



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Evening Worship

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
04.03.2022

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.

## **Reflections**

...left to ourselves we lapse into a kind of collusion with entropy, acquiescing in the general belief that things may be getting worse but that there's nothing much we can do about them. And we are wrong. Our task in the present...is to live as resurrection people in between Easter and the final day, with our Christian life, corporate and individual, in both worship and mission, as a sign of the first and a foretaste of the second.

— N.T. Wright

Through the repeated hammer blows of defeat, destruction, and deportation, interpreted by the faithful prophets, Israel has to learn that election is not for comfort and security but for suffering and humiliation.

— Lesslie Newbigin

# 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 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.

## Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth

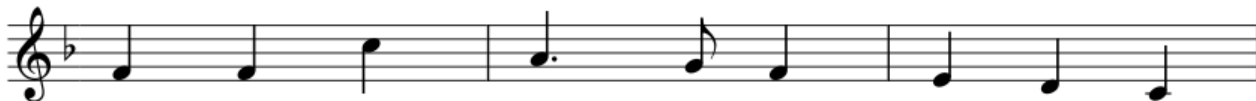
Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all crea-tures  
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n -ly host; Praise  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty the 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 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

Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

## Confession of Sin

[Please pray aloud together ]

**Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and frighten me. Where shall I go? I look to you, Lord Jesus, and I believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I cling to you and am made sure, for you have promised that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life. Even if my conscience is troubled and my sins frighten me and make me tremble, you have still assured me that my sins have been forgiven on account of your name. I cannot help myself and so come to you for help.**

**Amen.**

[You are invited to confess your sins to God 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

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Lyrics: John Newton; Music: Wedell Kimbrough

1. Pen-sive doubt-ing fear-ful heart, hear what Christ the Sav-ior \_

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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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with line numbers 4, 8, 12, and 14 indicating the start of each line of text. The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

Though afflicted, tempest tossed, Comfortless awhile thou art,  
Do not think thou can be lost, Thou art graven on my heart;  
All thy wastes I will repair; Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;  
And in thee it shall appear, What the God of love can do.

## **The Prayers of the People**

[Led by Dave Adams]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,

**Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.**

For all who carry out your ministries within your church,

**We ask for grace and wisdom.**

(Pray for those who minister the gospel.)

For those who don't yet believe the gospel,

**We ask for your faithful love.**

(Pray for the unbelieving.)



For governors and rulers in every land,  
**We ask for your guidance.**  
(Pray for our leaders.)

For people who suffer and grieve,  
**We ask for your healing peace.**  
(Pray for the suffering.)

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.

Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words He 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: Stephanie Barrett]

Genesis 12:1-3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading**

Acts 13:48-52

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Music & Lyrics: Robert Robinson

5 Come, thou fount of ev'-ry bles-sing, tune my heart to sing thy  
9 grace; streams of mer-cy, ne-ver ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est  
12 praise. Teach me \_ some me - lo-dious - son - net sung by \_  
15 fla - ming tongues a - bove. Praise the mount, I'm fixed up -  
pon it, mount of Thy re - deem-ing love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

## Gospel Reading

### Mark 4:21-34

<sup>21</sup> And he said to them, "Is a lamp brought in to be put under a basket, or under a bed, and not on a stand? <sup>22</sup> For nothing is hidden except to be made manifest; nor is anything secret except to come to light. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup> And he said to them, "Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you. <sup>25</sup> For to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

<sup>26</sup> And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup> And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. <sup>34</sup> He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**Sermon**

Nick Davis

# The Table

## 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.]

We use the ancient creeds and confessions 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.

## **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**

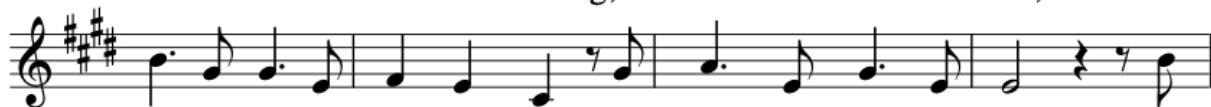
[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. We are using individual cups and wafers as a concession to the virus. The cups in the trays are wine and the separate cups are juice. All of the wafers are gluten free.]

# Come, Then Lord Jesus

Music: Kenny Hutson & Katy Bower; Lyrics: Horatius Bonar



The Church has wait-ed long, her ab-sent Lord to see, and



still in lone-li - ness she waits, a friend-less stran-ger she. How



age af-ter age has gone, sun af-ter sun has set, and



still, in weeds of wid-ow-hood, she weeps, a mourn-er yet.



Come then, Lord Je - sus come; Come then, Lord Je-sus; \_



Come then, Lord Je - sus come; Come, \_\_\_\_\_ come.

The serpent's brood increase; the powers of hell grow bold,  
The conflicts thicken, faith is low, and love is waxing cold.  
How long, O Lord our God, holy and true and good,  
Wilt thou not judge thy suffering Church,  
her sighs and tears and blood? [Refrain]

We long to hear thy voice, to see thee face to face,  
To share Thy crown and glory then, as now we share thy grace.  
Should not the loving bride, the absent Bridegroom mourn?  
Should she not wear the weeds of grief,  
until her Lord return? [Refrain]

The whole creation groans, and wait to hear that voice  
That shall restore her comeliness, and make her wastes rejoice.  
Come, Lord, and wipe away, the curse, the sin, the stain  
And make this blighted world of ours,  
thine own fair world again. [Refrain]

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Lyrics: Samuel Stennett; Music: Christopher Miner

Musical score for the hymn "On Jordan's Stormy Banks". The score is written in treble clef, G major (three sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "On Jor - dan's stor - my ba - nks I stand and cast a wish - ful eye, to Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised La - nd. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised La - nd."

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7 cast a wish - ful eye, to Can - aan's fair and  
11 hap - py land, where my pos - ses - sions lie. I am bound, I am  
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O'er all those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful  
shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

## Benediction



# 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](http://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](mailto:charles@mpctucson.org)) to get on the list.

**Women’s Bible Study:** Wednesday at 7pm. We’re studying Philippians this winter. All are welcome! Meeting at Nancy Price’s home (6280 N Placita De Luis)

**Men’s Bible Study:** 7:00 Wednesday night at the 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](mailto: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](mailto:tdavisua74@gmail.com)).

**Congregational Meeting:** We will have our first congregational meeting on April 10th right after the worship service to elect officers (Pastor, Elders, Deacons) for the organization of the church. All communing members are eligible to vote.

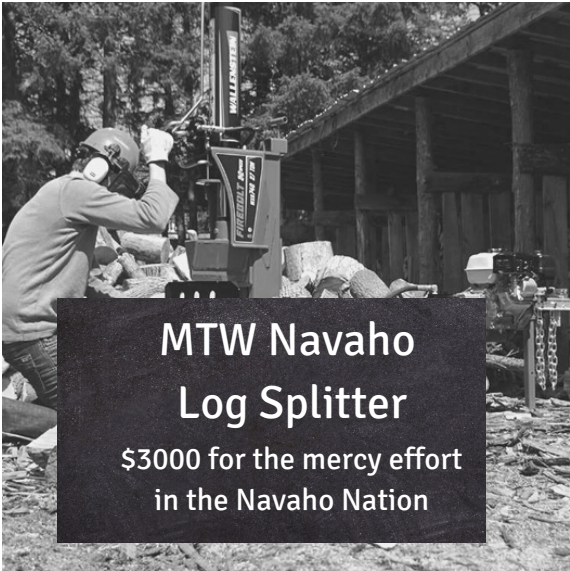
**Particularization Service:** May 1st, the Arizona Presbytery will come to organize us as a particular church (no longer a mission church). Afterwards, we will have a big celebration pot-luck. We’re locking down a venue, but will need to worship somewhere bigger for that service.



# Midtown Easter Mercy Offering 2022

## MTW Ukrainian Relief Fund

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



## MTW Navaho Log Splitter

\$3000 for the mercy effort  
in the Navaho Nation



**Pastor:** Charles Garland  
**Church Planting Resident:** Nick Davis  
**Music Director:** Sarah Lewis  
**RUF Staff:** Dan & Brittany Smith  
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