



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Apr. 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season/Earth Day 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 22, 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 May 6, 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, Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring a finger food to share. We will be making plans for next year's study.

Session: Session will meet this **Monday @ 7:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. **PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE.** 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.

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 29th. 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!

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.

Community Garden Mulching: We are looking for volunteers to help with putting mulch down this coming Friday, April 27th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. There is a local baseball team of about 9 & 10-year-olds who will be helping out also. We will be laying down cardboard first. If you have question, contact Wayne Stover.

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/DowMIWalkTeam2018> 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

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.

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.

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.

Habitat for Humanity Women's Build: We have signed up to provide lunch on Monday, May 7th as well as participating in the build that day. Volunteers are needed to bake cookies, help “serve” lunch and, of course, help with construction. Sign up in the parlor.

Pentecost Offering: Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$14 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to do even more, to inspire, support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks for your donation. More information will be found in future Sunday bulletins.

HELP Food Pantry at Memorial Presbyterian Church will be hosting an open house **TODAY** 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.

Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 1:00 PM: A Family Friendly Acoustic Folk Concert featuring Hayden Carruth, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 405 N. Saginaw Rd. in Midland. The pacing and variety of this roots, blues & Americana musician's performance will keep the instruments circulating and promises to keep the young & young at heart engaged & entertained! Featured songs include “If I had A Hammer” and “How Can I Keep From Singing?” An ice cream social follows the concert. While admission is free, good will donations are encouraged.

AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM: A presentation entitled “An Introduction to Islam” will be held by members of the Islamic Center of Midland on Sunday, April 29, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This learning opportunity and pizza supper are being held at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish located on the corner of Swede and Ashman Roads in Midland. Please register by Monday, April 23, by calling 989-835-6777. Everyone is welcome.

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): Ron Hynds
(10:00): Ron Hynds
Ushers (10:00): Tom and Karen Adams. Erlene Carmody, Barry Moyer
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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