



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

Apr. 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of the Easter Season

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

* Please stand, if you are able

Prelude Music

“Here In This Place”

arr. T. Hendrickson

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 22:25-31)

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

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

You who have come looking for the LORD, praise him! May your hearts be happy forever.

May those who are distant remember the LORD and worship him.

The LORD is the King, ruling over all the nations.

Our descendants will serve him.

Those who are not yet born will be told about him.

May each generation tell their children about the good things the LORD has done.

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“Here In This Place”

#401

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name 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

“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 4:7-21

NRSV, page 1112

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

Second Lesson

John 15:1-8

NRSV, page 983

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

“A Fearless Love”

**Pastor Rhonda with
help from Elder Paul Teed**

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

#629

***Affirmation of Faith**

(from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q.4)

What does the law require of us?

Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22:37-40: ‘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.”

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

“I Will Be the Vine”

Chancel Choir

Lawton

R. I will be the vine and you will be the branches. All you who live in me will never die. I will be the sign, I will offer many chances, so live, Oh live in me and you shall have new life.

Remain in me, as I remain in you. You may ask as you will ask what you will, and you shall receive! R.

If you are my friends, you will live my commands. There is no greater love, No greater love than to lay down your life for your friends. R.

Text: Public Domain. John 15.

*** 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**

“I Danced In the Morning”

#157

*** 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

What is your deepest desire?

Jesus says that “whatever you wish . . . it will be done for you” (John 15:7).

Spend time in the next few days asking yourself what you most devoutly wish for in this life and the next.

Then ask for it.

Did you know?

Did you know that a National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by Congress, signed into law by President Harry S. Truman and, in 1988, was designated as the first Thursday of May? Every president since 1952 has signed a National Day of Prayer proclamation. Prayer brings people together, building bridges between opposing persons and parties and reminding us that we are created in God's image and are called to represent God everywhere we go. Prayer also brings UNITY. In 2018, the theme is **Pray for America – UNITY**. Ephesians 4:3 says, “*(Make) every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Apr 29, 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 13, 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 May Chapel Chimes Newsletter is available in your mail folders. Please take it home with you when you leave this morning.

Church Directory: **Today** is the last day to submit your updates to the Church Directory. 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.

The Monday Evening Circle will meet May 7th at 6:30 p.m. for a Pot Luck Dinner at the home of Erlene Carmody, 2007 Wilmington Drive. Erlene will provide the main course. We are asked to bring a salad, a vegetable or dessert. After the meal, we will finish the season studying lesson 9 of the study guide. Please call Erlene at 835-7918 if you have questions. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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: This is the second special offering of the year. The offering will be split four ways: Ten percent of the offering supports the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative, which was affirmed at the 221 General Assembly (2014). The goal of this initiative is to motivate and inspire Presbyterians to better the lives of one million children by 2020. Envelopes are available in the pew racks for your donations. This offering will be dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through May 13, 2018

AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM: A presentation entitled "An Introduction to Islam" will be held by members of the Islamic Center of Midland **TODAY**, 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.

Give Local Midland: On May 1, 2018, join the movement of Give Local Midland and support Midland County Habitat for Humanity! Donations will support their Endowment Fund with the Midland Area Community Foundation. Gifts given on May 1st will receive a portion of bonus funds-making your dollar go further. Donate online at www.givelocalmidland.org. Gifts of cash or checks must be received at the MACF offices before 5 p.m. on May 1st. Reference donation is MCHFH.

National Day of Prayer: Come join us on Thursday, May 3, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. on the Front lawn area of First United Methodist Church on Main Street in Midland.

Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 3:00 PM: Piano Solo Works of Johannes Brahms, Clara & Robert Schumann. Pianist MiJung C. Trepanier, D.M.A., has performed across the globe and been elected one of the artists in the Michigan Council Performance Touring Program. Also a teacher and lecturer, her program will share how the personal relationships of these German romantic era composers inspired each other. Light refreshments and an artist's reception follow the concert. While admission is free, good will donations are encouraged.

Free Concert: The Midland Community Orchestra, Gina Provenzano, Conductor, in collaboration with The Chippewa Nature Center and the Midland Camera Club, presents a free concert on Sunday, May 6, at 3:00 p.m. at the Bullock Creek Auditorium. A reception in the lobby follows the concert.

FREE RUMMAGE SALE: A free (yes, **FREE!**) rummage sale will be held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at 2417 Abbott Road, across the road from Mulberry Tree Apartments and not far from the Dow corporate entrance on the corner of Abbott and Eastlawn. Any free-will donations will be given to a local non-profit organization.

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, Dr. Tim Hendrickson
Worship Leader(8:15):	Alice Wiltse
(10:00):	Howard Lewis
Ushers (10:00):	Tom and Karen Adams, Bill and Sally Ginter-Coats
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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