



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

Sept. 17, 2017

10:00 AM

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

\* Please stand, if you are able

### 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 silence your phone, sign the Fellowship Pad and use the prayer request cards for your joys/concerns.)*

**Interlude Music & Lighting of the Christ Candle “God Welcomes All” #399**  
*(Choir sings through once, congregation follows, singing twice)*

**Call to Worship** *(Based on Psalm 114, Easy to Read Version)*

The people of Israel escaped from Egypt.  
**Then Judah became God’s special people, and Israel became his kingdom.**  
The Red Sea saw this and ran away.  
**The Jordan River turned and ran.**  
The mountains danced like rams. The hills danced like lambs.  
**The earth jiggled in front of the Lord, the God of Jacob.**  
For God is the one who caused water to flow from a rock.  
**And God is to be honored for bringing life to the world and water from a stone.**

### Gathering Prayer

\* **Gathering Song** *“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” #203*

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Dear God, we thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know this week we didn’t always live the way you told us to live. We did hurtful things. And we forgot to do the good things you call us to do. Only you can save us, Lord. So please forgive us and help us to live as your children. We ask this in Jesus’ name. 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** *“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” #35 (vs. 3)*  
*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in m adore him!*  
*All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!*  
*Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.*

### \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

## WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD’S WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson** **Romans 14:1-12** **NRSV pg. 1034**  
Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson** **Matthew 18:21-35** **NRSV pg. 896**  
Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Praise Chorus

**Children’s Sermon** **The Bucket Brigade**

**Sermon** **“What Does It Mean to Forgive?”**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

\* **Song of Response** *“Guide My Feet” #741*

\* **Affirmation of Faith** *A Summary of the Law (Matthew 22:37-40)*  
**Our Lord Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. 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**                      **“Great God of Every Blessing”**                      **#694 (vs. 1)**  
*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,  
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
Sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.*

\* **Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings**

**WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE**

- \* **Sending Song**                              **“For Everyone Born”**                              **#769**

\* **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**

Why is it so hard to be forgiving?  
What do we have in common with the servant  
who wants forgiveness for himself but not for others?  
What may the Spirit be speaking to our hearts and minds today?

***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Sep 17, 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 Oct 1, 2017**

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**Lectionary-Based Class:** Plan to join the Lectionary-Based Class, which meets at 9:00 a.m. in the Library each Sunday to explore in more detail the Scripture reading assigned to that week and which frequently (but not always!) serves as the basis of that week’s sermon. We hope to see you there!

**Fall Contemporary Issues Class:** Please join us in the parlor each Sunday this fall after the 10 a.m. service for a new contemporary issues class. We will be discussing the book *How Jesus Saves the World From Us: 12 Antidotes to Toxic Christianity* by Morgan Guyton. Guyton, a Methodist pastor, argues that many people are reluctant to attend church because the loudest Christian voices they hear sound harsh, judgmental and intolerant. He suggests that it is time for more compassionate and welcoming voices to assert themselves and he provides a roadmap for mainline Christian congregations to do just that. The class will be co-led by Pastor Rhonda Myers and Paul Teed. Please join us!

**Pictorial Directory:** How many of you know our members by first and last name? What about their children's names and to whom they belong? We need your picture. Please sign up for your photo time. Olan Mills has joined with Lifetouch to bring us excellent photographers. You will receive a free 8X10 regardless of purchase.

**Mobile Food Pantry Update:** The MFP held on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at North Midland Family Center in Mills Township was funded by an anonymous couple. The 56 volunteers provided 17,677 pounds of boxed and canned goods, fresh produce, frozen meat, and bakery goods and breads from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan to 202 families (573 individuals). This ninth MFP of this year is a program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry (EFPN). The next MFP will be on Thursday, October 5, at the United Steelworkers Hall on the corner of Waldo and James Savage Roads in Midland. If you wish to volunteer in this ministry, please contact Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

**Afternoon Ladies' Circle:** The afternoon ladies' circle will have its first study of the 2017-2018 season on (the third) Monday, September 18, in the church **parlor**. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The lesson book is entitled **Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews** and costs \$11. Each of the nine lessons will focus on a specific theme revealed in The Epistle to the Hebrews with the overarching motif of *community*. The emphasis of the first lesson is that Jesus, the Christ, is the basis of all of our faith and action, individually and as a faith community. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

**Fun in Faith** will get together on Friday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the church for a Hawaiian dinner and program planning for the year. Please sign up to attend on the poster in the foyer. Wear a Hawaiian shirt if you have one. It will be a fun evening of good food and fellowship. Questions, contact Erlene Carmody or Nona Willing.

**Presbyterian Women Luncheon:** We will meet on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up by Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 any questions.

**FEMA Assistance:** Hours at the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Isabella and Midland counties will change effective immediately. Hours will now be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The DRC in Isabella County is located at 4855 E. Bluegrass Road, Mt. Pleasant, MI. The DRC in Midland County is located at Carpenter Street School, 1407 W. Carpenter St. in Midland, MI. The deadline to register for FEMA disaster assistance is October 2.

**LHP PW Fall Gathering:** Presbyterian Women of Lake Huron Presbytery (that's us!) are invited to attend the 2017 Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 14, to be held at Lapeer First Presbyterian Church, 433 North Calhoun Street, Lapeer, Michigan, starting at 10 a.m. and continuing to 3 p.m. Registration is \$10 per person and includes the meal, plus the program, which focuses on John 5:1, "Out of Darkness into the Light." Registration is due by October 1. To register, or for other information, contact Nancy Macklem, Lake Huron's PW Treasurer, at 989-259-7040.

**Molly Young Update:** "Dear Chapel Lane Family, I wanted to share an update with you on my treatments! I just received my 12<sup>th</sup> dose of chemo this week, with four more to go. One of those drugs will continue until July 2018, every three weeks, and I will start radiation this fall for six weeks. I have been incredibly fortunate in how well I've responded to the treatments and have been able to continue most of my teaching and performing schedule as usual! Today is the first day back for the choir at the National Shrine and this Sunday will be our first of our new season. Your prayers, cards, gifts, and love have been such a strengthening support throughout all of this and I am so grateful to all of you! Thank you so much for keeping me in your hearts. I am so blessed to have such an amazing community by my side! With love, Molly"

**Funeral Service for Jean Hillman:** The funeral service for Susan Hillman's mother, Jean, is scheduled for October 21, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Presbyterian Church.

**The Peace & Global Witness Offering:** "So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near." Ephesians 2:14-17. The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports every level of the PC (U.S.A.) to work for peace and respond to injustice in their own contexts and around the globe. 65.3 million people worldwide need help. Mostly women and children, these people have fled their homes to escape violence and persecution. Now at the highest levels ever recorded, the global refugee

crisis represents one of the greatest humanitarian needs around the world. Chapel Lane will retain 25% of the offering to be used locally to spread peace here in our own community. This offering will be dedicated on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Envelopes for your donation can be found in the pew racks. Thank you for your gifts.

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 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.

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#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Oct 1, 2017

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**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Regional Scholarship:** This scholarship is available to any Great Lakes Bay Region high school senior, regardless of ethnicity, who actively embraces Dr. King's dream of social justice. The deadline for submission is October 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications are available online through the Saginaw Community Foundation (<http://www.saginawfoundation.org/site/scholarships/mlk/>).

**Used Book Sale:** AAUW, American Association of University Women, Midland Branch will have a used book sale at the Midland Mall on Friday and Saturday, September 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The proceeds provide scholarships for girls and women. To donate books, call 430-2067 or 600-1433. For more information online: [midland-mi.aauw.net](http://midland-mi.aauw.net) or [aauwmidland@gmail.com](mailto:aauwmidland@gmail.com).

**Hospice Volunteer Training for McLaren Hospice:** Tuesday evening, October 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 6-9 p.m. at McLaren Hospice, 2110 16<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 7, Bay City, MI in the conference room. Volunteers will be utilized in the areas where they live. Please register

by September 29. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sue McCarty, Volunteer Coordinator at 989-316-4349.

***Participants in Today's Service***

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers  
**Musicians (8:15):** Aubrey Root and Doug Moe  
**(10:00):** Karen Graef and Dr. Tim Hendrickson  
**Worship Leader(8:15):** Susan Gaul  
**(10:00):** Holly Roenicke  
**Ushers (8:15):** Howard Lewis  
**(10:00):** John and Carol Ostergren, Mike and Cathy 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.*

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**Did You Know?**

Did you know that the PC(USA) has a monthly online article called *RE: Regarding Elders* which provides resources for our Ruling Elders? You can access an archive of articles at [pcusa.org/re-regarding-elders](http://pcusa.org/re-regarding-elders).