



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Apr. 15, 2018

Third Sunday of the Easter Season

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 4 ERV)

God, as we come to worship you, be kind to us and hear our prayer.

We can be sure that anyone who serves the LORD faithfully is special to God.

Yes, the LORD listens when we pray.

We can put our trust in God!

Many people say, “I wish I could enjoy the good life. LORD, give us some of those blessings.”

But the LORD has made us happier than they will ever be with all their wine and grain.

Thank you for providing us peace, O LORD.

Thank you for letting us live in safety.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

#263

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. 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

“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

I John 3:1-7

NRSV, page 1111

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

Second Lesson

Luke 24:36b-48

NRSV, page 965

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

Children’s Sermon

The Bucket Brigade

Sermon

“Peace for the Doubters”

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

#254

***Affirmation of Faith**

(From the Confession of 1967)

The reconciliation of (humankind) through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God's good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world's poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations....A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence, makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

Quilts of Valor Dedication and Blessing

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 the Lord is Risen Today!" #245**

*** 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!

Questions for Reflection

When Jesus appeared to the disciples, "he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45).

What is it to "understand" God's word?

How does understanding feed your faith?

In the coming week, take note of one new understanding that comes to you from something you hear or read or realize through another person.

Did you know?

Fighting hunger is at the heart of our Presbyterian understanding of mission. Jesus fed the hungry and told his disciples to do the same. Yet, we know that hunger is an extremely complex phenomenon with economic, political and social causes. A local congregation can make a huge impact on local hunger through food pantries, soup kitchens, community meals, community gardens, backpack programs and more. They can also make a significant impact on reducing global hunger. Our monthly "Bucket Brigade" helps to support the Presbyterian Hunger Program's international efforts to feed the hungry.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Apr 15, 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 29, 2018

Flowers: The flowers today are given by Jennifer Mayer in honor of Jim's 50th birthday.

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.

Quilts of Valor: Please help us by taking a QOV to be washed (cool water with a color catcher under the case and a cool dryer) and return it by Sunday, April 22nd. There will be a box in the back of the Sanctuary. There are a total of 9 QOVs to go out to our veterans. Thank you!

Church Directory: It is again time to update the Church Directory. **Today** and next Sunday, 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 8 weeks. If you know of its whereabouts, please return it to the office.

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.

One Great Hour of Sharing: The Board of Deacons thanks you for your generous donations to the 2018 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The total donated was \$12,905.00. These donations are sent to PC (USA) and are split three ways, 36% to Presbyterian Hunger Program, 32% to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and 32% to the Self-Development of People. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Presbyterian Women Luncheon: We will meet Tuesday, April 24th at Shirlene's at 11:30 a.m. Sign-up by Sunday, April 22nd. 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.

Deacon Disbursement of Emergency Relief Support: The budget of the Board of Deacons provides a donation of \$300.00 every quarter to a cause in need of emergency relief. The first quarter recipient was the area of Louisville, KY, devastated by the flood earlier this year. The second quarter recipient is the Flood Disaster Relief Project fund at the Midland Community Foundation for the repairing of 13 houses (open cases) damaged by our flood this past June. The Board of Deacons will decide the third quarter recipient at its September meeting.

Food Pantry: Next Sunday is Food Pantry Collection Day. Donations of non-perishable food, personal care, baby care, and household care products are appreciated. The H.E.L.P. Food Pantry at Memorial Presbyterian Church will distribute these gifts. Financial donations are also welcomed by writing a check to Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church and designating it for the Food Pantry. Thank you from the Board of Deacons!

Local Mission Opportunity: Trinity Lutheran's Disaster Relief team has invited members of Chapel Lane to join them the week of 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 16, at Trinity Lutheran at 8:00 a.m. If you have questions, contact Kelly Buell at k2buell@aol.com or 835-4542.

Walk MS Coming Soon! On Saturday, April 28, hundreds of people will be walking in Midland to raise money to support people with Multiple Sclerosis. Each year, Chapel Lane members help to make this event a success as Volunteers, Walkers, or supporting

one of the other TEAM DOW team members by making a donation. The money raised provides direct assistance to Multiple Sclerosis patients and their families and supports medical research for better treatments and someday a cure to repair the nerve damage caused by this disease. There are both one mile and three mile Walk routes available.

Volunteers are needed for Friday night setup, April 27, at 4 p.m. and on Saturday morning, April 28, at 8:30 a.m. at Midland High School. For more information, go to Facebook at "Walk MS-Midland", see the fundraising table, visit <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/goto/DowMIWalkTeam> 2018 or send email to hemyers@dow.com. Thanks very much to the Chapel Lane family for your continuing support of this terrific cause.

Helen Myers

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!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through April 29, 2018

Open Door: Did you know that 1,060 individuals volunteered at Midland's Open Door in 2017? You are invited to the 2018 Volunteer Appreciation Dessert Social, Wednesday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Greater Midland Community Center, Barstow Shipp's Ballroom, 2205 S. Jefferson Ave. in Midland. Please RSVP by April 16 to office@midlandopendoor.org or 989-835-2291.

HELP Food Pantry at Memorial Presbyterian Church will be hosting an open house on Sunday, April 22, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the lower level (basement) of the church. In celebration of the church's 150th anniversary, the food pantry has been relocated to better serve the guests who receive food and the volunteer workers. Please come to see how this pantry functions. Thank you to all who support the pantry with food, money and service.

Board of Deacons

Midland County Flood Recovery Project: From Response to Recovery has issued a plea for a critical emergency funding to restore homes and rebuild lives broken by the storm of June 23, 2017. To date, \$417,000 has been generously donated and allocated to this Project. But the Project faces an end to its services on April 30th without receipt of additional funds. There are 13 open cases of home repair requirement with an estimated funding need of \$200,000. All gifts will fully resource rebuilding efforts, without

administrative expense. The Project is hoping to complete their initiative by the one year anniversary of the flood, June 23, 2018. If you wish to contribute to this gift of hope, you may do so through the church by including a designated offering in the plate during offertory. Or you may contribute to the Midland Area Community Foundation with attention to the Disaster Relief Project Fund. Thank you, in advance, for responding with compassion toward our neighbors.

Participants in Today's Service

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
Musicians(8:15):	Aubrey Root, Doug Moe
(10:00):	Karen Graef
Worship Leader(8:15):	Howard Lewis
(10:00):	Howard Lewis
Ushers (10:00):	Bill and Sally Ginter-Coats, Carol Rowe, Barry Moyer
Nursery:	Renee White and Jennifer 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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