



MIDTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

## Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

### 07.20.2025

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 downstairs Nursery. Children's Church during the sermon for ages 4-12 will resume in August.

#### **Reflection**

A sensitive social conscience and a life poured out in deeds of mercy to the needy is the inevitable outcome and sign of true faith. By such deeds God can judge true love from lip service.

— Timothy J. Keller

I love mankind. It's people I can't stand!

— Linus

# The Word

## Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3

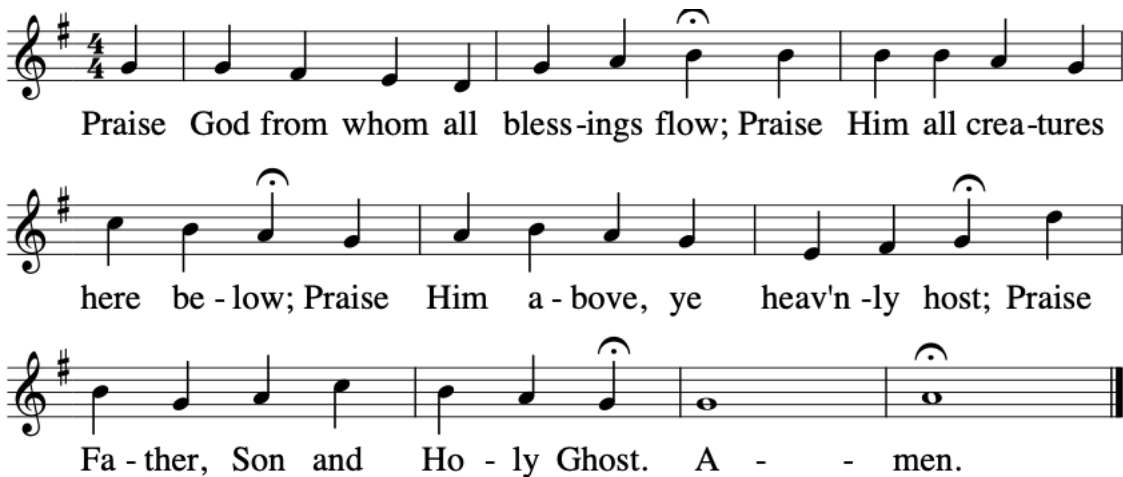
Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

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.

## Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth

In the Doxology we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries (circa 1674) with this song of praise to the Holy Trinity.



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

# Come, Christians Join To Sing

Music & Lyrics: Bateman 1843, Traditional Spanish Tune



1. Come, Christ-ians join to sing, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise, yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our king, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prai - ses fill the sky, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
He is our Guide and Friend, to us he'll con - de - scend;  
On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



Praise is his gra - cious choice, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
His love shall ne - ver end, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Confession of Sin

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

## Confession of Sin

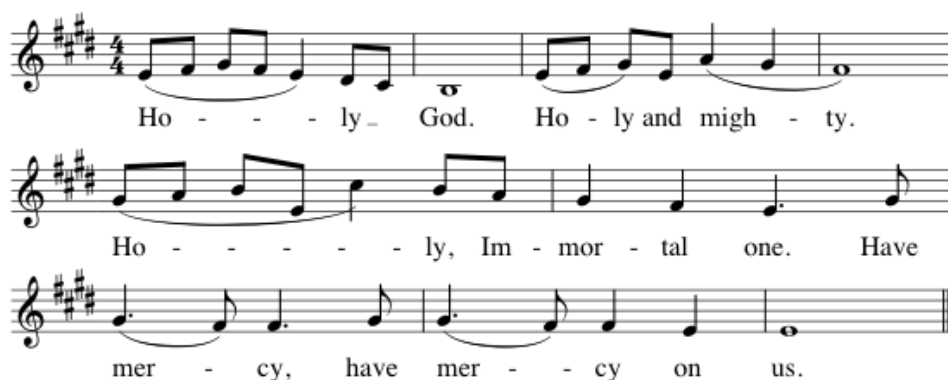
Please pray aloud together

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

## Trisagion

Music: Fernando Ortega



## Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

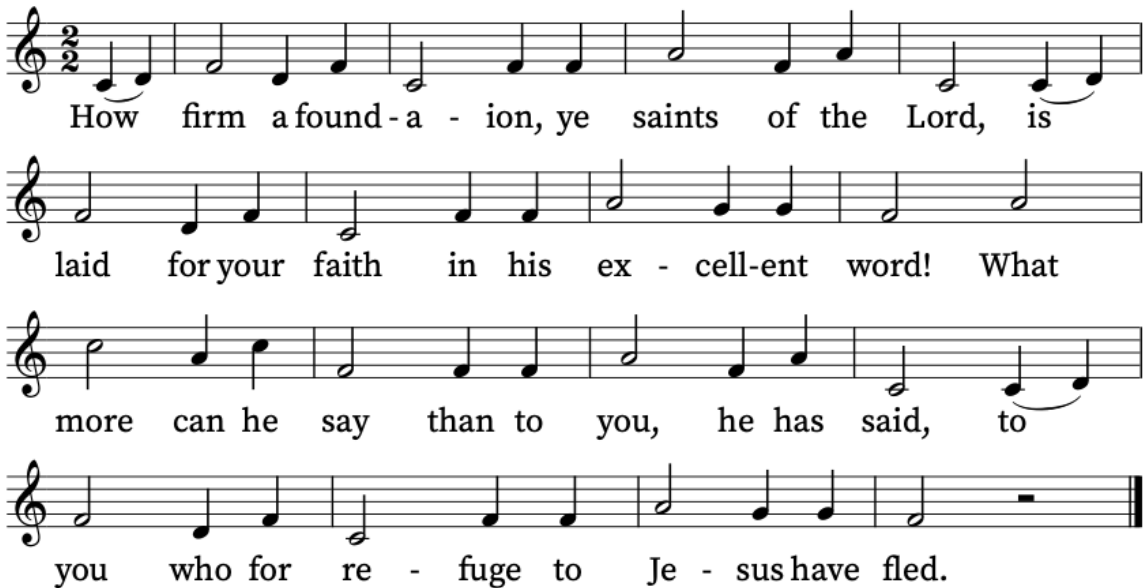
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## How Firm A Foundation

Music & Lyrics: Traditional



How firm a found-a - ion, ye saints of the Lord, is  
laid for your faith in his ex - cell-ent word! What  
more can he say than to you, he has said, to  
you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled.

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

## 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.

God, our Father,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our Sympathetic High Priest,  
and Holy Spirit, Comforter and Guide,

We pray for grace and mercy for your church,  
**that we would be unified in mind and  
purpose.**

(Please pray silently for the church.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The prayers of the people enable us to join our minds and hearts in one voice to God, like we do when we sing. Be careful about merely repeating the words without engaging your whole self in prayer.

We pray for grace and mercy for our children,  
**that they would know you, love you,  
and follow you all the days of their lives.**

(Please pray silently for our children.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for grace and mercy for those struggling with faith,  
**that you would be present in the midst of their  
struggles and make known to them your transforming  
love in the gospel.**

(Please pray silently for those struggling with faith.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for grace and mercy for those who suffer,  
**that you would comfort them in their pain  
and bring healing according to your will.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And hear us now as we pray in the words he 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.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

[Reader: Stephanie Bowyer]

Hosea 6:6

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**



# New Testament Reading

James 1:26-27

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Breastplate of St. Patrick

Lyrics: St. Patrick; Music: Wendell Kimbrough, Dan Wheeler



1. When my work takes me pla - ces I don't wan - na go: - Christ be -  
2. When I'm tossed to the side and I wan - na give up: - Christ be -



fore me. When my heart aches with sor - row as I hit the road: - Christ be  
side me. When I'm giv - ing my all - but it's ne - ver e - nough: Christ be -



with me. When the care - of my fam' - ly takes  
side me. When I work - hard but some - one else



all that I have: - Christ with - in me. When I'm worn and ex - haust - ed, a -  
gets the re - ward; God's eyes see me. When I ask for pro - mo - tion but



shamed that I'm mad: Christ de - fend me.  
they shut the door: God's ears hear me.

### Refrain



I rise up to - day in a strength that is not - my own.



I'm held by the pro - mise of God that I'm ne - ver a - lone.

When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream: Christ above me.  
And I leap out in faith, and I hope to find wings: Christ beneath me.

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup>And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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

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 the center aisle.. 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.]

# The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Lyrics: Henry Baker; Music: John B. Dykes

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'The King Of Love My Shepherd Is'. It features a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in 3/4 time. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. There are four verses of lyrics provided. The first verse begins with '1. The King of love my Shep - herd'. The second verse begins with '2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter'. The third verse begins with '3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I'. The fourth verse begins with '4. In death's dark vale I fear no'. The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The lyrics are: 1. The King of love my Shep - herd 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I 4. In death's dark vale I fear no is, whose good - ness fail - eth flow, my ran - somed soul He strayed, but yet in love He ill, with thee, dear Lord, be nev - er. I noth - ing lack if I am lead - eth; and where the ver - dant pas - tures sought me; and on his shoul - der gent - ly side me; thy rod and staff my com - fort his, and he is mine for - ev - er. grow, with food from heav - en feed - eth laid, and home re - joic - ing brought me. still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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Thou spread'st a table in thy sight; thy Spirit grace bestoweth;  
And oh, what pleasures of delight from thy full cup o'erfloweth.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Lyrics: Samuel Stennett; Music: Christopher Miner

4 On Jor - dan's stor - my ba-nks I stand and

7 cast a wish-ful eye, to Can - aan's fair and

11 hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie. I am bound, I am

14 bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd. I am

bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. Measure numbers 4, 7, 11, and 14 are indicated at the start of their respective staves.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful  
shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

## 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](http://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](mailto:charles@mpctucson.org)) to get on the list.

**Men's Book Study:** Reading Biblical Critical Theory: How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture by Christopher Watkin. The next meeting is Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> @10am at the Jankowski's home (317 E. Canyon View Dr.) Dan Horton will lead a discussion of chapter 12 that day.

**Pick Up Soccer:** 6pm on Wednesdays at Linden Park (300 S Desert Ave 85712). Talk to Stephen Lewis for details (915.373.3108).

**Midtown Institutes:** Session 7 at the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave), Saturday morning, 8/2 from 8:30-9:30. Talk to Charles for details.

**Women's Book Group:** We'll be discussing Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan (the book is about the wife of CS Lewis). We will meet at Nikki Smith's home (5601 E Cooper St.) on July 25 at 7pm and she will be providing English tea snacks.

**Space Trilogy Book Discussion:** We'll be discussing Perelandra by CS Lewis on Tuesday Night at 7pm at the McReynolds' home (1241 E Sobre Lomas). Everyone is welcome.

**Nursery Location Change:** Nursery will now be underneath the sanctuary instead of the Hamilton House. Contact Annalyse if you have questions.

**Children's Ministry Kick Off:** On Aug 3rd we will kick off Children's Ministry for the year with Eegees and a jumping castle after church.

**Elders**

Dave Adams  
Tim Davis  
Matt McReynolds  
Ryan Jankowski

**Deacons**

Nick Dunlap  
Colin McRae  
Chris Smith

**Supported Missions**

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Zak Garland—Tokyo  
DH & Emily Henry—Navajo Nation

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**Children's Director:** Annalyse Rash

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