



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

04.28.2019

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 in the narthex. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

You want it. You want it bad. Sometimes so much it hurts. you can taste it. You feel like you would do anything to get it. Go further than they'd suspect. Twist your soul and crush what's in your way. Then you get it. And something happens. You become the object of your desire. And it feels incredible.

—Advertisement for perfume, Macy's window

Countries like ours are full of people who have all the material comforts they desire, together with such non-material blessings as a happy family, and yet lead lives of quiet, and at times noisy, desperation, understanding nothing but the fact that there is a hole inside them and that however much food and drink they pour into it, however many motor cars and television sets they stuff it with, however many well balanced children and loyal friends they parade around the edges of it...it aches."

—Bernard Levin, British columnist

The Word

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

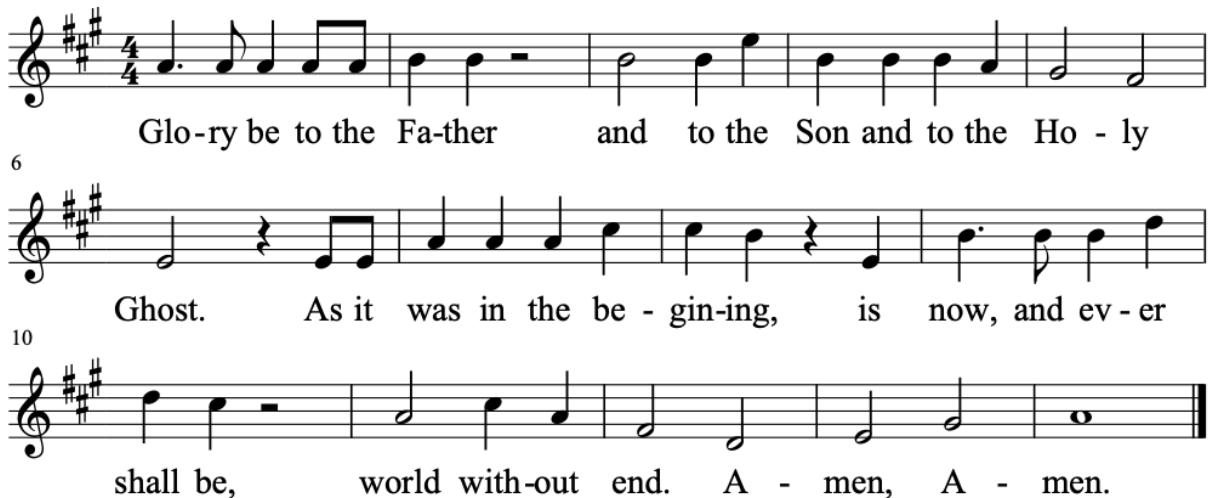
All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke



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

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

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

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.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 32:4-6

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Confession of Sin

[Please pray aloud together]

Heavenly Father, our thoughts and motives cannot be hidden from your sight. Our self-pity and pride, our cowardice and sloth, our anger and envy are laid bare before your eyes and ours. We open ourselves to you and ask that you forgive us and cover us in Christ. Let us hear your voice telling us that his blood is our peace, his death our freedom, his smiting our safety. And let our hearts know that your service is perfect freedom. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[You are invited to confess your sins 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

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Lyrics & Music: Kimbrough , Zach, Wardell, Keyes

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and uses a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The word 'Chorus' is written below the third staff. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the
ground un - der - neath you is cursed and - stained. Your
plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your
Chorus
la - bor is not in vain. For I am

- to verse 2

with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am
with you. For I have called you, called you by name. _ your
la - bor is not _____ in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
 Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
 The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
 But your labor is not unknown [chorus]

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
 The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth;
 For all that is old will at last be made new,
 The vineyards you plant will bear fruit [chorus]

The houses you labor to build
 Will finally with laughter and joy be filled;
 The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
 And all that is broken be healed [chorus]

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

That we all may be one.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully serve you.

That your name would be honored by all people.

(Please pray silently for the mission of the church.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who lead and guide your church

That they may be your faithful and diligent servants.

(Please pray silently for all who lead the church.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

(Please pray silently for the nations of the world.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble
That they may be delivered from their distress.

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to 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.

New Testament Reading

Romans 7:7-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:18-25

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

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]

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:17

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism #60)

Minister: How are you right with God?

All: **Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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.]

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.]

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Lyrics: Charles Wesley; Music: Greg Thompson



Je-sus lo - ver _ of my soul, let me _ to _ thy _ bo - som _ fly.



While the near-er _ wa-ters roll, while the _ tem-pest still is _ high:



Hide me O _ my Sa - vior hide, 'till the storm _ is _ past.



Safe in - to _ the ha-ven guide, re - cieve my soul _ at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

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 written below the notes. The score includes a key signature change to 2/4 time for a short phrase and a return to 4/4 time. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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 con-
sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-TECT-ed, ga - thered 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 at the front 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.

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 at 7:00pm at the Garland's house (1324 N Norton Ave). Seven week study on Jesus in the Gospels, but feel free to drop in as you are able. Julie's contact: julie.garland@gmail.com, 678.849.8401.

Men's Book Group: We are reading Ron Nash's Social Justice and the Christian Church for May, so grab a copy and start reading. The discussion will be on 5/15.

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