



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

11.10.2019

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

Reflection

But hidden beneath this feeling is the very modern American belief that the existence of God is a matter of indifference unless it intersects with my emotional needs. The speaker is betting his or her life that no God exists who would hold you accountable for your beliefs and behavior if you didn't feel the need for him. That may be true or it may not be true, but, again, it is quite a leap of faith.

--Tim Keller

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1-2

Clap your hands, all peoples!

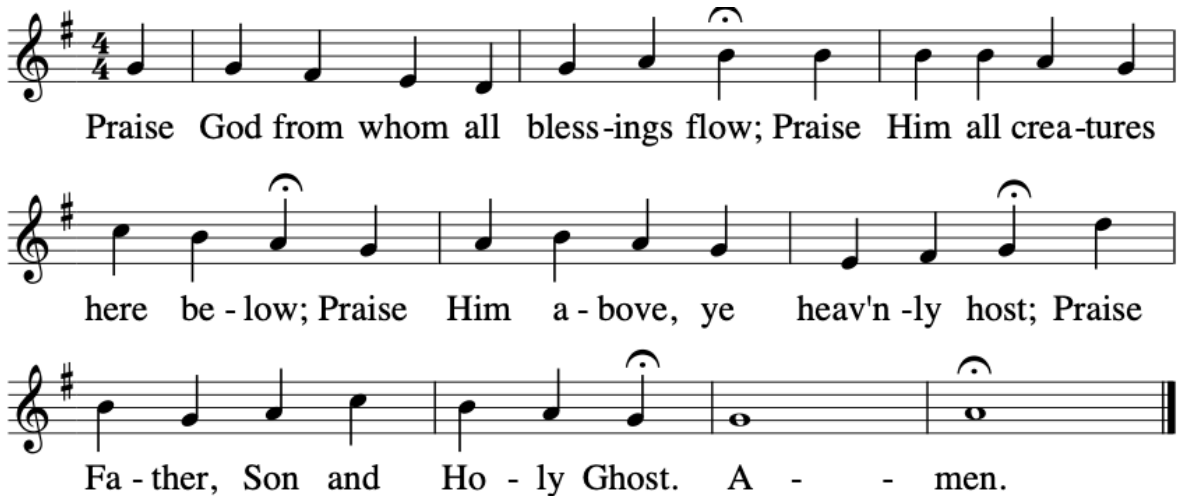
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

A great King over all the earth.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth

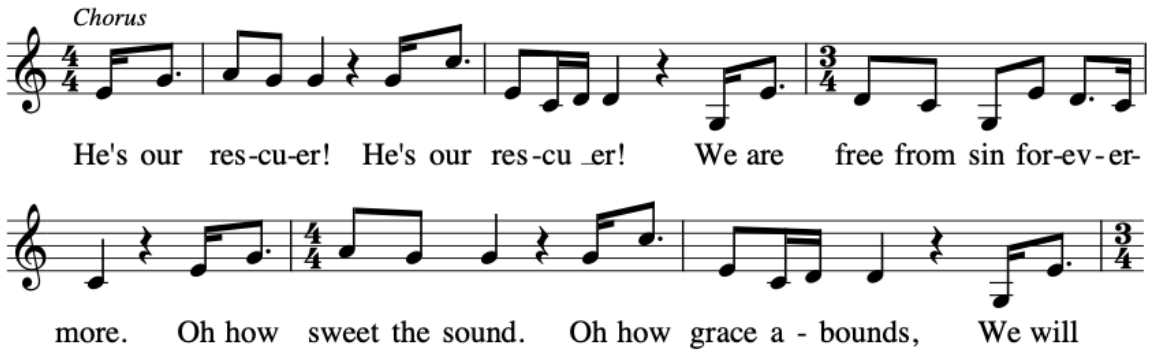


Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all crea-tures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

Rescuer (Good News)


Music & Lyrics: Ben Hastings, Bryan Fowler and the Rend Collective

Chorus



He's our res-cu-er! He's our res-cu-er! We are free from sin for-ev-er-
more. Oh how sweet the sound. Oh how grace a - bounds, We will

Verse



praise the Lord, our res-cu-er! There is good news for the cap-tive;
good news for the shamed. There is good news for the one who walked a -
way. There is good news for the doubt-er; the one re-li-gion failed, for the
good Lord has come to seek and save. *to Chorus*

He is beauty for the blind man; riches for the poor;
He is friendship for the one the world ignores.
He is pasture for the weary; rest for those who strive,
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life

Bridge

to Chorus So come and be chain - less. Come and be
 fear - less. Come to the foot of Cal - va -
 ry. There is re - demp - tion, for ev - 'ry af -
 flic - tion. Here at the foot of Cal - va - ry.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

John 8:31-34

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 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.]

Come, O Redeemer, Come

Music & Lyrics: Fernando Ortega

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Fa - ther en-throned on high; Ho - ly, ho - ly.
An - cient e - ter - nal Light; hear our prayer;
Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us mer-cy.
Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark, of our striving,
Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.

Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.

Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Look now upon our need, Lord be with us.

Heal us and make us free, from our sin.

Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.

Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 8:36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Thy Mercy My God

--Lyrics: John Stocker; Music: Sandra McCracken

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Thy Mercy My God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'Thy mer-cy, my God, is the theme _ of my song, the'. The second staff continues with 'joy of my heart and the boast _ of my tongue; Thy'. The third staff continues with 'free grace a - lone from the first to the last Hath'. The fourth staff concludes with 'won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.' The music ends with a double bar line.

Thy mer-cy, my God, is the theme _ of my song, the
joy of my heart and the boast _ of my tongue; Thy
free grace a - lone from the first to the last Hath
won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;

Sin would reduce me to utter despair.

But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive

And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart

Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;

Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground

And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies! Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son.
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

O God the Father, from whom the whole church in heaven and earth is
named; O God the Son, who lives as head over the church;
O God the Holy Spirit, who gathers and perfects the church;
O Holy Trinity, eternal love:

Have mercy upon us.

That it may please you to strengthen and enlarge your holy Church in
every land, and to unite all those who profess and call themselves
Christians in faith and hope and love:

We pray to you, O Lord.

(Silent prayer for the church)

That your Church may strive, not for its own safety, but for the world's
salvation, seeking only your kingdom and your righteousness:

We pray to you, O Lord.

(Silent prayer for those who don't believe.)

That you will grant to all ministers of your Word and Sacraments
the spirit of wisdom, power, and love, and call many more to the work of
your ministry:

We pray to you, O Lord.

(Silent prayer for the Church's ministers.)

That, regardless of the praise or contempt of the world,
your Church may worship and adore you in spirit and in truth:

We pray to you, O Lord.

[Take a moment in silent prayer to bring your personal requests to God.]

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.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 10:2-5

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

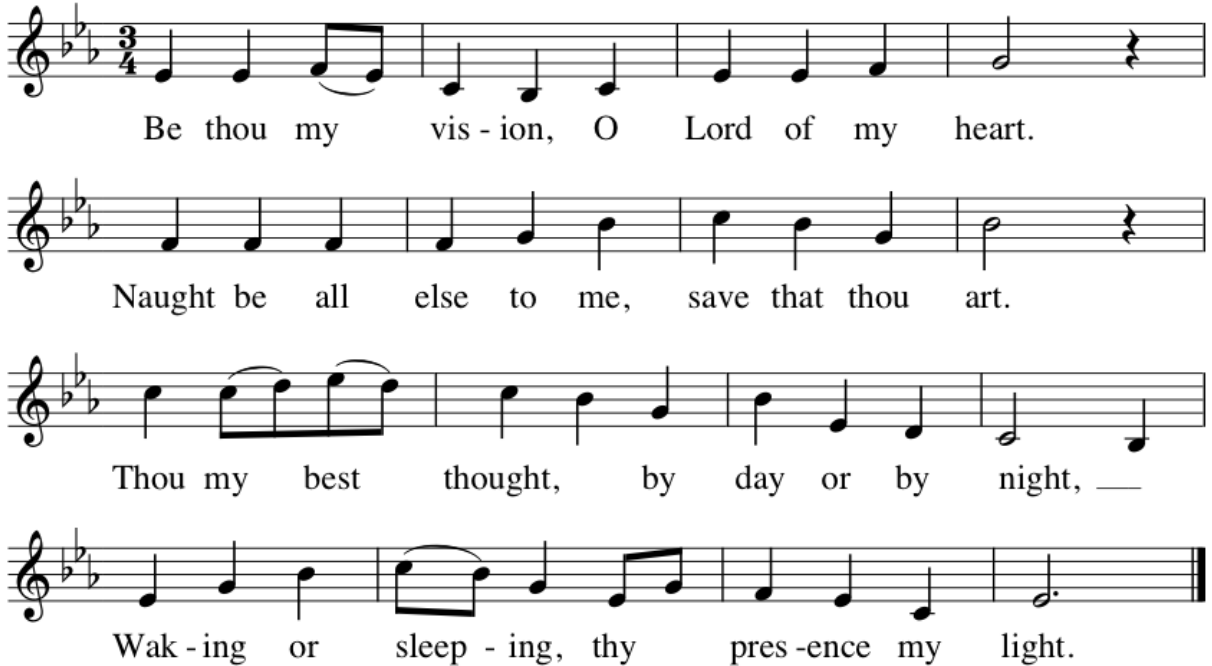
Matthew 13:31-33

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Be Thou My Vision

Music & Lyrics: Traditional Irish Hymn



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, —
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou
with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my
delight; Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

New Testament Reading

Acts 14:8-23

Now at Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet. He was
crippled from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul
speaking. And Paul, looking intently at him and seeing that he had faith to
be made well, ¹⁰ said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And

he sprang up and began walking. ¹¹ And when the crowds saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in Lycaonian, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ And the priest of Zeus, whose temple was at the entrance to the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds. ¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their garments and rushed out into the crowd, crying out, ¹⁵ "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶ In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." ¹⁸ Even with these words they scarcely restrained the people from offering sacrifice to them. ¹⁹ But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 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.]

Let This Heart Not Wander

Lyrics & Music: Eric J. Marshall

Let my eyes see no-thing, let my eyes see no-thing but your
glo - ry, my Lord. _ Let my eyes see no-thing, let my
eyes see no-thing but your glo - ry, my Lord. _

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

May I always linger, May I always linger,
In your presence, my Lord. (repeat)

I will ever praise you, I will ever praise you,
You are worthy, my Lord. (repeat)

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

Take Us, O Lord

Lyrics & Music: Isaac Wardell



O how he takes _ the cross, O how he lifts _ it up



to take the weight from us. O how he pays _ the cost,



O how he drinks the cup, to make a place _ for us.

CHORUS



Take us, _ O Lord, and all we have known. Shape us, O



Lord, and form us in - to your own. Take eve - ry heart and



know eve-ry sin. Break us, O Lord, that we may be whole a - gain.

Hear how he breaks the curse, hear how he cries aloud,
Hear how his voice resounds. O how he forms the words,
O how he cries them out, "See it is finished now!"

How deep the wounds he wears, how dark the scars he shows,
How well the name he knows; written upon his palms,
O what a name to find. That name before him: Mine!

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. 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.

Book Group: The men's book group will be discussing The Great Divorce, by C. S. Lewis this Tuesday night at 7:00 at the McReynolds' home (4779 E. Avenida del Cazador).

Church Membership: On the morning of December 1 we are holding an Intro to Midtown Class for those who want to find out about joining the church. Please sign up and get an Intro Book (on the back table) to read through before the meeting.

Core Team Saturday: Please come join us Saturday morning from 8-9:30 at the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave) for a time of prayer for God's work in and around Midtown, as well as a discussion of biblical sex ethics and how to have better conversations about these issues with friends.

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