

May 31, 2020

## Service of Worship

**Prelude**

“I Surrender All”

Grace Notes

**Welcome**

**Meditation Verse**

Acts 4:12, ESV

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

### Come Let Us Worship Our God

**Call to Worship**

Psalm 30:3-4, ESV

O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.

**Songs of Praise**

“On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand”

White Songbook #92

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

White Songbook #30

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us”

White Songbook # 23

**Prayer of Adoration**

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

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 89:1-7, 14-37, ESV

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

People: For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

Leader: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:

**People: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne  
for all generations.'"**

Leader: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, Your faithfulness  
in the assembly of the holy ones!

**People: For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among  
the heavenly beings is like the Lord,**

Leader: a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and  
awesome above all who are around Him?

**People: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.**

Leader: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O  
Lord, in the light of Your face,

**People: who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness  
are exalted.**

Leader: For You are the glory of their strength; by Your favor our horn is  
exalted.

**People: For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of  
Israel.**

Leader: Of old You spoke in a vision to Your godly one, and said:

**People: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one  
chosen from the people.**

Leader: I have found David, my servant; with My holy oil I have  
anointed him,

**People: so that My hand shall be established with Him; my arm also  
shall strengthen him.**

Leader: The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble  
him.

**People: I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who  
hate him.**

Leader: My faithfulness and My steadfast love shall be with him, and in  
My name shall his horn be exalted.

**People: I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers.**

Leader: He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of

my salvation.'

**People: And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: My steadfast love I will keep for him forever, and My covenant will stand firm for him.

**People: I will establish his offspring forever and his throne as the days of the heavens.**

Leader: If his children forsake My law and do not walk according to My rules,

**People: if they violate my statutes and do not keep my commandments,**

Leader: then I will punish their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes,

**People: but I will not remove from him my steadfast love or be false to my faithfulness.**

Leader: I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from My lips.

**People: Once for all I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David.**

Leader: His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me.

**ALL: Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies."**

## **Hymn of Adoration**

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Red Hymnal # 103

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

Rom. 8:26-30, ESV

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God

all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

### **Call to Confession**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Prayer of Confession**

#### **Hymn of Assurance**

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Red Hymnal #253

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

#### **\*Hymn of Dedication**

“God, in the Gospel of His Son”

Red Hymnal #141

## **Hear the Word of the Lord**

### **Sermon Text**

Matthew 3:1-12, ESV

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup> For this is He who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

## **Sermon**

Dave Durant

### "John the Forerunner"

Introduction: Healthy relationships require three things: honor that is conferred by mutual respect, truthfulness, and trust.

#### A. Who is John the Baptist?

1. The son of a priest and cousin to Jesus – Luke 1:5,36
2. The forerunner of the Lord – Luk. 1:17, Mal.3:1, 4:5-6
3. A Spirit-filled prophet – Mark 11:32, 2Ki. 1:8, Luk. 1:15

#### B. John's message: the Lord is coming, so prepare His way (Isa 40: 3-5)

1. The prophecy about the Lord's baptizing with Spirit was fulfilled by the gift of the Spirit, beginning at Pentecost – Acts 1:5, 11:15-17

2. The Kingdom of Heaven is near because the King of Heaven is here  
- Mal. 3:1
3. Their preparing the way is their confessing their sin in repentance and admitting their spiritual wilderness, because the New Covenant must begin with the truth

- Repentance without faith is hypocrisy (vv. 7-8)

- C. We must bring truthfulness and trust to our relationship with God
1. Faith without works is hypocrisy, and we fall short in works that reveal the love of Christ (Rom. 3:23, Jam. 4:8-10)
  2. Confession brings renewal (Psa. 51:4-12)

*A print version of the sermon is available. If you would like a copy, please contact the church office.*

## Responding to the Father's Love

### **Hymn of Response**

"To God Be The Glory"

Red Hymnal #55

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

"This Is My Father's World"

Choir

# Praying for the Body

## Health Concerns

Church: Sharon Benz, Tom Criss, Delora Howerton, and Ardyce Stevens  
Relatives: Terry Sipes's brother, Rusty Ray, and nephew, Scott

## General

Unsaved in our families  
Our Session, Deacons, and Church Staff  
State and National government officials  
Active military

## Church Ministries

## Missions

Garry & Anita Chambers (MTW - Belize) -

- Pray that God would protect church members and communities in Belize from COVID-19, especially the elderly and those with other conditions. Pray that many people will come to faith in Belize during this time when people are fearful of sickness and death.
- Pray for the homeless ministry in Belize City. Ask God to guide Adrian and Monique Bartley as they lead the ministry, and that many will come to faith through the ministry.
- Pray for the pastors of the Presbyterian Church in Belize as the church giving has decreased with the loss of jobs in recent weeks. Pray that God will provide for the pastors and for church members who have lost their income and/or jobs.

Craig & Ree Coulbourne (MTW - Japan) -

- Please pray for Mrs. O, who came to faith in December and is waiting to be baptized. Please pray that her husband and friends would come to church on the day she is baptized.
- Please pray for Mr. O (no relation to Mrs. O), who decided earlier this month that he was ready to be baptized. Please pray that a strong foundation can be laid for his faith through the baptism preparation class that we will do by video call.
- Please pray for a good family vacation in late June. This will probably be the one time that we will be together with all of our children during this home assignment.

## Special Needs

- Please be in prayer for Grace Greenslit who has moved to an apartment in Lorien this past week for a longer term placement. Pray for continued healing of her ribs and for encouragement.
- Please pray for Sharon Benz who is continuing radiation treatment for a tumor in her left lung. She is still undergoing the 5 day- a- week radiation treatments for a tumor located near some other vital tissues, including her heart. Pray that the treatment will be effective for eliminating the tumor without doing any harm elsewhere.
- Please continue to pray for Terry Sipes's nephew, Scott, who has cancer that has metastasized to his spine, that he will continue to recover from back surgery, and that the radiation treatment will be effective. Please also pray that Scott and his family would draw closer to God and rely upon Him.
- 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 as they finish up the school year.
- Please pray for residents and employees at Lorien and 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 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.

## Calendar

- **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** at 7 pm - Middle/High school youth group Zoom meeting (see announcement below for details)
- **Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 pm – Session meeting
- **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent Tuesdays** at 7:00 pm- Prayer meeting via Zoom (see announcement below for details)
- **Wednesdays** from 7-9 pm – New Market Small Group meeting via Zoom
- **Saturdays** from 4-5 pm- Woodbine Small Group will be meeting weekly by “video conference” for Bible study and prayer. Contact Barry Downey at [bdowney@smithdowney.com](mailto:bdowney@smithdowney.com) or 410 -961- 9468 if interested in joining.

## Announcements

**Please pray for the Session and Re-Occupancy Committee** as they continue to meet regarding reopening our church building for corporate worship. Also, plans are underway for live-streaming our worship service when we return so that those who need to remain home for their safety can do so and still join the service remotely.

**Worship Services** continue to be available online at the church website ([mtairypca.org](http://mtairypca.org)). When we are able to make some definite plans to return to the building, we will let you know.

**The middle/high school youth group** will be holding a virtual meeting this Sunday (May 31) at 7 pm via Zoom. Please contact Emily Benz ([emb61293@aol.com](mailto:emb61293@aol.com)) or Jamie Moore ([jamawaka@gmail.com](mailto:jamawaka@gmail.com)) for the meeting id and password.

**VBS is cancelled for this year** due to ongoing COVID concerns. If you have already begun making some preparations, please hold onto them, as we plan to use the same curriculum next year. Thank you to all who had been willing to volunteer this year!

**Copies of the June *Tabletalk* devotional** are available in the church office. If you would like us to mail a copy to you, please contact us and let us know.

**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.

# 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 Financial Report</b>			
Last Week's Giving	Weekly Budget Goal	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budget Goal
\$5,125.00	\$8,791.59	\$141,763.72	\$184,623.39
<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	\$4,610.00	\$179,656.16

*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.*