



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Aug 27, 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

We give thanks to God with our whole heart.
We give thanks for God’s steadfast love and faithfulness!
Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.
Even when we are in deep trouble, God makes us live again.
The love of God lasts forever!
The love of God lasts forever, indeed!

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* #475

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us this day our indifference to those around us. Forgive us for squandering the many gifts you have given us. Our excuses are many. Each one of us is special in your sight but we have not always used our particular gifts well. We are fickle about our faith, proclaiming and then

opting out of the real work You call us to do. Forgive us, O God, and bring us closer to you. In the name of Christ, 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

* 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 **Romans 12:1-8** NRSV pg. 1033
Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 124

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side – let Israel now say -
If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,
Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;
Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;
Then over us would have gone the raging waters.
Blessed be the Lord who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

NRSV pg. 893

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

Sermon

“A Full-Bodied Faith”

Pastor Rhonda

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response *“Take My Life”* #697

*** Affirmation of Faith**

The Reign of Christ comes not by conquest, domination and manipulation, but by gracious love, gladly given and willingly received. The reign of Christ comes near wherever people covenant together and say:

Christ, we are your body: live in our hearts.

Christ, we are your people: govern our lives.

Christ, we are your witnesses: send us out in your name!

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

Rev. Dave Myers and Paul Teed

*** 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**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

#700

*** 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

Paul urges us not to be conformed to the world's standards, but to be transformed and renewed by God's will.

Is there an area of your life in need of transformation and renewal?

Paul goes on to name a variety of gifts that members of the church have been given, all of which contribute to the overall functioning of the body (the church).

Is there a gift in that list which you possess?

If so, how are you making use of that gift among God's people?

Did you know?

Did you know that the PC(USA)'s Environmental Ministries invites congregations to join with our ecumenical partners around the world in recognizing and supporting September 1st as a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation? It is a great opportunity to give thanks to God for the wonder and beauty of the world around us, praying for the whole of creation and committing ourselves and our resources to act and live in ways that respect and care for the world entrusted to us and to generations yet unborn.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 27, 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 10, 2017

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Carol Rowe to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Chapel Lane.

Session meets Tuesday evening, August 29, 2017, at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Elders are reminded their materials for the meeting are online.

The September Chapel Chimes is now available in your mail folders. Please pick it up on your way in or out of service today to avoid using postage to mail it to you.

Lost and Found: If you brought any food for the reception following Chrissy's ordination, please check the table in the foyer for your container or plates. Thank you.

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.

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.

Mobile Food Pantry: The ninth Mobile Food Pantry (MFP) of this year will be held at North Midland Family Center located on Shearer Road in Mill's Township on Thursday, September 7, 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. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Sep 10, 2017

No Community Announcements this week.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians:	Karen Graef and Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader:	Johanna Jozwiak
Ushers:	Jim Wallace, Nancy & Carl Vander Woude, Butch Brauer
Nursery:	Renee White, Jennifer Hahn, Sarah Hahn
Ministers:	<i>All the members of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church</i>

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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