



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

09.22.2019

Welcome to Worship at Midtown!

We are really glad to have you with us for worship today. Whether you have been a Christian for many years, or are trying to sort out what the Christian faith is all about, or are just here as a favor to your friend, we're happy to have you.

We have a nursery provided for little ones. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

Much more than just the absence of hostility sustained by the absence of contact, peace is communion between former enemies.

— Miroslav Volf

How should we live as Christian communities today faced with the "new tribalism" that is fracturing our societies, separating peoples and cultural groups, and fomenting vicious conflicts?

— Miroslav Volf

The Word

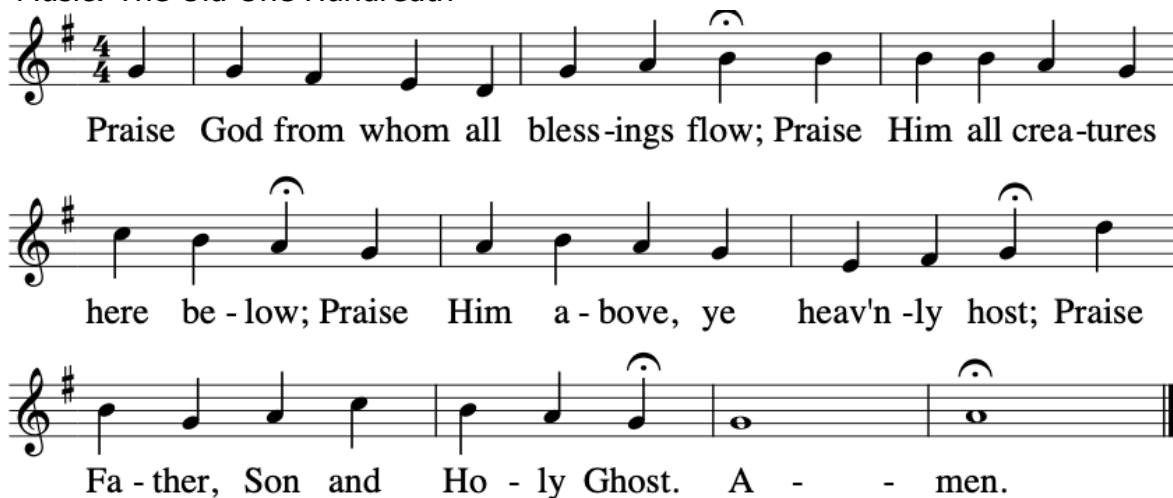
Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all
the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to
be feared above all gods.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all crea-tures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - - men.

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Lyrics: William Moore; Music: Bruce Benedict



The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Praise the Sav-ior now and ev-er; praise him, all be - neath the skies;
pros-trate ly-ing, suf-fring, dy-ing on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.
Vic-tory gain-ing, life ob - tain -ing now in - glo-ry he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth;
He is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever
Unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin

Confession of Sin

[You are invited to confess your sins silently at this time.]

Come, O Redeemer, Come

Music & Lyrics: Fernando Ortega

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Fa - ther en-throned on high; Ho - ly, ho - ly.
An - cient e - ter - nal Light; hear our prayer;
Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us mer-cy.
Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark, of our striving,
Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.
Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Look now upon our need, Lord be with us.
Heal us and make us free, from our sin.
Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 3:21-22

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

--Lyrics: Joseph Scriven; Music: Charles Converse



What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer.



O what peace we of-ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Blessed Savior, you have promised, all our burdens you will bear.
May we ever, Lord, be bringing, all to you in earnest prayer.
Soon, in glory, bright, unclouded, face to face, it is our prayer.
Joyful praise and endless worship, will be our sweet portion there.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Let us pray to the Lord, for the mission of the church,
that in faithful witness
it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,
we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for the church throughout the world.) Amen.

For those who do not yet believe and those struggling with their
faith:

that they may receive the light of the gospel,
we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for those yet to believe.) Amen.

For the peace of the world,
**that a spirit of respect and forbearance
may grow among nations and peoples,
according to Your will,
we pray to You, O Lord.**

(Please pray silently for the world.) Amen.

For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; for refugees,
prisoners, and all who are in danger;
**that they may be relieved and protected,
we pray to You, O Lord.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.) Amen.

And hear us as we pray as our Savior taught us,
**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.**

New Testament Reading

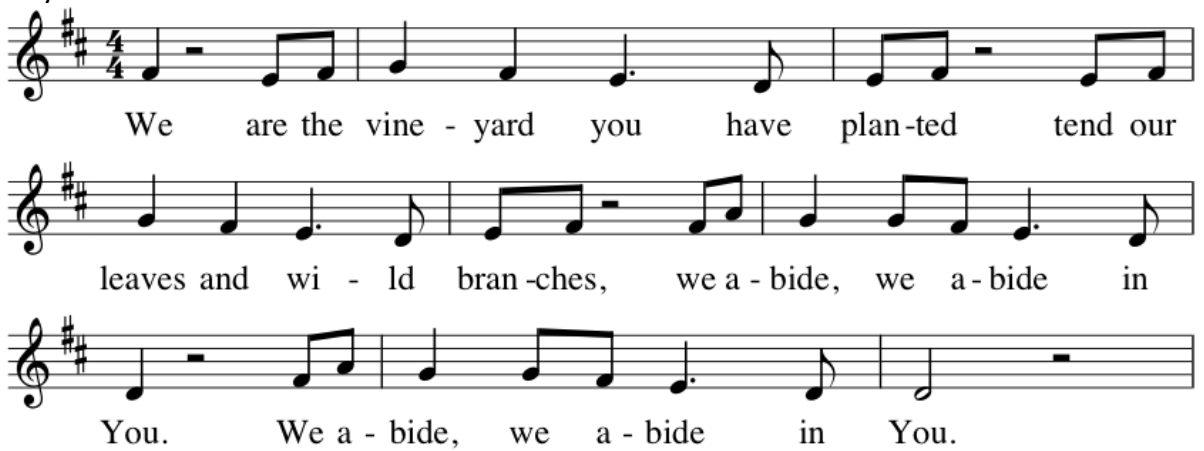
Acts 10:1-22

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

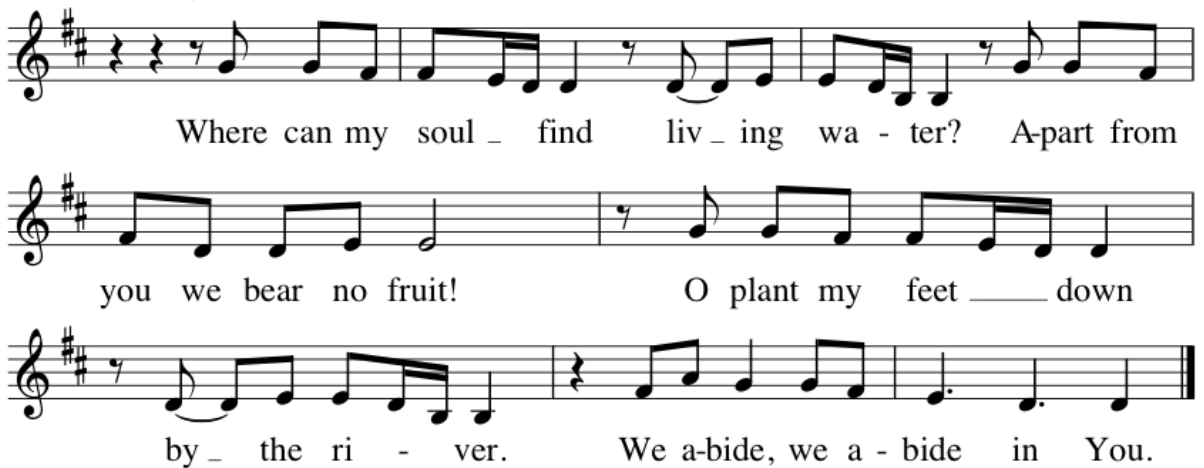
We Abide in You

Lyrics & Music: Sandra McCracken



We are the vine - yard you have plan - ted tend our
leaves and wi - ld bran - ches, we a - bide, we a - bide in
You. We a - bide, we a - bide in You.

Refrain



Where can my soul - find liv - ing wa - ter? A - part from
you we bear no fruit! O plant my feet - - - down
by - the ri - ver. We a - bide, we a - bide in You.

Fruit growing from our strength and labor,

Rain on us with grace and favor:

We abide, we abide in You. We abide, we abide in You. [Refrain]

We abide, we abide in You. We abide, we abide in You.

New Testament Reading

Acts 10:23-48

²³So he invited them in to be his guests. The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. ²⁴And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." ²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me."

³⁰And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³²Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' ³³So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree,

⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he command-ed us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

--The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

Invitation and Prayer

[Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer.]

The Sursum Corda

(Lift Up Your Hearts)

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Words of Institution

The Mystery of Faith

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.
Christ will come again!**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. We provide individual cups of grape juice and gluten-free wafers in the tray at the front. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup. Children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ nor been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing.]

The Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Nathan Partain

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re -
joyce. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om -

Chorus

ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of
Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his
Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.

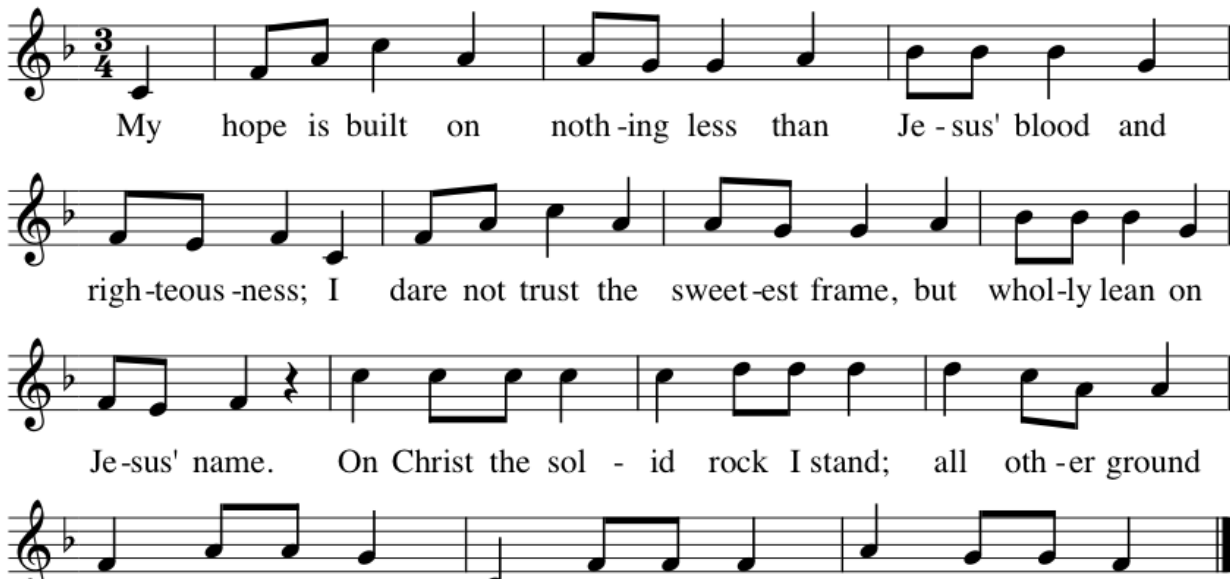
The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord is King'. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves of music with lyrics underneath. The second system is labeled 'Chorus' and also has two staves of music with lyrics. The third system has three staves of music with lyrics. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re - joyce. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om - ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.'

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must;
The judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways,
Let every creature sing his praise.

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Lyrics: Edward Mole; Music: William B. Bradbury



My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but whol-ly lean on
Je-sus' name. On Christ the sol - id rock I stand; all oth - er ground
is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. You can also give online at our website www.mpctucson.org.

Email List: Please sign up for our email list on the table in the back. We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday @ the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave) @ 7:00pm. The study will be on the Compassion of Jesus as seen in the Gospels. All women are welcome—contact Julie Garland with questions (julie.garland@gmail.com / 678-849-8401).

Book Groups: Men—reading *The Fall* by Camus, meet on 10/8 at 7:00pm at the McReynold's home (4779 E. Avenida del Cazador). Women (men also invited to this one)—reading *Co-Laborers, Co-Heirs*; meet on 10/11 at 7:00pm at Brittany Smith's home (3202 E Pima St.).

TableTalk: Dinner and Sermon discussion. First Sundays. October 6 will be the inaugural one. If you want to host that day at your place, let Sara Edgar know (saraclements54@gmail.com). Sign up lists will be available on 9/29.

Pizza in the Plaza: We are having a pizza party after church on 9/29 in the outside courtyard at the church. We'll provide the pizza, Eegees & water.

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Music Director: Sarah Lewis
RUF Ministers: Dan & Brittany Smith

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