



# 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”*

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#### 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”*

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*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”*

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*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.*

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## 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.



## 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

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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 20, 2017

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**FEMA Assistance:** On August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Ireland@midlandhabitat.org) or by online purchase at the MCHFH website: [www.midlandhabitate.org](http://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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**International Peacemaker:** 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.

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#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Aug 20, 2017

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**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***

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers  
**Musicians:** 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.*

***Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church***

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