



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

First Sunday in Lent

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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**

Never shall I forget that night, the first night in camp, that turned my life into one long night seven times sealed.

Never shall I forget that smoke.

Never shall I forget the small faces of the children whose bodies I saw transformed into smoke under a silent sky.

Never shall I forget those flames that consumed my faith forever.

Never shall I forget the nocturnal silence that deprived me for all eternity of the desire to live.

Never shall I forget those moments that murdered my God and my soul and turned my dreams to ashes.

Never shall I forget those things, even were I condemned to live as long as God Himself. Never.

— Elie Wiesel, Night

# The Word

## Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-2

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

## The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

6  
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

10  
Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

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

# To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: Samuel Stennent

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, its nob - lest tri - bute bring. When he's the sub - ject of the song, who can re - fuse to sing? - Sur - vey the beau - ties of his face, and on his glo - ries dwell; - think of the won - der of his grace, and all his tri - umphs - tell.'

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Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon his awful brow.  
His head with radiant glories crowned, his lips with grace overflow.  
No mortal can with him compare among the sons of men;  
Fairer He is than all the fair that fill the heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress, he fled to my relief.  
For me he bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief  
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head  
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have  
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave  
To Heaven the place of His abode he brings my weary feet  
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete

Since from his bounty I receive such proofs of love divine.  
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord they should all be thine.  
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring,  
Yet your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

## **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Call to Confession of Sin**

1 John 1:5-6

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

### **Confession of Sin**

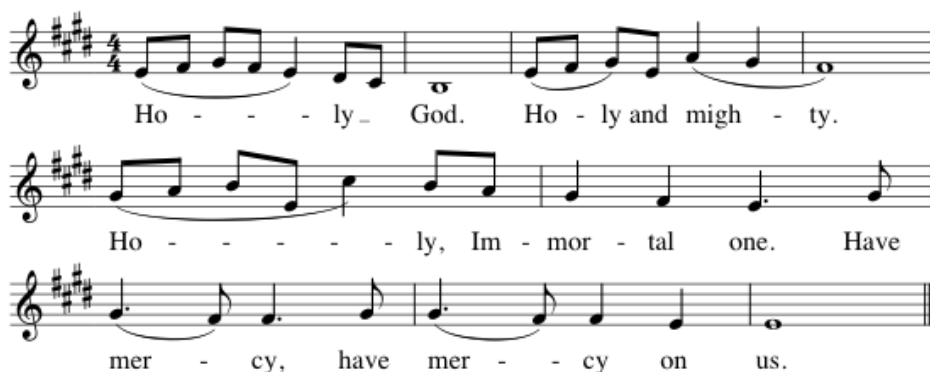
[Pray aloud together]

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. Amen.**

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

## Trisagion

Music: Fernando Ortega



Ho - - - ly - God. Ho - ly and migh - ty.  
Ho - - - - - ly, Im - mor - tal one. Have  
mer - cy, have mer - - cy on us.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

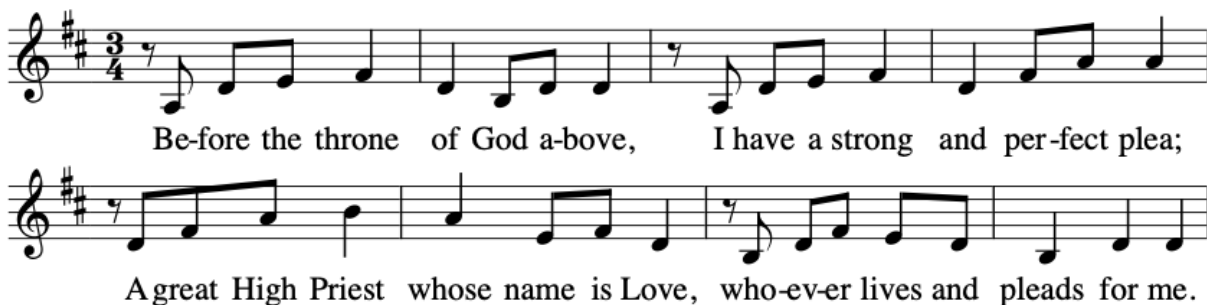
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## Before the Throne of God Above

Lyrics: Charitie Lee Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook



Be-fore the throne of God a-bove, I have a strong and per-fect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who-ev-er lives and pleads for me.



My name is gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tounge can bid me  
thence de-part, no tounge can bid me thence de-part.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
for God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable "I AM," The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself, I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.

## **The Prayers of the People**

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.**

## **New Testament Reading**

Romans 5:6-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:6-9

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

### Habakkuk 1:1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see iniquity,  
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law is paralyzed,  
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;  
so justice goes forth perverted.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# 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 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.]

# Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Lyrics: John Newton; Music: Wedell Kimbrough

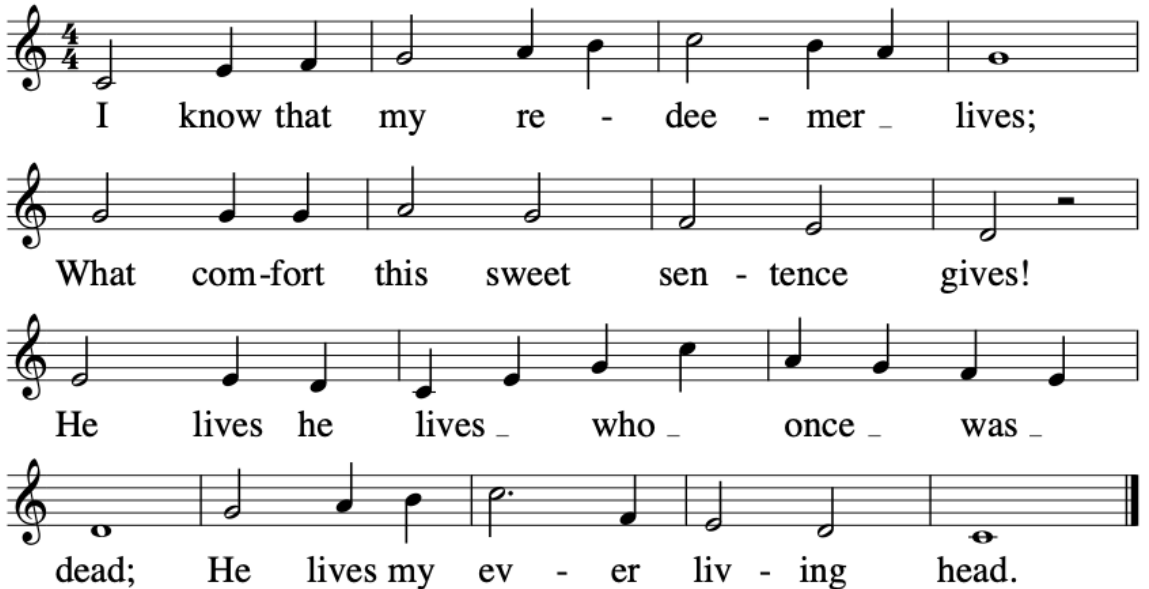
4 1. Pen-sive doubt-ing fear-ful heart, hear what Christ the Sav-ior \_  
8 says; Ev-'ry word should joy im-part, change thy mourn ing in-to  
12 praise. Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee, may He help thee \_ to be \_  
14 lieve; Then thou pre - sent - ly will  
see, thou hast lit - tle cause to \_ grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed; All thy sorrows soon shall end,  
I, who heaven and earth have framed,  
Am thy Husband and thy Friend;  
I the High and Holy One, Israel's God, by all adored,  
As thy Savior will be known, Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew, And thy heart was filled with pain;  
But my mercies I'll renew; Thou shall soon rejoice again;  
Though I seem to hide my face, Very soon my wrath shall cease;  
'Tis but for a moment's space, Ending in eternal peace.

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Lyrics: Samuel Medley; Music: John Hatton



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below each staff. The melody is simple and uses a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'I know that my re - dee - mer - lives; What com-fort this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives he lives - who - once - was - dead; He lives my ev - er liv - ing head.'

He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears,  
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;  
He lives and while I live I'll sing, He lives my prophet, priest, and king.

He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,  
What joy this bless'd assurance gives; I know that my redeemer lives.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## 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](http://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 3/11, at 7:00, at the Garland's home (1324 N Norton Ave). We'll be studying chapter 5 of Tim Keller's book on Romans 1-7.

**March Book Groups:** Women's group is on March 13th. We'll be discussing Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End, by Atul Gawande. Men's group is on March 10th, discussing Leo Tolstoy's What Is Art?

**Ministry Spotlight:** Southwest Church Planting Network. The network is a group of PCA churches in TX, NM and AZ that work together to plant new churches in our region. We have been helped by the Network in our early days, and now give 2.75% of money given to MPC to help other start ups.

**TableTalk Tonight:** Dinner and discussion of tonight's sermon text at someone's home or a restaurant. If you haven't signed up yet, see Sara Edgar and she'll put you somewhere good.

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**Music Director:** Sarah Lewis  
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