:** By hosting an international student, you will have the opportunity to show the "True" America. The student will become part of your family by taking part in holidays, family events, community service and school activities. Your exchange student will be attending your local high school while immersing themselves in American Culture. For more information, contact the area representative, Gloria Thompson, at 989-245-1226 or email [bobandgloria74@yahoo.com](mailto:bobandgloria74@yahoo.com).

***Participants in Today's Service***

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna  
**Musician:** Dr. Tim Hendrickson  
**Worship Leader:** Paula Ulmer  
**Ushers:** Bill and Sally Ginter-Coats, Norm and Nancy Ott  
**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.*

***Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church***

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