



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

Feb. 25, 2018

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

\* Please stand, if you are able

### Prelude Music

### Welcome and Announcements

Welcome, friends. We're so glad you came to join us in our worship of God today. We hope you'll feel the Spirit's love surround you and that you'll leave this place feeling refreshed and renewed. You are very welcome here, and we hope you'll come again and join us in worship, study and fellowship as we strive to make some very special friends. *(Please sign the Fellowship Pad and use the prayer request cards for your joys/concerns.)*

### Interlude Music and Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship

*(Based on Psalm 22:23-31, ERV)*

Holy God, I will tell my people about you. I will praise you in the great assembly.

**Let us worship and praise the LORD!**

Honor and respect the Lord, trusting that God doesn't ignore those who need help.

**God doesn't ignore or turn away from them, but listens when they cry for help.**

Lord, because of you I offer praise in the great assembly.

**In front of all these worshipers I will do all that I promised.**

You who have come looking for God, praise the Lord!

**May our hearts be happy forever.**

May those in distant lands remember and worship the Lord.

**God is the ruler of all nations.**

May our descendants serve the Lord, and those not yet born be told about the God of our believing.

**And may each generation tell their children about the good things the Lord has done.**

### Gathering Prayer

\* Gathering Song

*“Come, Worship God”*

#386

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Precious Savior, we confess that:

we have talked a great deal about faith yet have been slow to take its risks,  
we have lauded forgiveness yet have been miserly in giving it,  
we have praised truth yet have fudged our own integrity,  
we have extolled love yet have placed conditions on our loving,  
we have urged hope for others yet have ourselves lived like cynics,  
we have honoured Christ's Cross yet have avoided our own.

Most faithful God, by your Spirit, enter the secret caverns of the soul and reveal our sins that we may be counselled, cleansed and redeemed. Forgive us until forgiveness is such a part of who we are as children of grace that it may become a way of life as we deal with those around us. In the name of Christ, our Redeemer, 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

*“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*

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*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.*

*I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.*

*You came from heaven to earth to show the way,*

*From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;*

*From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;*

*Lord, I lift your name on high.*

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## WE OPEN OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

NRSV, page 12

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

Second Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

NRSV, page 919

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon "A Covenant, Did You Say?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

\* Song of Response "What Wondrous Love Is This" #215

\*Affirmation of Faith --Philippians 2:5-11
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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 "As the Sun with Longer Journey" C. Schalk
Chancel Choir

As the sun with longer journey melts the winter's snow and ice,
With its slowly growing radiance warms the seed beneath the earth,
May the sun of Christ's uprising gently bring our hearts to life.

Through the days of waiting, watching, in the desert of our sin,
Searching on the far horizon for a sign of cloud or wind,
We await the healing waters of our Savior's victory.

Praise be given to the maker of the season's yearly round:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit Source, Sustainer, Lord of life,
As the ages roll to their eternal rest.

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\* Offertory Response "Now Thank We All Our God" #643 (vs. 3)
All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven.
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

\* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\* Sending Song "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Benediction Response "On Eagles' Wings" #43 (Refrain)
And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

\* Postlude

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

Jesus asks his disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him.
How can we practice self-denial for the sake of the gospel?
Is every instance of self-denial an act of obedience to Jesus?
Can some forms of self-denial foster oppression?

Did you know?

Did you know that Lake Huron Presbytery has an online newsletter called "The Biweekly Brief"?
You can receive it online by going to their website at www.presbylh.org and signing up.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 25, 2018

**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 March 11, 2018

**Ordination and Installation** of Officers to be held during 10 a.m. Worship TODAY. Please make a point of welcoming our new class of Ruling Elders and Deacons during our Fellowship Hour following that Worship service.

**Session:** Session will meet this Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. The Clerk will send out the Agenda in advance. Please be sure to submit your Board or Committee reports to him by the end of the day, today.

**Lectionary-Based Class:** The Lectionary-based class meets at 9:00 a.m. in the library. We hope you will consider joining us.

**Followers In the Spirit Here:** Music, formation, fellowship and more. Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Pre-kindergarten to Senior High. For Lent, we will be offering some "Dinner and More" events after our FISH program. The Schedule looks like this:

Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Dinner @ 6p.m and Service of Ashes @ 7pm.

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Dinner and Project: Make a Pottery Prayer Dish

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Dinner and Project: Make a Chain of Prayer Beads

Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Dinner and Worship: Taize Service

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

Dinner and Project: Paint-a-Canvas with a Lenten Stencil

Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Dinner and Project: Bake a Pretzel

No Wednesday dinner Holy Week, March 28<sup>th</sup>;

Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

Dinner and Worship with Communion

**The Thursday Afternoon Bible Study:** Studying the Minor Prophets, Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

**Presbyterian Women Luncheon:** We will meet Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up by Sunday, February 25<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.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Mar 11, 2018**

**Donate Your Used Appliances:** Pivot Point is a nonprofit employment support program. We hire people with high barriers to employment and help them become good employees so that they may find permanent employment. We operate a used appliance store and we are in need of appliances. **Do you have any working or nonworking appliances that are no longer needed?** Give us a call and we will gladly come pick them up for free. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated. Our phone number is (989) 244-8888 and we are located at 308 E. Lyon, Midland, MI 48640. Our hours are Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers  
**Musicians(8:15):** Aubrey Root, Doug Moe  
**(10:00):** Karen Graef, Dr. Tim Hendrickson  
**Worship Leader(8:15):** Ron Hynds  
**(10:00):** Ernie Caldwell  
**Ushers(8:15):**  
**(10:00):** Butch and Judy Brauer, Carl and Nancy Vander Woude  
**Nursery:** Renee White and Jennifer 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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