



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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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 (0-3) during the whole service in the downstairs Nursery. Children ages 4-12 will have Children's Church during the sermon time, also in the Hamilton House.

Reflection

My father's house shines hard and bright
It stands like a beacon calling me in the night
Calling and calling so cold and alone
Shining 'cross this dark highway where our sins lie un-atoned
—Bruce Springsteen

Rock and roll is, often enough, a prolonged scream of
“Daaaaddy!”—a son's cry for notice.
—T Bone Burnett

The Word

Call to Worship

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.

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.

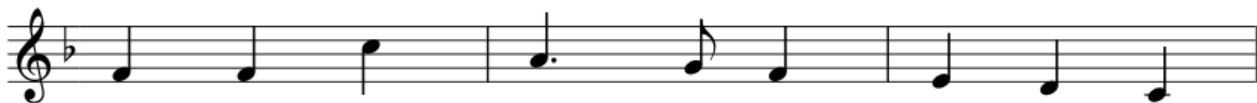
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - - men.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lyrics: Joachim Neander; Music: 17th Century German Tune



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty king of cre - a - tion!
2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign - eth.
3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee.
4.Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea so
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
All that hath life and breath, come now with



help and sal - - va - - - tion!
gent - - ly sus - - tain eth!
dai - - ly at - - tend thee.
prai - - ses be - - fore him.



All you who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw
Hast thou not seen how all your long - ings hath
Pon - der a new men what the Al - migh - ty can
Let the a men sound from his peo - ple a -



near. Praise him in glad a - dor - a - - tion!
been, gran - ted in what he or - dain - eth?
do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
gain, Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

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.]

Have Mercy

Music & Lyrics: Sandra McCracken, Thad Cockrell

1. Have mer - cy on me. Have mer - cy on me. O
5 2. Oh, help my un - be - lief. Oh, help my un - be - lief. O

Lord, have mer - cy. O Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy. O Lord, have mer - cy.

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!

His Mercy is More

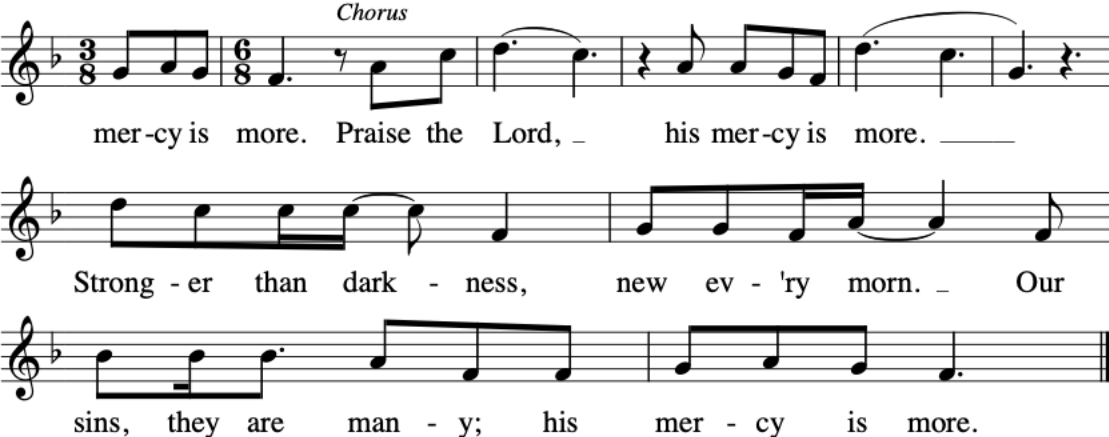
Lyrics & Music: Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Verse



What love could re-mem-ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
ni - scient, all know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
in - to a sea with-out bot-tom or shore, our sins, they are man-y; his

Chorus



mer-cy is more. Praise the Lord, _ his mer-cy is more. ____
Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. _ Our
sins, they are man - y; his mer - cy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more [Chorus]

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more [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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

For peace throughout the world, especially where
there is war, and for the unity of the body of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

(Please pray silently for our world.)

For our nation, the President and all whom we have trusted with the
leadership of our country, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

(Please pray silently for our nation's leaders.)

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.

For this gathering of the faithful at Midtown Presbyterian, as well as those gathering together in worship throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

(Please pray silently for the church.)

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

And now hear us as we pray as our Savior taught us, saying:

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: Sandi McReynolds]

Psalm 121:1-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Jesus What a Friend For Sinners

Arrangement: Luke Smith

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (one flat), and 9/8 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some notes beamed in pairs and marked with a '2' above them. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Je - sus! What a friend for sin - ners! — Je - sus! Lo - ver
of my soul. — Friends may fail me foes as - sail me, — He my
Sav - ior makes me whole. — Hal - le - lu — jah! What a
Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! What a friend! — Sav - ing,
help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, — He is with me to the end. —

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He my strength my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll;
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus I do now receive him, More than all in him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his and he is mine.

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

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.]

This Is My Father's World

Music & Lyrics: Maltbie D. Babcock



This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears, all
na-ture sings, and round me rings, the mu-sic of the spheres. This
is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
rocks and trees and skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's World, O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heaven's ring,
God reigns, let the earth be glad

This is my Father's world, the battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

Music & Lyrics: Wendell Kimbrough



1. We were wan - d'ring in the des - ert with our souls
2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs



so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home
bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark -



- land we did not know how to seek, but we lift-
- ness we were slaves to sin and blame then we cried



- ed up our voi - ces to the on - ly one who hears
out in our la - bor to the on - ly one who hears



and the God of mer - cy came and brought us near.
and the God of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.

Chorus



Oh give thanks to the Lord for His love en-dures for-ev-



- er! We were wan - der-ing and lost and our Fa -



- ther brought us home to a safe dwell-ing place to a feast



of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks



to the Lord for he is good.

We were fools in our rebellion with our hunger strike of pride;
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died,
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names,
And the God of glory took away our shame. [Chorus]

We were far out on the ocean making wealth and chasing dreams
But the waves of great destruction brought us
trembling to our knees,
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears
And the God of comfort took away our tears. [Chorus]

Benediction

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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.

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: Today we are kicking off our Children's Ministry for the year with Eegees and a jumping castle after church.

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 16th @ 10am at the Jankowski's home (317 E. Canyon View Dr.) Dan Horton will lead a discussion of chapter 13 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 8 at the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave), Saturday morning, 8/16 from 8:30-9:30. Talk to Charles for details.

Kids Music Camp: Our sister church, Desert Springs, is planning a music camp for kids during the week of (Amphi's) fall break, Oct 13-17. Kids will learn to play the ukulele, some basics of music theory, and a wide variety of instruments. If you're interested in getting involved, talk to Stephanie Bowyer, 520-395-7873.

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