



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

Christ the King Sunday  
11.20.2022

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.

## **Reflection**

Show me someone who hasn't purchased a gift he couldn't afford for someone he loves and I'll show you someone who isn't fit for the kingdom

--James Denney

When one loves, one does not calculate.

— Thérèse of Lisieux

# 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

Revelation 19:6-7

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

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 blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures  
here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise  
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - - men.

# All Creatures of our God and King

Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi; Music: William Draper

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O - praise him, O - praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia!"

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of ev'ning find a voice! O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care! O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise Him, O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

## Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

**We confess our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust.**

**We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. 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!**

# Jesus What a Friend For Sinners

Arrangement: Luke Smith

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. —

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 9/8 time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '2' over a bracket) and rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with dashes indicating where the notes continue. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

## **The Prayers of the People**

[Led by Ryan Jankowskic]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

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.

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.

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.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

[Reader: Julie Garland]

Psalm 42:1-5

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## **New Testament Reading**

Ephesians 3:14-19

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**



# We Lift Up As Our Shield

Music & Lyrics: Ed Clowney



1. We lift up as our shield God's name, the strong name  
2. Im-man - u - el, in - car - nate Lord, from Mary's —  
3. By faith we claim his grace to - day: the pow'r of



of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the  
womb was giv - en breath, was bap - tized at the Jor - dan's  
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to



same: the Three in One and One in Three, our Rock and  
ford, and gave his life to con - quer death. He rose tri -  
stay, his ear to hear - ken to our need; the wis - dom



Tow - er God of Light, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spi - rit,  
um - phant from the tomb, was lift - ed to the Fa - ther's  
of our God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to



Word; we claim the name of grace and  
throne to come on God's dread day of  
ward, the word of God to give us



might: sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.  
doom and bring sal - va - tion for his own.  
speech his heav'n - ly host to be our guard.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 14:1-11

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him, <sup>2</sup> for they said, "Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people."

<sup>3</sup> And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head. <sup>4</sup> There were some who said to themselves indignantly, "Why was the ointment wasted like that? <sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they scolded her. <sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me. <sup>7</sup> For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me. <sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial. <sup>9</sup> And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

<sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. <sup>11</sup> And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

## Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

Minister: How are you right with God?

**All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. Amen.**

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.

## 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. Please return down the outside aisles.]

# Lead On, O King Eternal

Arrangement: Sara Groves



1. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal, 'til sin's fierce war shall cease, and  
2. Lead on, O King E - ter - nal; we fol - low not with fears, for



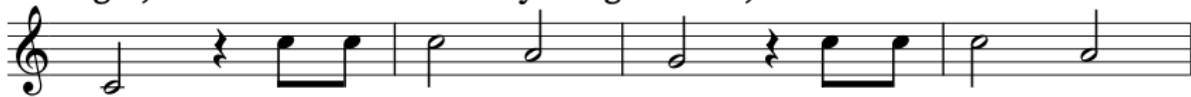
ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men - of peace.  
glad - ness breaks like mor - ning wher - e'er Thy face - ap - pears.



For not with swords' loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring  
The cross is lift - ed o'er us, we jour - ney in its



drums, but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom  
light; we fol - low as you guide us; lead on O God - of



comes. Let your king - dom - come, and your will be  
might.



done right here on the earth - like it is - in hea - ven.

# On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Lyrics: Samuel Stennett; Music: Christopher Miner

4 On Jor - dan's stor - my ba-nks I stand and  
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  
14 bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd. I am  
bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd.

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. Online, you can give at ([www.mpctucson.org/donate](http://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](mailto:charles@mpctucson.org)) to get on the list.

**Advent starts next week:** We'll be doing a study of the songs sung around the birth of Christ in Luke's Gospel during Advent this year. And since Christmas falls on a Sunday, we'll be together to celebrate (usual time: 5 pm).

**Men's Book Study for December:** December 13th at the McReynold's home at 7:00 pm. We'll be discussing The Heart of Christ by Thomas Goodwin. Join us!

**Ladies Christmas Cookie Swap:** December 11th @ 10:30 am at Melissa McRae's home (409 E Lester St.). Bring 2 dozen cookies and some brunchy food and an empty tray. Invite friends!

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