



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Aug 20, 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

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

We come to give God thanks and praise.

Our help is in our Creator God, who made the day and the night.

Thanks be to the God of all creation.

Our help is in the God who created all humankind.

Let us worship the God who loves us all.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”* #35

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned

against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved so that our lives may testify to your abounding grace 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

* 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 45:1-15 NRSV pg. 41

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

Responsive Reading Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the

beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

Second Lesson Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 NRSV pg. 1032

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

Sermon *“Families are Quirky Business”* Pastor Rhonda

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”* #687

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the Creator, who moved over the face of the deep at the beginning of creation, who created all that is, and who spoke through the prophets of old. We believe in Jesus Christ, into whom God’s Spirit was poured in fullness and in power, that the whole creation might be restored

and unified; and who promised that the Spirit would come and fill the faithful with power to witness to the mighty love of God. We wait on that Spirit today with longing hearts, seeking to be empowered to witness to God's love in Christ, with fresh words and courageous actions of love and hope. Glory be to God, now and forever. 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 *"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 *"Lord of All Good"* #711

* 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

What prompted the reconciliation between Joseph and his brothers?
Does this story teach us anything about seeking reconciliation with those from whom we are estranged?

Did you know?

The annual statistical report of the General Assembly was released earlier this year. As of the end of 2016, there are 34,641 female elders and 30,583 male elders involved in church leadership. In addition, there are 32,094 female deacons and 12,180 male deacons serving in ministries of care and compassion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 20, 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 Sep 3, 2017

Flowers: The flowers today are given in appreciation for the fourteen years of service Joyce Glover has given as our Office Professional.

THANK YOU: I want to thank everyone who helped make the reception last Sunday for Chrissy's ordination a success. The donations of food, flowers, and help were all appreciated. It was a wonderful afternoon. Pastor Chrissy was so happy and grateful.

Chapel Lane's members and friends are the best. If you brought any food for the reception, please check the kitchen for your containers or plates. Thank you.
Alice Wiltse

Session meets Tuesday evening, August 22, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Elders are reminded their materials for the meeting are online.

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.

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.

Cajun Dinner: Sponsors are requested for our Cajun Dinner on Monday, September 18th. Donations mitigate some of the costs of the dinner which increase our net proceeds designated for the Haiti Project and Chapel Lane members adversely impacted by the recent flood. Envelopes are available in the kiosk.

Volunteers are needed to assist in meal preparation and delivery. We will also need everyone to be sales representatives if we are going to be successful in reaching this year's goal.

Meijer's Simply Give program to assist EFPN: The Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) is the area's beneficiary of Meijer's Fall **Simply Give** program which runs from August 20 through September 16, 2017, with Double Match Days of September 1st and 2nd. Customers may purchase a \$10 Meijer Food Pantry Donation Card at any check-out register or at the customer service desk in Meijer in Midland. Meijer will give your donation to EFPN for the purchase of food items to help stock the shelves in the Network's eight pantries located in Midland County. In addition, Meijer Corporation will make a financial contribution to EFPN. Thank you for your participation in this unique program!
Board of Deacons

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 Sep 3, 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: Paul Teed
Ushers: Karla & Art Beagle, The Petrimoulx Family
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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