



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Sept. 3, 2017

10:00 AM

Communion Sunday/Labor Day Weekend

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude Music

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

(Based on Psalm 105)

Give thanks to the Lord; call upon God's name.
Make God's deeds known to all people!
Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord;
Dwell on all God's wondrous works!

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#14

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that, like the disciples, we set our minds not on divine things but on human things. Doubting your loving care, we grab for more than we need. Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink from living as your followers. Doubting your loving plan, we become stumbling blocks in your creation. Forgive us that we may gain new life in you, for it is in Jesus' forgiving 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

* Response of Praise

“Glory Be to the Father”

#581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **(And also with you.)** Please turn to a neighbor and reach out with the right hand of peace.

WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

NRSV pg. 49

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

Second Lesson

Romans 12:9-21

NRSV pg. 1034

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

Sermon

“A Genuine Love”

Pastor Rhonda

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

#299

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that at the Lord's Supper the community of believers is renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again. Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread. He offers us his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins. We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours. In turn, we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death. We celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

* Offertory Response *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* #606
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

* Communion Song *“Come to the Table of Grace”* #507

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

**Renewed by the bread from this table of grace and nourished by the cup of
eternal salvation, we beseech you, O Lord, to stir within us a growing
awareness of your charity, peace and mercy, that your compassion may be
lived out through our purposeful hands in service to you and our neighbor.
In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

* Sending Song *“Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”* #757

* Charge and Benediction

* Benediction Response *“May the God of Hope Go With Us”* #765

May the God of hope go with us every day,

Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,

Bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;

Working, for a world that’s new; faithful, when we hear Christ’s call.

* Postlude

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

The Apostle Paul speaks of acting in a manner befitting Jesus—specifically, letting our love be genuine.

What makes following his encouraging words so difficult?

What are some ways we might make our love more genuine?

Did you know?

Did you know that the American Labor Day was founded in the wake of a strike against the Pullman Company by its employees and the harsh ending of the strike by President Grover Cleveland? 1894 was an election year. President Cleveland seized the chance at conciliation offered by Congressional legislation establishing a day to honor labor, especially labor unions, and Labor Day was born. Cleveland was not re-elected.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Sep 3, 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 17, 2017

Flowers: The flowers today are given by the Fetterolf Family in honor of Brittany's birthday.

Office Closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

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.

Pictorial Directory: Barb Boyer will be in the Fellowship area to schedule members for the pictorial directory beginning on Welcome Sunday, September 10 through the week of October 8. To avoid scheduling conflicts, please bring your calendars. Your photo sitting may be scheduled from 2-9 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11 through Friday, October 13 or on Saturday, October 14 from 2-4 p.m. If you plan to be out of town, there is the opportunity to schedule with Lifetouch photographers at a site in Midland or in the area. Barb Boyer can help you with this. Board of Membership and Growth

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: It's time to reserve your Cajun dinner by phone (835-4542) or by email k2buell@aol.com. The cost is remaining at \$8.00 per meal and includes red beans and rice, cornbread, salads and cookies. Net assets are to be distributed to the Haiti Project and Flood relief.

Cajun Dinner Cookies: We are once again looking for cookie bakers for the Cajun Dinner on September 18. Needed are four dozen chocolate chip cookies (no nuts), place two cookies per sandwich bag and deliver them to the church on the 17th or the morning of the 18th. Please put your name on your bundle. If you are able to help, please let Carol Rowe know at church, by phone, 486-8329 or email carolrowe@charter.net. Your help is appreciated!

Mobile Food Pantry Update: The MFP held on Thursday, August 17th, at Midland Missionary Church in Greendale Township was funded by an anonymous couple. The 43 volunteers provided 21,714 pounds of boxed and canned goods, bottled juices, breads and pastries, fresh produce (carrots, cucumbers, watermelon, cabbage, tomatoes), and frozen meat for the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. This eighth MFP of this year is a program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry (EFPN). The next MFP of this year will be on Thursday, September 7, at North Midland Family Center located on East Shearer Road Mills Township. If you wish to volunteer in this ministry (about four hours per event on a Wednesday or a Thursday), please contact Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428. You are needed! Board of Deacons

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

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be dedicated on World Communion Sunday on October 1st. Chapel Lane will retain 25% of the offering to be used locally to spread peace here in our own community. If you have any suggestions how we can use this money please contact Alice Wiltse, 631-7271 or wiltsealice1943@charter.net. Envelopes are available in the pew racks for your donation. Other information can be found in the inserts in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you from the 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.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Sep 17, 2017

No Community Announcements this week.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians:	Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader:	Carl Vander Woude
Ushers:	John and Carol Ostergren, Roger and Zachary Hahn
Communion Servers:	Alice Wiltse and Carol Rowe
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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