



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Aug 13, 2017

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

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

The Spirit of God gave the universe its birth.

The Spirit of God delivered the world.

Our God is the first; our God is the last.

No other god declares the word of creation.

Yet this same God invites us, sending forth prophets to teach us wisdom.

Let us worship the One whose creation is renewed and whose creatures are never forsaken.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”* #65

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**O God, we confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning;
the pride that dares not admit that it is wrong;
the selfishness that can see nothing but its own will;**

**the righteousness that knows no fault;
the callousness that has ceased to care;
the defiance that does not regret its own sins;
the evasion that always tries to make excuses;
the coldness of heart that is too hardened to repent.**
God, we are sinners; be merciful to us. 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

* **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

First Lesson **Genesis 37:1-4, 12-17** **NRSV pg. 33**
Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.
Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
When he summoned famine against the land, and broke every staff of bread,
He had sent a man ahead of them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.
His feet were hurt with fetters, his neck was put in a collar of iron;
Until what he had said came to pass, the word of the Lord kept testing him.
The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.
He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possessions,
To instruct his officials at his pleasure, and to teach his elders wisdom.
Praise the Lord!

Second Lesson **Genesis 37:18-28** NRSV pg. 33

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

Sermon **“Is it Rivalry, or Something More?”** Pastor Rhonda

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response **“Lord, Make Us More Holy”** #313

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed, Interpreted*
What do you believe when you confess your faith in “God the Father Almighty”?
That God is a God of love, and that God’s love is powerful beyond measure.

What do you affirm when you confess your faith in Jesus Christ as “our Lord”?
That, having been raised from the dead, he reigns with compassion and justice over all things in heaven and on earth, especially over those who confess him by faith; and that by loving and serving him above all else, we give glory and honor to God.

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?
That apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ’s service.

What do you affirm when you speak of “the life everlasting”?
That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him, we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him, the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To him, we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him, we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.

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 **“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 GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

* Sending Song **“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”** #12

* 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

Why did Joseph’s brothers sell him into slavery?
Are there rivalries in your life that threaten your relationships and your self-confidence?

Did You Know?

Did you know that the first woman to be ordained as a Minister of Word & Sacrament (Teaching Elder) in the Presbyterian Church was the Rev. Margaret E. Towner who was ordained by Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery on January 1st of 1956 and served, for a time, as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo—the same church where Chrissy Westbury has been called to serve?

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 13, 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 Aug 27, 2017

Flowers: The flowers today are given in honor and celebration of Christina Westbury's ordination as a Teaching Elder (Minister of Word and Sacrament). Congratulations Chrissy, we are so proud of you. From your Chapel Lane Family

Newsletter Deadline for the September edition of Chapel Chimes is Wednesday, August 16. Please submit your input and articles to the Newsletter editor at newsletter@chapellane.org.

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. For information, go to: www.fema.gov and look under Individual Assistance.

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.

Presbyterian Women Luncheon: We will meet on Tuesday, August 22nd at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up by Sunday, August 20th. There is a sign-up sheet on the PW bulletin board in the foyer. Hope to see you all there. Call Alice Wiltse, 631-7271, if you have questions.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Aug 27, 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 Myers
Musicians: Karen Graef and Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader: Mike Starch
Ushers: Jim Wallace, Butch Brauer, Carl & Nancy Vander Woude
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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