



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Apr. 8, 2018 Second Sunday of the Easter Season 10:00 AM

The Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna, Guest Preacher
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 133:1-3 & John 20:21-22)*

Peace be with you.

How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.

Receive the Holy Spirit.

It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.

Gathering Prayer

* **Gathering Song** *“The Day of Resurrection”* #233

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. *(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** *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* #12 (vs. 1)
Immortal, invisible, God only wise
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

* 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 **Acts 4:32-35** **NRSV, page 995**
Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson **John 20:19-31** **NRSV, page 989**
Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon **“Need for Proof”** **Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna**

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* **Song of Response** *“Thine is the Glory”* #238

* Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God, the Creator Spirit, who moved upon 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. Amen.

Morning Prayers 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 “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” #299 (vs. 4)**

*Then let us adore and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.*

*** Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings**

WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*** Sending Song “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” #248**

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Benediction Response “Christ Is Alive!” #246 (vs. 5)**

*Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
'Til earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.*

*** Postlude**

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Did you know?

Did you know that today we recognize the work of the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP)? SDOP is a ministry that affirms God's concern for humankind. The Presbyterian SDOP committee works with ecumenical partners to reduce poverty and oppression by uniting in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling for the purpose of empowering economically poor, oppressed,

and disadvantaged people, while also seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. Their Core Strategies are to:

- Promote Justice
- Build stronger communities
- Seek economic equity

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Apr 8, 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 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 April 22, 2018

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, lessons, fellowship and more. Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pre-kindergarten to Senior High.

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

Church Directory: It is again time to update the Church Directory. **Today** and the next two Sundays, a table will be set out with copies of the current information. Please review the sheets and make the necessary updates. **If your information is correct, please initial by your family's name so that the office will know it was reviewed.** If you have a friend or relative listed on the "Non-Resident Member" page or you know of someone who should be on the "Non-Resident Member" page, please make any updates that are required. We would like to make the directory as accurate as possible when it is distributed. Thank you from the Office Administrator.

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to assist with various duties during the worship services here at Chapel Lane. We need people to serve as Worship Leaders, Ushers, and Communion Servers. Training will be supplied to help you in performing your duties. If we can get enough volunteers, you should only need to serve on four to six Sundays per year. To volunteer, please contact Howard Lewis (631-5213) or Ron Hynds (835-4917). Thank you for helping in this very important service to the Lord.

Manual of Administrative Operations (MAO): The MAO has been missing from the church office for about 4 weeks. If you know of its whereabouts, please return it to the office.

Fun in Faith: Sign up today to join the Fun in Faith folks for a family style Amish Dinner at Countryside Dinners in Clare on **Friday, April 13th** at 6:00 p.m. **NOTE DATE CHANGE.** Cost is \$15.00 (without tip) and includes chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade noodles, green beans, tossed salad, homemade breads, butter, homemade apple butter or jams, apple and cherry pies. Directions to Countryside Dinners are on the poster. Sign-up deadline is Thursday, April 5th. See Sally Ginter-Coats for further information.

Afternoon Ladies' Circle will meet on Monday, April 16, in the church library (please note location change) from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. In this eighth lesson, "Hebrews" focuses on our timeless need for a physical and spiritual home where the love and hospitality of Jesus are displayed. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Please call Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428.

Out of Chaos, HOPE: The Presbyterian Mission Agency has published its annual "Year in Review." Your copy is waiting for you in the Chapel Lane library. Help yourself today and learn how Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responded to disasters in the U.S. and around the world in 2017, thanks to you and other Presbyterians across the country.

And while you're in the library, check out a children's **Easter book** (displayed on the table), to share with your child today!

From PDA: In 2017, because of your generous support, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) was able to **grant more than \$4 million across the globe; support 7,136** work team volunteers who helped those affected by disaster; **deploy 418** National Response Team members who spent **2,122** days in the field in **70 presbyteries; train 110** Presbyterian Women in disaster preparedness; **screen films in 6 festivals;** and through Church World Service, aid in the collection and distribution of **243,942 Gift of the Heart kits** and blankets. **In the United States and Puerto Rico,** grants totaling **\$1,710,381.76** were disbursed for recovery from hurricanes, floods, human-caused disasters, tornadoes, fires, storms and refugee ministry...and, **additionally, 7,136 blue-shirt volunteers gave more than 200,000 hours of volunteer labor valued at over \$4.8 million.** THANK YOU!

Local Mission Opportunity: Trinity Lutheran's Disaster Relief team has invited members of Chapel Lane to join them the weeks of April 9 and April 16 in restoring three Midland area home severely damaged by last year's flood. As you may remember, this is the group that put a lot of time and energy in restoring Betsy Evan's home. Three projects are ready to start. The houses are located on Eastman Road, Sturgeon Ave. and Pine River Road. Each of these houses had several feet of water in the living areas of the home, and the homeowners are anxious to have the space useable once again. All of the projects will have a small amount of framing, some insulation, and hanging and finishing drywall. We will be installing interior doors and laying snap together flooring at each of the houses as well. Each of these projects is substantial, and will need lots of volunteers to finish them in the time allotted. There will be plenty of work for skilled as well as unskilled workers.

For these projects, we will be partnering with The Midland Area Foundation and Habitat for Humanity. The foundation has provided funding, case management, a construction supervisor, and lunches. Habitat is providing tools and materials. We will have a tool van from Michigan Habitat for Humanity which will enable us to work on multiple projects at the same time. Those wishing to participate should meet Monday, April 9, at Trinity Lutheran at 8:00 a.m. If you have questions, contact Kelly Buell at k2buell@aol.com or 835-4542.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through April 22, 2018

Grove Music Festival Presents: Classics for a Sunday Afternoon, featuring the music of Beethoven, Saint-Saens, Bruch, and Brahms. TODAY at 3:00 p.m. Admission \$10, Students \$5. Ralph Skiano-Clarinet, Wei Yu – Cello, Pauline Martin – Piano.

Spring Gathering: Please join us for our Annual 2018 Spring Gathering: "Celebrating the Gifts of Women", Saturday, April 14, Westminster Presbyterian Church (USA), 103 E. Midland St. Bay City, MI 48708 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The organization Women At Risk International is our featured topic for the day. Light refreshments will be served. Lunch is on your own. There is no fee for this event. For more information on the organization, visit the W.A.R. website at <https://warinternational.org/>.

Participants in Today's Service

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Lisa McIlvenna
Musicians(8:15): Linda Langrill, Doug Moe
(10:00): Karen Graef, Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader(8:15): Susan Gaul
(10:00): Johanna Jozwiak-Stover
Ushers (10:00): Tom and Karen Adams, Erlene Carmody, Carol Rowe
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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