



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

08.11.2024

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 (0-3)during the whole service in the Hamilton House. Children ages 4-12 will have Children's Church during the sermon time, also in the Hamilton House.

Reflection

On the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together in one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read... Then we all rise and pray... when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings and the people assent saying 'amen.'

--Justin Martyr (d.165 A.D.)

[The Lord's Supper] is a mystery of Christ's secret union with the devout which is by nature incomprehensible. If anybody should ask me how this communion takes place, I am not ashamed to confess that that is a secret too lofty for either my mind to comprehend or my words to declare. And to speak more plainly, I rather experience than understand it.

—John Calvin

The Word

Worship begins with God's call to us to worship him. As always, God initiates with us, such as we are, and invites us to be with him out of sheer mercy.

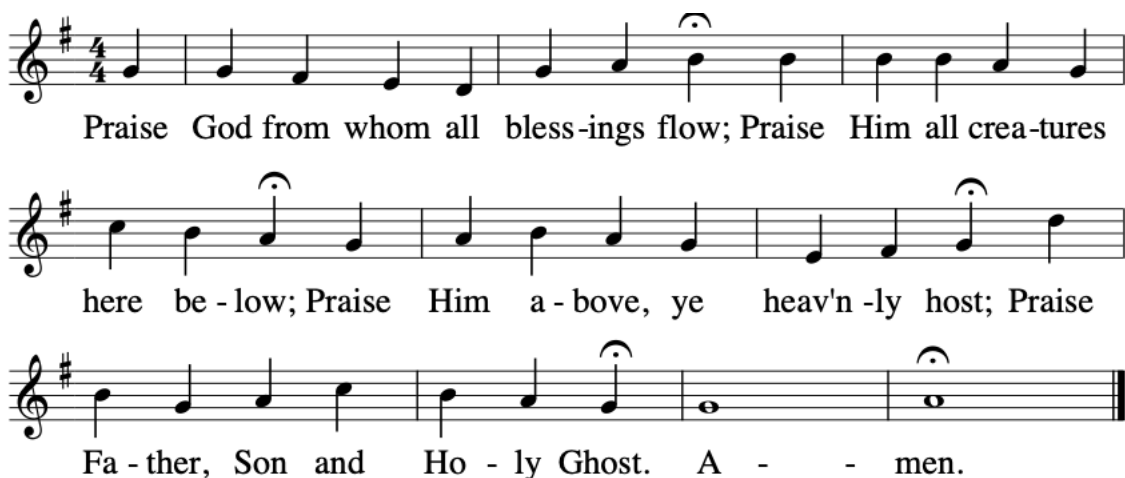
Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Doxology

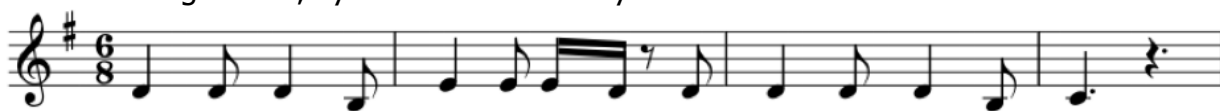
Music: The Old One Hundredth



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - - men.

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Music: Leigh Nash; Lyrics: Charles Wesley



Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove _ and keeps his courts be - low!



Praise the ho - ly God of love _ and all his great -ness show!



Praise him for his no -ble deeds! _ Praise him for his match -less pow'r!



Him from whom all good pro -ceeds, let earth and hea -ven a - dore, let

Chorus



earth and hea -ven a - dore! Praise the name _ of Christ, cel - e -



brate _ and lift him up high! Praise the Lord _ of life!



We'll sing the sto -ry of hon -or and glo -ry and praise the name of Christ.

God in whom they move and live, let every creature sing;
Glory to their maker give, and homage to their king!
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord,
Let all things praise the Lord! [Chorus]

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, We'll sing the story of honor and
glory, and praise the name! [Chorus]

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

John 8:32-34

They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin."

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

This Is My Father's World

Music & Lyrics: Maltbie D. Babcock

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'This Is My Father's World'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, written in treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with 'This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all'. The second staff continues with 'nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres. This'. The third staff has 'is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of'. The fourth staff concludes with 'rocks and trees and skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.'

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all
nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres. This
is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of
rocks and trees and skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, the battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by Tim Davis]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, since You have promised to grant our requests, we make our supplications to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**We pray for our world leaders,
that they will rule with wisdom and peace,
especially in administering justice in troubled lands.**

Let us pray for the world (silence). Amen.

We pray to You also, dear Father, for Your church, the body of Christ,
**that guided by Your Holy Spirit, we would be found to
be wise, zealous, and faithful worshippers.**

Let us pray for the church (silence). Amen.

Moreover, we pray for all men and women throughout the world,
**that they would come to a knowledge of Your saving
grace through the spread of Your gospel.**

Let us pray for those in need of God's grace (silence). Amen.

Finally, we commend to You all who suffer tribulation,
**that it would please You to make them feel
Your Fatherly affection toward them,
so they would find refreshment
and healing in You.**

Let us pray for all who suffer (silence). Amen.

And now as our Savior taught us, we pray:

**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.**

Mission Update

New Testament Reading

[Reader: Anna Hamstra]

Galatians 2:15-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 5:45-47

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:1-11

Then he said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. **2** Moses alone shall come near to the Lord, but the others shall not come near, and the people shall not come up with him."

3 Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do." **4** And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. **5** And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. **6** And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar.

7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." **8** And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words."

9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, **10** and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. **11** And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We use the ancient creeds to reinforce our confidence in God's grace, and to highlight our connection to his people around the world who worship him with these same words every Lord's Day.

**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.]

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 down one of the aisles. Take bread and eat it, then take a cup and drink. If you prefer grape juice and/or a gluten free wafer, they are available on the middle table. Please return down the same aisle.]

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: John Newton

Let us love and sing _ and won-der, let us praise the Savior's _ name.
He has hushed the law's _ loud thun-der, He has quenched Mount Si -
nai's _ flame. He has washed us with his blood, _ He has
washed us with his blood, _ He has washed us with his blood .
_ He has brought us nigh to God. _

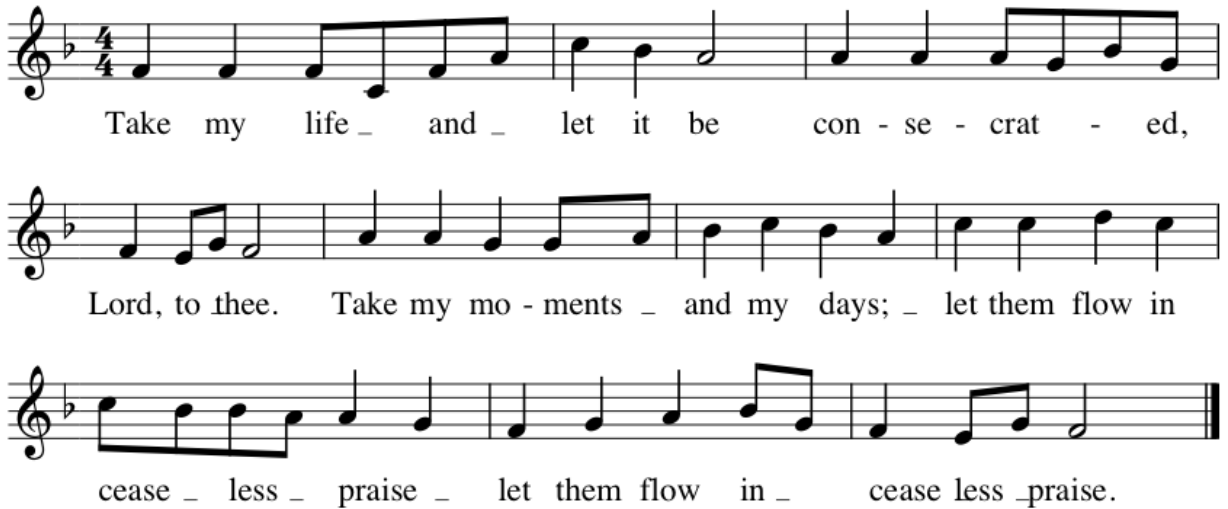
Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood (3x)
soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us; now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Take My Life And Let It Be

Lyrics & Music: Frances Havergal



Take my life _ and _ let it be con - se - crat - ed,
Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments _ and my days; _ let them flow in
cease _ less _ praise _ let them flow in _ cease less _praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord,
I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. Online, you can give at (www.mpctucson.org/donate).



Email List: We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you. You can email Charles (charles@mpctucson.org) to get on the list.

Men's August Book Group: We are reading Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. We'll meet on Tuesday, 8/13, at the McReynolds' home (1241 E Sobre Lomas) at 7pm.

Church Potluck: Next Sunday after church we will have our next Potluck dinner. Bring food to share—entrees, sides or desserts. We will provide drinks.

Adopt an RUF Student: Matt Esswein will give us details today about how we can encourage our RUF students during the semester.

MIDTOWN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry is for ages 4-12 and will be dismissed at the beginning of the sermon to the Hamilton House. They will return at the beginning of communion.

Nursery

Nursery will be available to 0-3 for the entire service in the Hamilton House. Please inform the nursery volunteers of any special instructions.

Interested in Volunteering?

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Annalyse Rash at annalyse@mpctucson.org

Parents!

Please update your children's information if they will be participating in Children's Ministry.



Curriculum

We will be using "The Biggest Story" for our curriculum. With every story they have podcasts and videos available for kids to watch or listen to at home.



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Dave Adams
Tim Davis
Matt McReynolds
Ryan Jankowski

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Colin McRae
Chris Smith

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