



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

First Sunday After Epiphany

01.13.2019

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 in the patio room. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

If men will not be governed by the Ten Commandments they shall be governed by the ten thousand commandments.

— G.K. Chesterton

The giving of commandments is an expression of love; the commandments are given as guardrails that encourage us to act in ways that are consistent with the 'grain of the universe,' so to speak. They are the means by which God invites and encourages us to find abundance and flourishing.

— James K.A. Smith

The Word

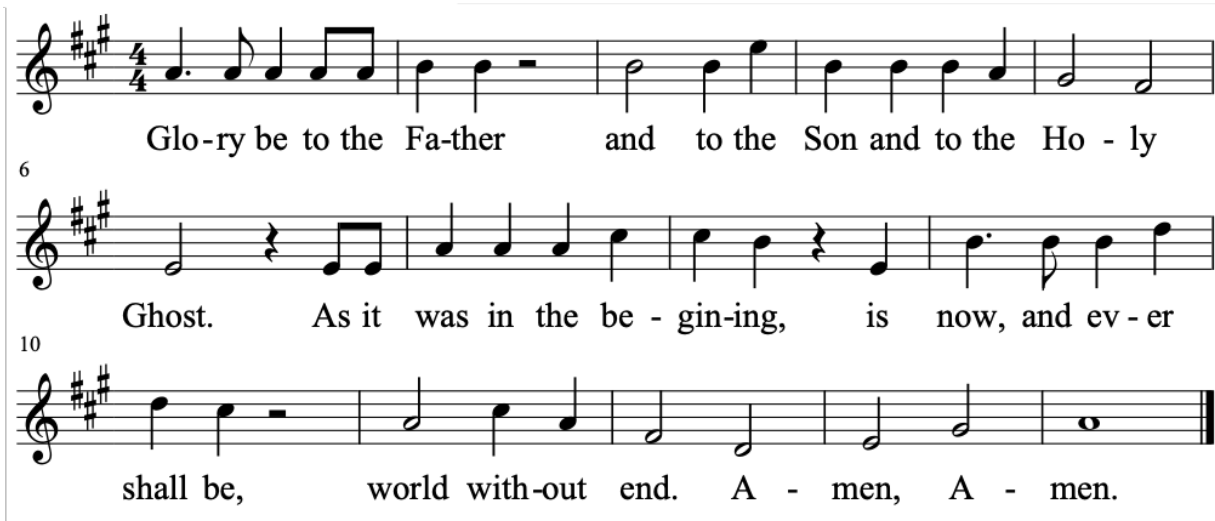
Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke



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

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

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

Sing To The Lord

Lyrics & Music: Roots Worship Collective



Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth.



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For great _ is the Lord most wor-thy of _ all _ praise.



For great _ is our God most wor - thy to be praised.



Let the whole earth sing to the Name a - bove _ all names.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 64:6-7

We have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Confession of Sin

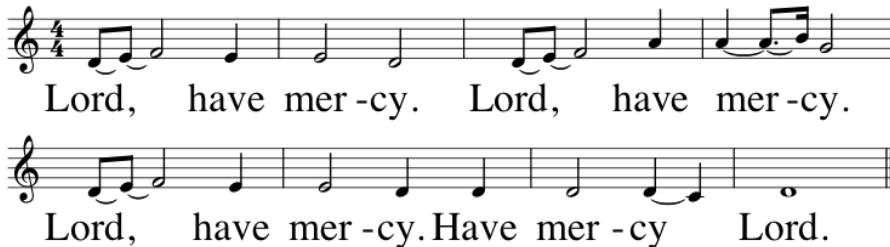
[Please pray aloud together]

**Lord,
I worry because I forget your wisdom.
I resent because I forget your mercy.
I covet because I forget your beauty.
I sin because I forget your holiness.
I fear because I forget your sovereignty.
You always remember me. Help me to remember you.
Amen.**

[You are invited to confess your sins silently at this time.]

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.
Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 63:16

You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Lyrics & Music: Kimbrough , Zach, Wardell, Keyes

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Your Labor Is Not In Vain'. It consists of seven staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is: 'Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the'. The second line is: 'ground un - der - neath you is cursed and - stained. Your'. The third line is: 'plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your'. The fourth line is: 'la - bor is not ___ in vain. For I am'. The fifth line is: 'with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am'. The sixth line is: 'with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your'. The seventh line is: 'la - bor is not ___ in vain.' There is a double bar line at the end of the seventh line. The word 'Chorus' is written above the fourth line. The phrase '- to verse 2' is written above the fifth line.

Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the
ground un - der - neath you is cursed and - stained. Your
plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your
Chorus
la - bor is not ___ in vain. For I am
- to verse 2
with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am
with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your
la - bor is not ___ in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
But your labor is not unknown [chorus]

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth;
For all that is old will at last be made new,
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit [chorus]

The houses you labor to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled;
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed [chorus]

The Prayers of the People

(Please pray aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God who is from everlasting to everlasting, grant us, amid the conflicts of this passing world, the comfort of a perfect trust in you:

Save and help us, O Lord.

From pride, selfishness, greed and anger; from passions that lead to war among brothers and sisters in Christ as well as war among nations:

Save and help us, O Lord.

Let us pray for peace (silence). Amen.

As you have blessed our nation so richly, we pray for the President and all in authority over us, that they would lead with wisdom and truth:

Save and help us, O Lord.

Let us pray for those who lead (silence). Amen.

For all who are afflicted by war within themselves, by the conflicts of doubt, a rebellious will, and the darkness of despair:

Save and help us, O Lord.

Let us pray for all who struggle with the gospel (silence). Amen.

For all who suffer: the sick, the poor, and the prisoner, that they would be touched by your compassion in their time of need:

Save and help us, O Lord.

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

Ephesians 4:20-24

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

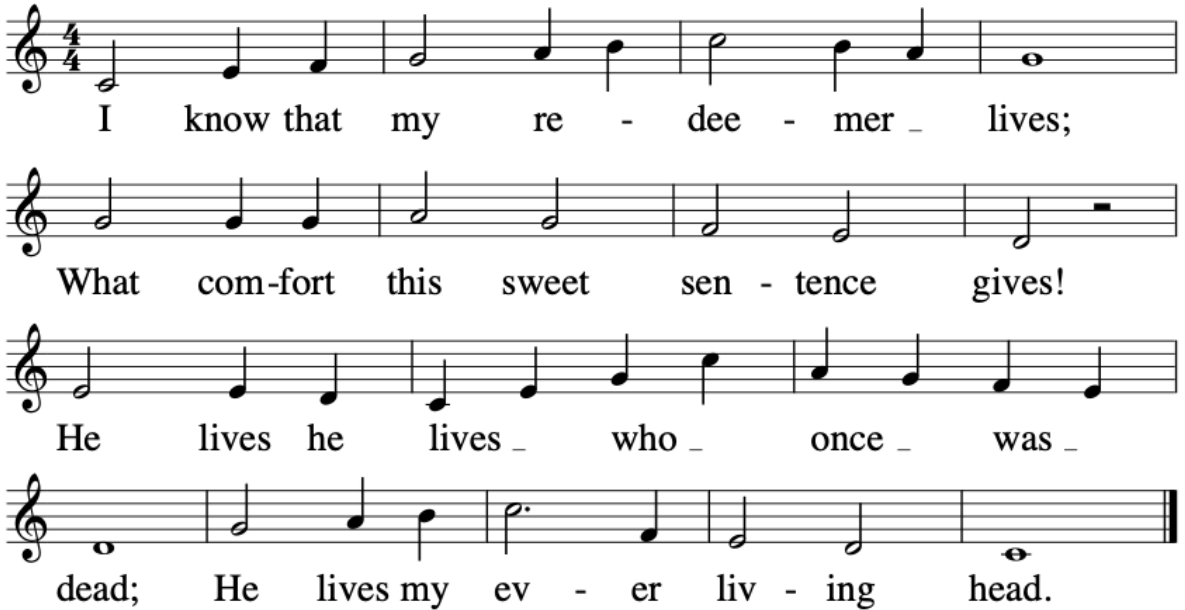
John 14:18-21

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



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.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 19:7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the Lord are right rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there
is great reward.
12 Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden
faults.
13 Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins, let them not
have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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.]

Sursum Corda

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.**

Words of Institution

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.]

Come Ye Sinners

Lyrics: Joseph Hart; Music: Beech Spring



Come ye sin - ners, poor and nee - dy, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore.



Je - sus rea - dy stands to sa - ve you full of pi - ty, love, and power.



He is a - ble, He is a - ble he is wil - ling, doubt no more.



He is a - ble He is a - ble, He is wil - ling, doubt no more.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall.

If you tarry til you're better, you will never come at all.

Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call,

Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call.

Lo! The'incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of His blood;

Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good,

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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.

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box in the back of the nave that you can use as you enter or leave, or as you come to communion. You can also give online at our website 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.

Church Membership: On January 20th we are holding an Intro to Midtown Class for those who want to find out about joining the church. We will meet at Catalina Foothills Church (2150 E Orange Grove Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718) from 10:15 - 12:15. Please get in Intro Book (on the back table) to read through before the meeting.

Women4Truth Conference: Aimee Byrd speaking at New Valley Church in Chandler, February 23rd. Sign up at www.women4truth.com

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