



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”

May 6, 2018 Sixth 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 98)

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Gathering Prayer

* Gathering Song

“Praise to the Lord”

#35

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' 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

“Glory Be to the Father”

#581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

* 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 5:1-6

NRSV, page 1112

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

Second Lesson

John 15:9-17

NRSV, page 983

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

Sermon

“Good Pickin's”

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

* Song of Response

“For the Fruit of All Creations”

#36

*Affirmation of Faith

--The Confession of 1967 (Adapted from 9.15, 9.17)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. Man is free to seek his life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use his creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Offering of our Gifts

Offertory

“Sing a New Song to the Lord”

Chancel Choir

J. Bell

*** Offertory Response**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#606

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*** Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings**

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*** Communion Song**

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

#754

The Communion of the People of God

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

The Words of Institution

The Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

The Communion of the People of God

The Prayer After Communion

WE GO OUT AS GOD’S PEOPLE

*** Sending Song**

“Come! Live in the Light”

#749

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Benediction Response**

“The Summons”

#726 (vs.5)

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company, I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*** Postlude**

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Questions for Reflection

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends,

and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God.

How does thinking of Christ as our friend and the One who loves us

—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

Did you know?

Did you know that June 1st is the final date to apply for a formative year of service with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.’s Young Adult Volunteer program for the year 2018-2019? You must be between the ages of 19-30 to apply.

Candidates are accepted as they apply in a rolling placement model.

More information can be found at the denomination’s website:

www.pcusa.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF May 6, 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 20, 2018

Lectionary-Based Class: The Lectionary-based class will not meet on May 13, but will resume on May 20 and continue through May 27.

Contemporary Issues Class: We have been studying the issue of Racism and White Privilege this year, using the resource *Waking Up White*. Today at 11:20 a.m. in the parlor is our last class for this program year.

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. This is our last Wednesday F.I.S.H. event for this program year.

All Board Night this Tuesday, starting with devotions at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Gifts and Memorials Committee this Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

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.

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.

Fence Painting: The youth will continue painting the fence outside the nursery on Saturday, May 12th, from 1:30 – 4 p.m. as a part of their mission project.

Music Sunday: Next Sunday, Mother's Day, May 13th at 10:00 a.m. is our Music Sunday Worship. It is also Karen Graef's last day as our Director of Music. Come out and show your support to our choirs and especially to Miss Karen.

Pentecost Offering: This is the second special offering of the year. Your donations will be split four ways. Twenty-five percent goes to ministries with youth, ages 12-18 and those called to accompany them. Envelopes are available in the pew racks for your donations. This offering will be dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 20.

Missional Garden: Calling all gardeners, or anyone that can dig holes, hold fence, a hammer or other tools! Wednesday, May 16, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (Rain date May 23, 4:00-6:00 p.m.) is the community planting date and the day we will be helping gardeners plant the mission garden. We will also be installing fence around the garden that day. If you can help for a few hours, please join us. Many hands make light work!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through May 20, 2018

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.

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): Bob McGee
(10:00): Harry White
Ushers (10:00): Chris & Christin Greiman, Carl & Nancy Vander Woude
Communion Servers: Harry White and 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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