



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship at Midtown!

We are just starting our corporate worship services, and are really glad to have you with us. 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 in the patio room. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Worship Note

How liberating it was for an activist-minded Christian like me to see and remember that we do not fight our battles on a level field. Our perception of good and evil as evenly matched adversaries is based on the skewed perception of our fallen vision. But we have distorted optics, like a carnival mirror, that magnify evil and diminish Christ. From a kingdom perspective, evil dwindles to its true insignificance and Christ erupts in his unfathomable splendor. This means that our battle is not nearly so much against the adversary. It is rather with whatever prevents us from seeing Jesus Christ in his complete glory—as we do when we worship in truth.

—Tyler Wigg-Stevenson. *The World Is Not Ours to Save*

Reflection

The promise of our progressive, modern age is that the world is subject to repair, given the right willpower and tools. But this assessment fails to account for the shape of the world's brokenness.... We live on top of un-mendable cracks, and the insoluble nature of the world means that the question posed to us is not "how do we fix this?" but "how can we live out the love of God the midst of such brokenness?"

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The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 9:11-12

Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!

Tell among the peoples his deeds!

For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;

he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

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Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

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shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

Come People of the Risen King

Lyrics & Music: Stuart Townsend, Keith & Kristyn Getty

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first six staves contain the main body of the song, and the seventh staff is the refrain. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The key signature has one flat (F major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4.

Come peo - ple of the ris - en King who de - light to bring Him
praise; Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the
Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows
of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, where
stea - dy arms of mer - cy reach to - ga - ther child - ren
Refrain
in. Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev' - ry heart re - joice! One
heart, one voice O Church of Christ re - joice.

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land -
Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands -
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing -
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age:
“Our God is all in all”

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Confession of Sin

Please pray aloud together

Almighty and Merciful Father,
you have told us to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you.

Our lives, however, often do not measure up. We have not acted justly.
Instead, we have acted in ways that promote our own comfort and
advancement.

We have not loved mercy.
Instead, we have loved the order and control over our lives
that we can maintain if we do not serve those in need.

We have not walked humbly with you.
Instead, we have run from your paths when they are difficult and involve
sacrifice.

Forgive us for our sins against you and our neighbors. By the power of your
Spirit make us a congregation which acts justly, loves mercy, and walks
humbly with you, through Christ our Lord.

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

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.



Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: *And also with you!*

We Are Not Overcome

—Lyrics & Music: Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell



Flesh will fail _ and bones will break; thieves will steal, _ the earth will



shake. Night will fall, _ the light will fade; _ the Lord will give, and take a

Refrain



way; Be-cause of His great _ love, we are not o-ver-come!



Be-cause of His great _ love we are not o-ver-come!

Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand upon.

Flowers fade into dust;

The Lord will make a place for us. *Refrain*

Have no fear for your life, Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!

Bear the yoke of love and death;

The Lord will give all life and breath. *Refrain*

The Prayers of the People

(Please pray the italicized portions aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God,

*that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.*

(Please pray silently for the unity of the Church.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,
in the ways of justice and peace;

that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

(Please pray silently for justice and peace in all nations.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,
and grant that we may serve them,

and love one another as Christ loves us.

(Please pray silently for our love and service of others.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
*give them courage and hope in their troubles,
and bring them the joy of your salvation.*
(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

And teach us to pray as You taught Your disciples to pray, saying:
*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.*

Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-4

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

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 3:8-10

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

Psalm 126

Music: Issac Wardell



1. Our mouths they were filled, filled _ with laugh - ter.
2. The na - tions will say: "He has done great things!"



Our tongues they were loosed, loosed _ with joy.
the na - tions will sing songs _ of joy.



Re-store us, O Lord. Re-store us O Lord.



Although we are weep-ing. Lord help us keep sow - ing



the seeds of your King-dom for the day you will reap _ them.



Your sheaves we will car - ry. Lord please do not tar - ry.



All those who sow weep-ing will go out with songs of joy.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: *Praise be to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 using the prayers provided below as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.]

Sursum Corda

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.

Words of Institution

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!

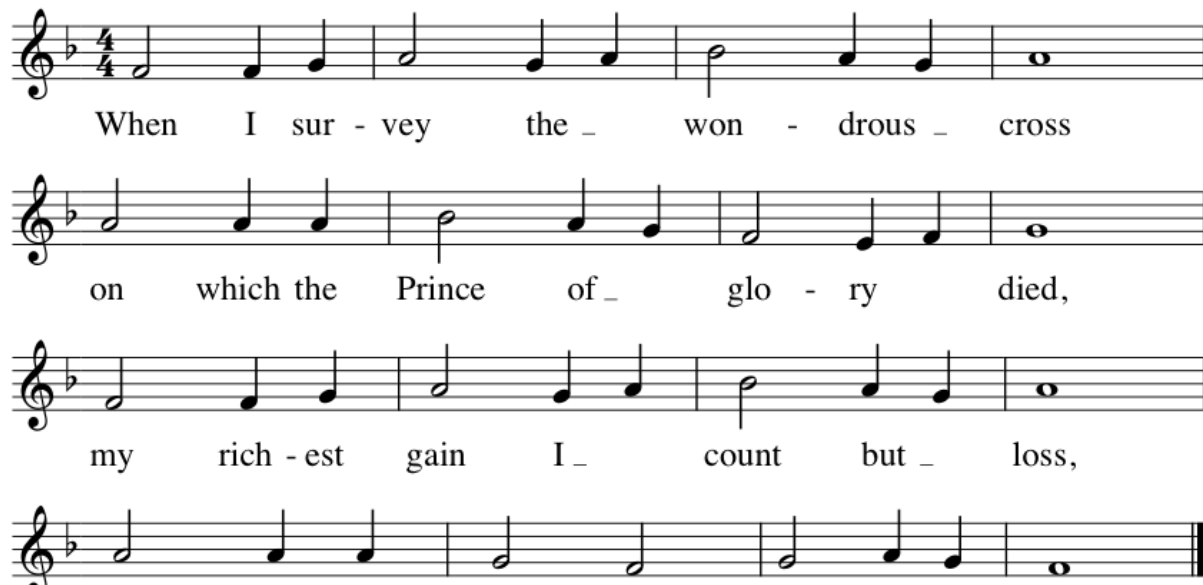
Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.]

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lyrics & Music: Isaac Watts



When I sur - ve y the _ won - drous _ cross
on which the Prince of _ glo - ry died,
my rich - est gain I _ count but _ loss,
And pour con - tempt on all my _ pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all

We Will Feast In the House of Zion

Lyrics and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on! We will sing with our hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther, We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be burned by the fire: He is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tect-ed, ga - thered up." The score includes a key signature change to 2/4 time for a brief section and a final double bar line.

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hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther,
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sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tect-ed, ga - thered up.

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.
We are not consumed, by the flood, Upheld, protected, gathered up!

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my
strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom!

Benediction

Notes

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

4th of July Party!

We are glomming onto the party at the Mercado District. It goes from 6-10 pm and they will have food trucks in addition to their usual food and watering holes. Walk around until you find us! The address is 267 Avenida del Convento, 85745.

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