



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
10.23.2022

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

God's gracious work in our lives does not depend on our strength, and his power is often most clearly seen amid our powerlessness. In fact, it is often our perceived strengths that most stand in the way, as we are inclined to rely on them, rather than on Christ. God helps those who realize that they cannot help themselves.

--Geoff Ziegler

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.

--St. Augustine

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

Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In the Gloria Patri we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries in this ancient (cf. 380 AD) song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

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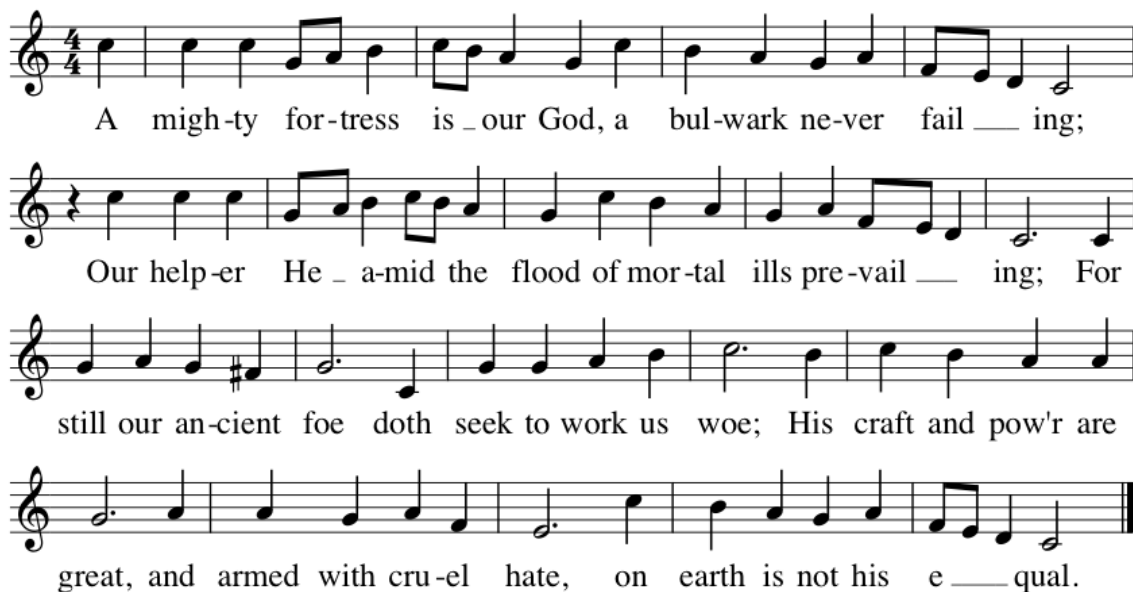
Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

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

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Lyrics & Music: Martin Luther



A migh-ty for-tress is _ our God, a bul-wark ne-ver fail _ ing;
Our help-er He _ a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail _ ing; For
still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are
great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e _ qual.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus it is He;
Lord Sabbaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed, his truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'r, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

O Father, relieve our consciences, now and in the hour of our death, from the terror of our guilt and the fear of your judgment. Let your peace come into our hearts that we may await your judgment with joy. Be not severe in your judgment of us, or no one will be found righteous. Teach us, dear Father, not to trust or find comfort in our own merits or good works. But teach us to venture and resign ourselves faithfully and firmly to your infinite mercy. In the same manner, let us not lose courage because of our guilty and sinful lives. Let us regard your mercy as higher and broader and stronger than all our being. 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

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Jesus Paid It All

Music & Lyrics: Elvina M. Hall

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time. The first two staves contain the main melody and lyrics. The third staff is labeled 'Chorus' and contains the chorus melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the chorus melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: 'I hear the Sav-ior say, "Thy strength in-deed is small, child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all." Chorus Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe; Sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.'

I hear the Sav-ior say, "Thy strength in-deed is small, child of
weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."
Chorus
Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. [Chorus]

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary's Lamb.
[Chorus]

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete;
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat. [Chorus]

The Prayers of the People

[Led by Ryan Jankowski]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

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.

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.

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 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 Barrett]

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

It Is Well With My Soul

Lyrics: Henry Lyte; Music: Bill Moore



When peace like a ri - ver at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like



sea bil-lows roll; What - e - ver my lot, thou hast taught me to



say, it is well, it is well, with my soul! It is well,



with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul!

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon

Rev. Matt Esswein

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.]

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. Please return down the outside aisles.]

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: John Newton

The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time. The melody is in G major, starting on G4. The lyrics are: '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. _' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some lyrics having multiple lines of music.

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He has hushed the law's _ loud thun-der, He has quenched Mount Si -

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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.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

--Lyrics: George Matheson; Music: Kevin Twit

Voice

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'O love that will not let me go I rest my wear - y soul in Thee. I give Thee back the life I owe that in Thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er ful - ler be.'

O love that will not let me go I rest
my wear - y soul in Thee. I give Thee back
the life I owe that in Thine o - cean depths
its flow may rich - er ful - ler be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way,
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day, may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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.

Women's Fall Bible Study: On Seeing Jesus in the Prophets, based on Nancy Guthrie's book. Wednesday nights at 7:00 at Shelly Gauger's home ([525 S 4th Ave](#)).

Women's Camp Out: Midtown Women are invited to go on a camping retreat @ Patagonia Lake Friday, November 11 at 1 p.m. till Sunday, November 13 ~12 p.m. Contact Samantha Byker at (602) 826-4164 or Esther Lewis at (575) 520-0239 for details (or see the church email.)

Church Potluck: Mark your calendars! Our next church potluck will be held on November 6 after church. A sign up sheet will be sent out closer to time.

Hootenanny: 11/4 at Robert Jentoft's home @ 7pm. Bring some songs to share and a snack or two.

Intro to Midtown Class: Sunday morning, 11/20. This is for people interested in joining Midtown or just finding out more about the church. There is a booklet to read in advance. Please let Charles know if you are interested. Time and place info coming soon.

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