



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reflection

The fundamental thing behind all motivation and all activity is the constant struggle against annihilation and death. It's absolutely stupefying in its terror, and it renders anyone's accomplishments meaningless.

--Woody Allen

...that no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can preserve an individual life beyond the grave; that all the labors of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system, and that the whole temple of man's achievement must inevitably be buried beneath the debris of a universe in ruins.

--Bertrand Russell

Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

--the Angel at the Tomb

Evening Worship

Easter Sunday
04.17.2022

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. The Word

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Lyrics and Music: Charles Wesley



"Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," - Al - - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an-gels say; - Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri-umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!



Sing - ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. - Al - - le - lu - ia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin.

[Led by Dan Smith]

Titus 2:14

He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Confession of Sin

[Please pray aloud together]

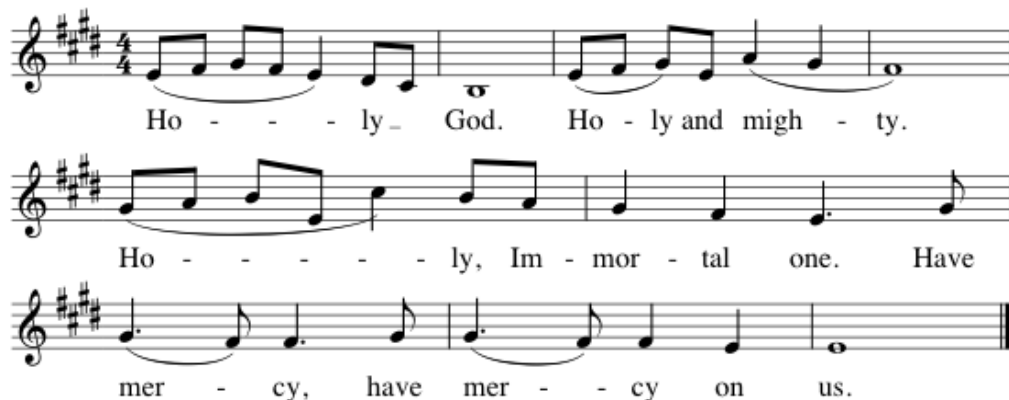
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We confess that we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy! Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom that comes from the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We confess our sins as a group and individually because we need to. We come to worship God even though we are morally broken, in certain hope that he is merciful to people like us, and able to change us by his grace.

[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

Romans 4:25

[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Solid Rock

Music & Lyrics: David Isaac Rivers



My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and



right-ous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name, but whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.

Refrain



On Christ, the so-lid rock, I ____ stand; all o-ther ground is _



sand, is sink-ing sand. On Christ, the so - lid rock, I ____



_stand; all o-ther ground is _ sand, is sink-ing sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay,
He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
And faultless stand before the throne,
And faultless stand before the throne. [Refrain]

The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by Nick Davis]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose from death as the Prince of peace:

**We pray for peace between nations in
Your world. We pray that our
congregation might live in your peace
together; We ask you to come again soon to fully
establish your peace on earth.**

(Pray silently for peace.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose from death to reconcile us to God:

**We pray for our friends who do not yet know you;
We pray for the deepening of our faith in the gospel of
grace.**

(Pray silently for the spread of the gospel.)

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose in victory over death and the grave, and you have brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

**We pray for comfort for those who are suffering in grief,
in poverty, in sickness, in injustice.**

(Pray silently for those who suffer.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

We pray now in the words you 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: Rebekah Taylor]

Psalm 33:20-22

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

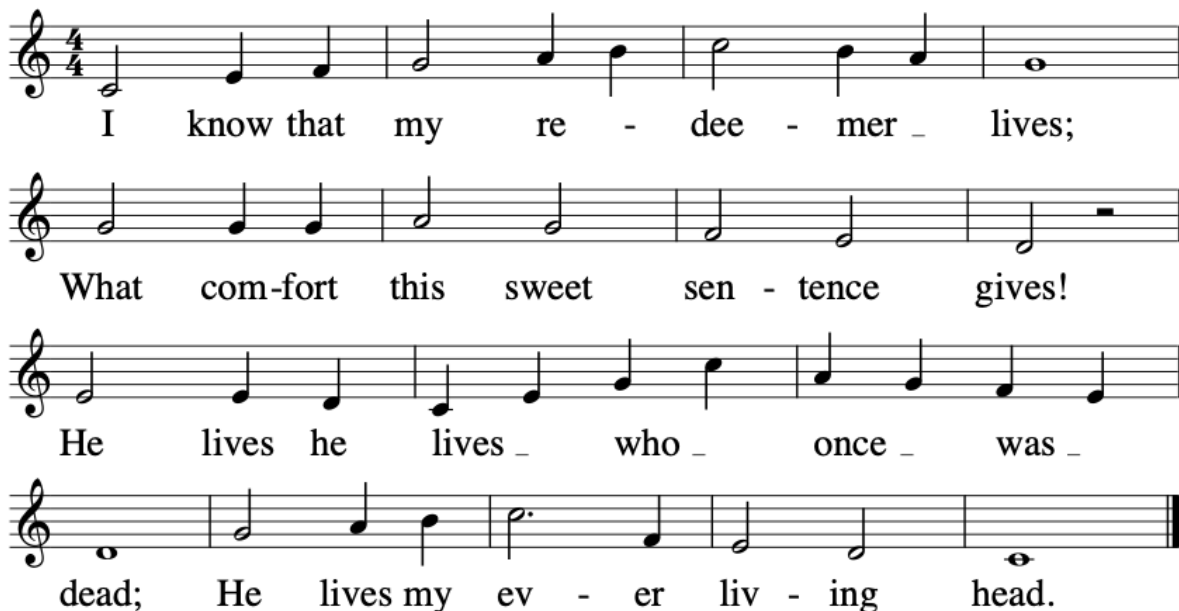
Mark 16:1-8

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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, written in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are: C4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (half). The lyrics are: I know that my re - dee - mer - lives; The second staff continues with: G4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The lyrics are: What com-fort this sweet sen - tence gives! The third staff continues with: C4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics are: He lives he lives - who - once - was - The fourth staff concludes with: C4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The lyrics are: 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.

New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1:3-5

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Charles Garland

The Table

Receiving New Members & Profession of Faith

Trey & Angela Andrew, Titus & Blaise

Nick Muller

Tanner Skaare

Bill Solyst

Olivia Stowe

Raymie Rash

Cameron Ward

Morgan Zylstra

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!**

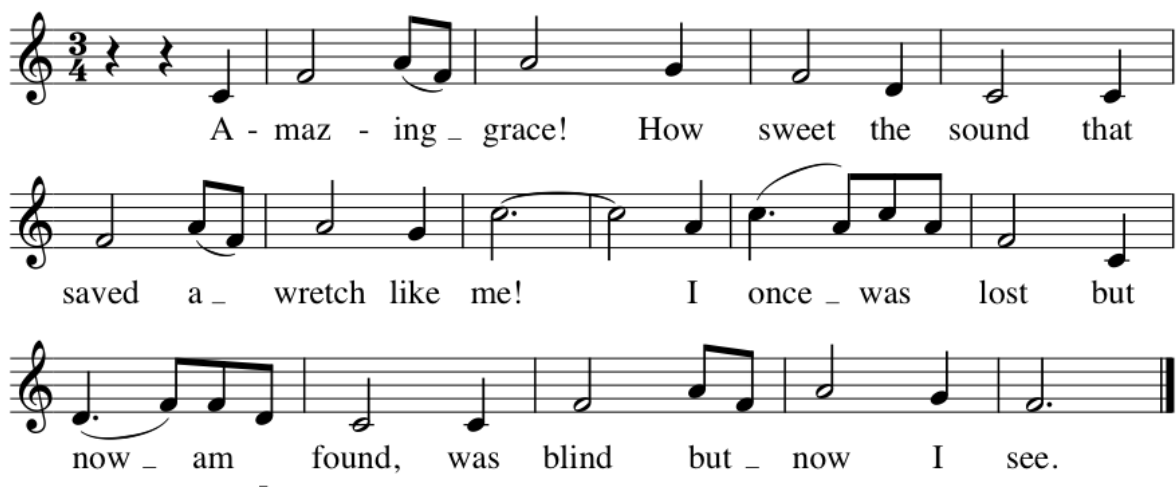
Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. We are using individual cups and wafers as a concession to the virus. The cups in the trays are wine and the separate cups are juice. All of the wafers are gluten free.]

Amazing Grace

Lyrics & Music: John Newton



A - maz - ing - grace! How sweet the sound that
saved a - wretch like me! I once - was lost but
now - am found, was blind but - now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there, ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days, to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Lyrics: William Moore; Music: Bruce Benedict



The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Praise the Sav-ior now and ev-er; praise him, all be - neath the skies;
pros-trate ly-ing, suf-fring, dy-ing on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.
Vic-t'ry gain-ing, life ob - tain -ing now in - glo-ry he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth;
He is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever
Unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

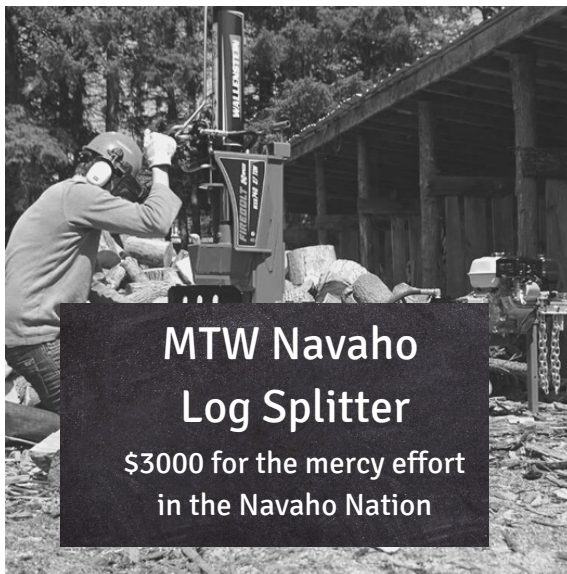
Benediction



MTW Ukrainian Relief Fund

\$12,000 for the Ukrainian
Presbyterian Churches' relief
efforts

Midtown Easter Mercy Offering 2022



MTW Navaho Log Splitter

\$3000 for the mercy effort
in the Navaho Nation

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. (Note that the Midtown box is separate from the Vineyard ones—ours cleverly says “Midtown”!) You can also give online at our website www.mpctucson.org.

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 Bible Study: Next meeting is on Wednesday 5/4 at 7pm.

Midtown Families Small Group: We’ll meet at the Grevers (3615 E Calle Alarcon Tucson, AZ 85716) on Tuesday the 5th from 5-6:30 for an informal dinner and hang out. Text an RSVP to Josiah Howard at 520-307-0988.

Men’s Bible Study: Resumes this Wednesday at 7:00 @ Noah Hamstra’s (706 E Linden St.) Studying the Westminster Confession.

Monday Soccer: Monday at 5:15pm on the UofA mall.

Refugee Family: If you would like to be more hands on in helping the Jamshidi family please let Julie Garland know (julie.garland@gmail.com).

Homeless Help: if anyone has toiletries, clothes, etc. you would like to donate, Tim Davis will gladly take them for the homeless @ Santa Rita Park (tdavisua74@gmail.com).

Particularization Service: May 1st, the Arizona Presbytery will come to organize us as a particular church (no longer a mission church). Afterwards, we will have a big celebration pot-luck in the courtyard. We’ll be meeting outside that day to make room for guests, so dress accordingly!

Midtown Hike: Saturday 4/23/22 in Catalina State Park. We'll meet at 7:45 am at the Vineyard (625 N 2nd Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705). This is an approximately 6-mile hike (3 miles out, 3 miles back) to Romero Pools on the Romero Canyon trail. Note that this may be the last hike JD will lead until next fall when the weather cools.

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Music Director: Sarah Lewis
RUF Staff: Dan & Brittany Smith
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