

April 26, 2020

## **Prelude**

### **Meditation Verse**

2 Corinthians 4:6, ESV

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## **Service of Worship**

### **Welcome**

### **Come Let Us Worship Our God**

### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 108:3-5, ESV

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

### **Songs of Praise**

"By Faith"

White Songbook #99

"His Mercy Is More"

White Songbook #103

"Praise the Father, Praise the Son"

White Songbook # 95

### **Prayer of Adoration**

*For the Old Testament readings, we are currently reading through the Book of Psalms.*

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 80, ESV

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock.

**People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

Leader: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

**People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Leader: O Lord God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

**People: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

Leader: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

**People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Leader: You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.

**People: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.**

Leader: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

**People: It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.**

Leader: Why then have You broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

**People: The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.**

Leader: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see!

**People: Have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted, and for the Son whom You made strong for Yourself.**

Leader: They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of Your face!

**People: But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the Son of Man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

Leader: Then we shall not turn back from You; give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

**ALL: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

### **Hymn of Adoration**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Red Hymnal # 115

*For the New Testament readings, we are currently reading through the Book of Romans.*

### **Scripture Reading**

Romans 7:15-25, ESV

For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

### **Call to Confession**

Psalm 106:12-13

Then they believed His words; they sang His praise.

But they soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel.

### **Prayer of Confession**

## Hymn of Assurance

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

Red Hymnal #499

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### Doxology

Red Hymnal #731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

## Hymn of Dedication

“Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor”

Red Hymnal # 230

## Hear the Word of the Lord

### Sermon Text

Matthew 1:18-25, ESV

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus.

“An Unexpected Birth”

Introduction: Matthew prepares the reader for vv. 18-25 by including within the genealogy of Jesus 4 women who were associated with something shameful.

A. The facts only give us what appears to be true

1. Mary’s situation appeared shameful (v.19)
2. Joseph had fears about their marriage (v.20) because he judged her to be unfaithful

B. What is spiritually true gives us what is real

1. To understand the truth we need God’s word to reveal what is real spiritually
2. A conception that appears shameful is actually glorious
3. Jesus is “God with us,” who came to save from our sins

C. Application

1. Our greatest enemy is our own sins
  - a. We need to be saved from the eternal wrath of God that our sins deserve
  - b. Even Christians still need to be saved from the destructive power of sin
2. God humbled Himself in love by allowing Christ to be born under circumstances that seemed sinful (John 8:48)
3. What God has said in the gospel that He has done for us is most true and most real, and we should base our lives on it

# Responding to the Father's Love

**Hymn of Response**  
"Jesus Shall Reign"

Red Hymnal #441

## **Benediction**

### Praying for the Body

#### **Health Concerns**

Church: Sharon Benz, Tom Criss, Delora Howerton, Jan Stacey,  
and Ardyce Stevens

Relatives: Terry Sipes's brother, Rusty Ray

#### **General**

Unsaved in our families

Our Session, Deacons, and Church Staff

State and National government officials

Active Military

#### **Church Ministries**

Pleasant View Nursing Home and Youth Programs

#### **Missions**

Roberta Brown (MTW Japan) -

- Pray for the Open House students this month, that God would continue to work in their lives and draw them to Himself. Pray that they would have flexibility and patience as we consider teaching classes online due to the coronavirus. Pray that I would love each student deeply and encourage them towards faith.
- Pray I may have an ongoing deep relationship with God and an ability to communicate His love with others.
- Continue to pray that neighbors Mrs. M, Mrs. Y, Mrs. K, and Mr. & Mrs. Y would understand God's deep love for them and seek the Creator God who made them.

Garry & Anita Chambers (MTW - Belize) -

- Praise for the Presbyterian Medical Clinic receiving first and second place ratings in all categories of the Key Performance Indicators among the 11 NHI clinics in Belize. Pray for the staff to remain faithful in witnessing to patients

and extending compassionate care. The clinic has 11 staff members: Pamela Murray, Dr. Einstein Bodden, Patty Ku, Esther Ku, Mariana Lopez, Arturo Ku, Marcos Balaam, Hilario Nah, Marcela Villamil, Rosa Uh, and nurse midwife, Estela Uk.

- Ask God to bring a revival in Belize. Pray that God will protect the Presbyterian pastors, elders, deacons, school teachers, clinic staff, mercy ministry workers, and MTW missionaries from the attacks of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Ask God to grant them health, strength, and spiritual growth; also ask God to supply all their physical needs at this time.
- Pray for Ernest Betson and his wife, Carolyn, as she continues receiving medical care for her chronic health issues. Pray for the ministry of the St. Andrews and Unity churches, the homeless ministry, and Unity School. Praise God that He is raising up male leadership (Adrian, Mark, Owen, and Dennis) for the churches in Belize City.

### **Special Needs**

- Please pray for Terry Sipes's nephew, Scott, who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer which has metastasized to his spine. Pray for the treatments he is undergoing, that they would work and that Scott's pain would be relieved. Pray that Scott and his family would draw closer to God and rely upon Him. Also pray for Dottie (Scott's mom and Terry's sister) who has recently broken her hip, is losing strength, and is in a good deal of pain.
- Please continue to pray for our medical professionals and those who must continue to work with and have contact with the public – pray God will protect their health and make them a blessing to those with whom they interact.
- Please pray for both our professional teachers and our parents who have become teachers to students at home. Pray that God will give them patience, wisdom, energy and creativity as they make plans to educate and care for their students.
- Please pray for residents and employees of the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Mt Airy, as well as other nursing homes, as many have become infected with the coronavirus.
- Please continue to pray for our church officers who are meeting regularly online; they are praying for us all and hope to encourage us through their work. Please do not hesitate to contact any of them with your needs or requests.
- Please continue to pray for our pastors as they continue to faithfully try to meet the needs of our church family as well as prepare weekly sermons and encouraging messages.
- Please continue to pray for each other – members of our church family – that God will strengthen and sustain our church.

- Please pray for wisdom for our leaders as they make impactful decisions during this pandemic.

## Announcements

**Due to the coronavirus pandemic**, the following changes to our church calendar have been made:

- Corporate worship services have been suspended, and an online worship service is available in its place on the church website ([www.mtairypca.org](http://www.mtairypca.org)).
- Choir and Grace Notes practices have been suspended until further notice.
- Youth group in-person meetings have been suspended until further notice but the group will be meeting electronically occasionally. Contact Jamie Moore or Emily Benz for more information.
- There will be no Hymn Sing at the Pleasant View Nursing home this month.
- There will be no Men's Breakfast and Bible Study this month.
- There will be no Woodbine, Lisbon, Glenwood, Mt. Airy, or Family small group meetings until further notice.
- Mainly music has cancelled the spring session in its entirety.

We will contact you with updates as they become available; please let us know if you have any changes to make to this current list.

**Please update your church directory with Ray and Becky Wiggin's correct cell phone numbers.** The correct numbers are: Ray (860) 389-1416 and Becky (860) 389-1246.

**Online weekly prayer meetings** are taking place using the Zoom app/ program on Tuesday evenings. Everyone should have received an email invitation to join us. If you have not received one, or if you have received an invitation but are unsure of how to begin the process of joining, please contact the church office. Although an email invitation is necessary, you may actually participate using a landline phone as well as cell phones and electronic devices.

**A print version of the sermon is available.** Please contact the church office if you would like us to provide you with a copy.

**Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner, June 29-July 3, 2020, and as of now is still on track to take place. If you are willing to help out in any way, please contact Vicki Olson or Colleen Cagle. We'd love to have our youth volunteer as well! This is a great outreach opportunity to our community as well as a wonderful time of fun and learning for our church family's own children; please be in prayer about how you can be of service!

# Missions and Missionaries

## International Missionaries

Larry & Sandy Rockwell	Peru (MTW)
Roberta Brown	Japan (MTW)
Pamyla Burrack	Germany (MTW)
Marcus & Bethany Gadson	England (Serge)
Matt & Tara	West Africa (MTW)
Dan Faber	China (IXO)
Craig & Ree Coulbourne	Japan (MTW)
Garry & Anita Chambers	Belize (MTW)
Matt & Ellen Zell	Honduras (Equip Intl)
Adam & Michelle Cain	Honduras (MTW)
Jon & Olya Powell	Ukraine (MTW)
Kirk and Anna Norris	Ukraine (MTW)
Johnny & Annette Johnson	Czech Republic (MTW)
Barb & Ken Scheffter	PAC Ministry (MTW)

## Local Missions

English as a Second Language	Mt. Airy, MD
Frederick Rescue Mission	Arnold Farlow, Frederick, MD
Reformed University Fellowship	Chris Garriott, UMD

## Short Term Missions

Belize	Ernest Betson, Unity Presbyterian Church
Peru	Larry & Sandy Rockwell
Ukraine	Powell/ Norris

<b>General Fund Weekly Financial Report</b>			
Last Week's Giving	Weekly Budget Goal	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget Goal
\$4,430.00	\$8,791.59	\$87,531.72	\$140,665.44
<b>Building Fund Weekly Financial Report</b>			
Original Loan Amount	Last Week's Giving	Year to Date Giving	Loan Balance*
\$1,600,000	\$0.00	\$2,4900	\$179,776.16

*All offerings to the Building Fund are applied directly to the loan principal.*

*\*Balance amounts are as of preceding month's end.*

## Ordained Leaders at MAPC:

Pastor

Dave Durant

Assistant Pastor

Jerry Maguire

Ruling Elders

Pete Brophy, Jeff Cagle, Barry Downey,  
John Horst, Gregg Moore, Mike Zeher

Deacons

Denis Brady, Tom Criss,  
Joshua Davis, Ken Hohl, Jamie Moore

## Church Staff:

Administrative Assistant- Janet Geary

Assistant to the Pastor and Deaconate- Ken Wilhelm

Bookkeeper- Pat Moore

Choir Director- Barb Scheffter

## Ministry Leaders:

Christian Education Committee- Barry Downey

Children's Bible Time- Jessica Davis

ESL ministry- Ken Hohl

mainly music<sup>©</sup>- Hal Ball

MAPC Homeschool Umbrella- Kathy Durant and Janet Geary

Missions Committee- Ken Hohl

Nursery- Colleen Cagle and Stefanie Esbrandt

Sunday School Coordinator- Becky Wiggin

Vacation Bible School- Colleen Cagle and Vicki Olson

Women's Ministries- Sharon Benz and Kathy Durant

Worship Committee- Pete Brophy

Youth Group -Emily Benz and Jamie Moore

*A complete list of ministry leaders is available in the front of the church directory.*