

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

"Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared"

August 6, 2017 10:00 AM

Communion Sunday

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

Welcome visitors, friends, and members as we glorify God and sing praises to our Lord Jesus Christ on this holy Sabbath day. May you feel the Spirit's presence all around us! (*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

Before time existed and the universe began its long unfolding, God was God.

When the stars were finding their places, and planets their orbits, God was God.

When the earth took shape and life came in splendid profusion, God was God.

When Abraham and Sarah began their journey of faith, God was God.

When Jesus came among us, bearing and living the Gospel of peace, God was God.

When tomorrow you look back and remember today, you can say, God was God.

The holy One, the most beautiful One, the most merciful One, whom the human mind cannot comprehend, was before the beginning, will be after the end, and fills every present moment with Presence and Purpose.

Thanks be to God.

Come, let us worship God. Let us pray.

Gathering Prayer

Generous God, the whole creation looks to you, and you give them their food in due season. Open your hand to us, and satisfy us with what we most deeply desire. Amen.

* Gathering Song

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#667

Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our need.

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit. We are fooled by the false promises of the world into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. Hear our cry and save us, dear God. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled and transformed.

Alleluia! Amen.

* Response of Praise

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

#654

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord, I will rejoice!

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Providing God, by your Holy Spirit, feed us with your Word that we might be filled with the bread of life. Amen.

First Lesson Romans 9:1-5

NRSV pg. 1030

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right.

If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

As for me, I shall hold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

Second Lesson

Matthew 14:13-21

NRSV pg. 891

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

Sermon

"Miracles, Like Loaves and Fish, Abound" Pastor Rhonda

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

#662

*Affirmation of Faith

A Summary of the Law

Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Amen.

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

* Offertory Response

"God of the Fertile Fields"

#**714** (vs. 1)

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread: Forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned That all in every land be clothed and fed. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

We thank you, dear God, that you have empowered us to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your Son. Receive now these gifts you have provided us out of your abundance that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today; through Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

* Communion Song

"Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven"

#511

The Communion of the People of God

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Communion of the People of God

The Prayer After Communion

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

* Sending Song

"Great God of Every Blessing"

#694

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #546 (vs. 1)

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace: Let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

* 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

The disciples were amazed at Jesus' feeding of the multitudes. How have you seen him make a way when there was no way?

Do you believe in miracles?

Did you know?

Did you know that the word "Eucharist" comes from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving"? It is used frequently in the Greek New Testament when Jesus breaks bread with his disciples and conveys one of the central tenets of the Reformed tradition—that all of Christian life and worship is our grateful response to the gift of God's grace in Jesus Christ. Thus, Eucharist or Communion or the Feast of Thanksgiving is a fitting and ancient response to the proclamation of God's Word.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 6, 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 fover 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 <u>two weeks</u> 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 Aug 20, 2017

FEMA Assistance: On August 2nd, individual assistance for residents of Bay, Midland, Gladwin and Isabella counties was approved by FEMA. This financial assistance is for those affected by the severe storms and flooding that occurred in June. The Declaration # is: FEMA-4326-DR-MI and you must apply under this number for consideration of funds, even if you applied once before and was denied.

Revitalization Project: Looking for local volunteer mission experience? The Deacons have reserved the date of Friday, August 11^{th,} for the Midland County Habitat for Humanity (MCHFH) Revitalization Project for Chapel Lane. MCHFH is holding spots in the morning for 5-10 helpers from Chapel Lane. There is an opportunity to continue in the afternoon for those who can. Please indicate your intention on the sign-up sheet in the foyer by signing up by August 2nd if you are interested in participating. No experience is necessary but you must be at least 18 to sign up. The morning begins at the old Parkdale Elementary School location of 1609 Eastlawn Dr. at 7:30 a.m. with an orientation. Safety equipment is given and you get a t-shirt. Following the invocation, team members are divided up and assigned to a project leader and a house location. Lunch is provided. If you so indicated, you can continue on in the afternoon. This is a rewarding experience that helps maintain the vitality of Midland and its neighborhoods and maintains Chapel Lane's mission of faith by serving Christ through serving others. Any questions, please call Chris Greiman – cell: 989-573-2954. We hope you can join us.

Midland County Habitat for Humanity Award: The Midland County chapter of Habitat for Humanity has chosen Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church as their 2017 Faith Partner of the Year in recognition of our commitment and support of MCHFH's mission of bringing people together to build homes, community and hope.

The church will be presented with an award at MCHFH's "High Heels and Hard Hats Fundraising Gala" on Thursday, September 28th at the Midland Country Club from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. This is quite an honor and Pastor Rhonda will be attending the event, along with her husband, Dave. But they would love to have others join them. Tickets for the dinner are \$50 each and can be purchased by calling the chapter office at 989-496-0900, by emailing Ireland@midlandhabitat.org or by online purchase at the MCHFH website: www.midlandhabitate.org.

Please let Pastor Rhonda know if you will be attending and she will ask the coordinator to seat us all together.

Mobile Food Pantry Update: The MFP held by E.F.P.N. on Saturday, July 22nd, at Messiah Lutheran Church provided 13, 942 pounds of free food to 310 families (980 individuals). The food was purchased from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Additionally, breads, tomatoes, and bottled water were donated by Hidden Harvest and toiletries were donated by Messiah Lutheran and Poseyville United Methodist Church congregations. His Hands Auto Care randomly selected about 50 individuals for free oil changes. Lunch and ice cream were served to everyone by Messiah volunteers.

Mobile Food Pantry: The eighth Mobil Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will be held at Midland Missionary Church located at 479 South Eleven Mile Road (which is west of Midland on M-20 and then south on Eleven Mile Road) on Thursday, August 17, 2017. This program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) is for anyone who is a resident of Midland County and in need of food. Please contact Sally Ann Sutton if you wish to volunteer in this ministry and/or you have additional questions.

<u>International Peacemaker:</u> The Presbytery of Lake Huron is hoping to host an International Peacemaker this fall. If you would be interested in hosting a mission volunteer from a far-away place like Palestine or Pakistan, to name two, please speak with Pastor Rhonda.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS - Today through Aug 20, 2017

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.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor:Rev. Dr. Rhonda MyersMusicians:Dr. Tim Hendrickson

Worship Leader: Harry White

Ushers: Karla & Art Beagle, Nancy & Carl Vander Woude Communion Servers: Ron Hynds, Alice Wiltse, Cathy and Mike Starch

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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