



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHAPEL LANE!

*“Growing a Faith That Must Be Shared”*

Aug 26, 2018

10:00 AM

“Fruits of the Spirit” Theme Today: Gentleness  
Guest Musician: Scott Lippoldt

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

\* Please stand, if you are able

Preparation for Worship

*“I Love You, Lord”*

arr. Hayes

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

arr. Purifoy

*“The Heart of Worship”*

arr. Larson

*Please take this time to center your heart and mind for worship.*

Welcome and Announcements

*(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

We look around and see how richly we have been blessed –

**Blessed with community, with beauty, with friendship, with faith.**

That goodness washes ever so gently over us, and we receive these gifts with thanks.

**In this time, we thank God for all that we have been given.**

Come, then, let us worship the Lord.

Gathering Prayer

\* Gathering Song

*“God Is Calling Through the Whisper”*

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have called us as a church to serve you by serving others. Forgive us for falling short of your call. We have loved our buildings more than our brothers and sisters. We have been more concerned with budgets than with justice and peace. We have been more ready to talk about Christ than to live into Christ’s image for us. Cut through our evasions, increase our courage, renew our vision, and teach us to be gentle souls. Make us, and the whole church, more nearly what you would have us be; through Jesus Christ, whose Body we are. Amen! *(Silent Prayer of Confession)*

Prayer Response

*“I Love You, Lord”*

STF #2068

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice.*

*Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Assurance of Pardon

\* Response of Praise

*“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”*

#240 (Refrain)

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

\* 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

Isaiah 40:3-11

NRSV Bible, page 653

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

Second Lesson

Luke 15:1-7

NRSV Bible, page 952

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

Sermon

*“With Tender Arms and a Gentle Shoulder”*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH JOY

\* Song of Response

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 26, 2018

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### \* Affirmation of Faith

The Reign of Christ comes not by conquest, domination and manipulation, but by gracious love, gladly given and willingly received. The Reign of Christ comes near wherever people covenant together and say:

**Christ, we are your body: live in our hearts.**

**Christ, we are your people: teach us to be gentle.**

**Christ, we are your witnesses: send us out in your name!**

### Morning Prayer 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* "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" arr. Rouse

\* **Offertory Response** "Holy, Holy, Holy" #556  
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

### \* Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings

#### WE GO OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\* **Sending Song** "God of the Sparrow" #22

### \* Charge and Benediction

\* **Benediction Response** "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #546 (vs. 2)  
*Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.*

\* **Postlude** "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" arr. Hayes

### OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

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**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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.chapellane.org). Did you miss last week's announcements? They may be viewed at "Worship /bulletin" at [www.chapellane.org](http://www.chapellane.org).

#### CHAPEL LANE ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Sep 9, 2018

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**Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Carol Rowe for the glory of God and thanksgiving for Pastor Rhonda.

**Outdoor Worship** is being held in the evening here at Chapel Lane. The evening begins with a meal at 6:15 p.m. followed by a worship service at 7:00 p.m. This service is in

addition to the regular 10:00 a.m. service. Our theme for this week is “Discipleship and Mission.”

**Welcome Sunday:** We will welcome our new staff members, Director of Music Jan Sutherland and Director of Christian Education Meg Barnard, on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please make it a point to join in this celebration of our CLPC staff.

**Midland Fresh** provides produce for everyone in the community every Wednesday through September 5<sup>th</sup> at Chapel Lane from 4-4:40 p.m. Come and enjoy the fresh produce from Project Fresh and the produce grown from our own Missional garden.

**Cajun Dinner:** The Cajun Dinner has been cancelled for this year.

**Mobile Food Pantry Update:** The MFP held on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Midland Missionary Church in Greendale Township was funded by an anonymous couple. The 46 volunteers provided 188 families (558 individuals) with 13,739 pounds of frozen whole chickens, fresh produce (potatoes, cucumbers, corn, green beans, sweet potatoes), cereal, and other items from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. This seventh MFP of this year is a program of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry (EFPN). The next MFP of this year will be on Thursday, September 27 at North Midland Family Center located on East Shearer Road in Mills Township. If you wish to volunteer in this ministry (about three hours per event), please contact Sally Ann Sutton at 835-2428. You are needed!

**Food Pantry collection reminder for next Sunday:** The first Sunday of every month is the time designated for the collection of food and personal care items for the HELP pantry at Memorial Presbyterian Church. This is one of the eight pantries of the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN). Your donations on this Sunday and throughout the month are greatly appreciated for fulfilling the vision of EFPN-“always food in every home.”  
Board of Deacons

**The Monday Evening Circle** will meet Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nona Willing, 216 Morning Meadow Way. We will be studying Lesson 1 of the study guide, “God’s Promise”. The study guides can be found on the table under the PW bulletin board. The cost is \$10.00. Call Nona at 989-513-5960 if you have questions. Please note that we normally meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month but due to the Labor Day holiday for this month only we will meet on the second Monday. Everyone is welcome.

**Thursday Afternoon Bible Study:** Our Thursday Study group starts a new year on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Advance copies of our study guide, Do Not Live Afraid: Faith in a Fearful World, are available from Pastor Rhonda at a cost of \$7.00 each. Read Chapter 1 for the first study session.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today through Sep 9, 2018

### *Participants in Today’s Service*

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers
<b>Guest Musician:</b>	Scott Lippoldt
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Howard Lewis
<b>Ushers:</b>	Karla & Art Beagle, Harry White, Carl Vander Woude
<b>Nursery:</b>	Renee White, Jennifer Hahn
<b>Ministers:</b>	<i>All the members of Chanel 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.*

### **Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church**

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