



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Evening Worship

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11.07.2021

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

There where the judges gather, a greater takes the seat;

'How long,' God asks the judges, 'will you pronounce deceit?

therefore foundations totter; injustice rocks the land.'

How long show special favour to those of ill repute?

How long neglect the orphan, the poor and destitute?

Deal justly with the needy; protect the powerless;

deliver the afflicted from those who would oppress,

but you are surely blinded; you do not understand:

God speaks: 'I named you rulers, to serve the Most High God,

but you shall die as mortals and perish by my rod.'

Arise, O God, in judgement, your sovereignty make known

—Henry Zylstra,

# 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

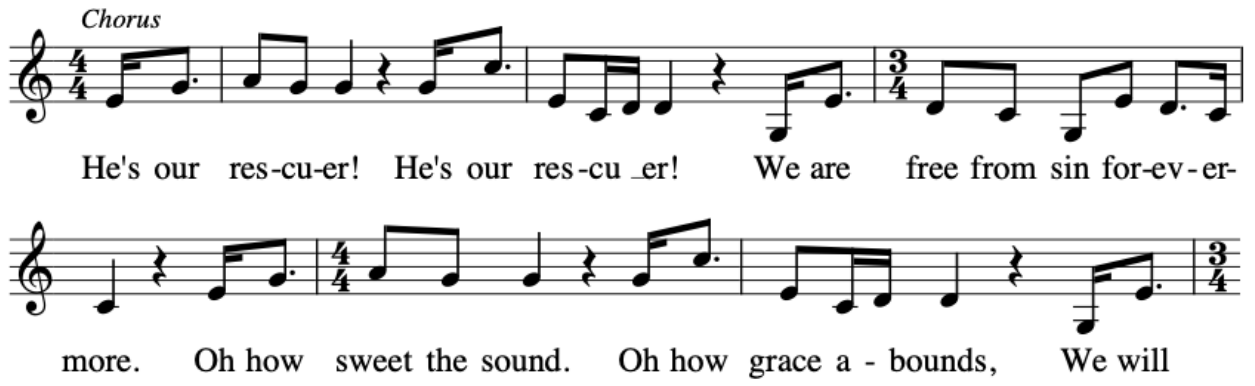
Music: The Old One Hundredth



# Rescuer (Good News)


Music & Lyrics: Ben Hastings, Bryan Fowler and the Rend Collective

*Chorus*



He's our res-cu-er! He's our res-cu\_er! We are free from sin for-ev-er-  
more. Oh how sweet the sound. Oh how grace a - bounds, We will

*Verse*



praise the Lord, our res-cu-er! There is good news for the cap-tive;  
good news for the shamed. There is good news for the one who walked a -  
way. There is good news for the doubt-er; the one re-li-gion failed, for the  
good Lord has come to seek and save. \_ *to Chorus*

He is beauty for the blind man; riches for the poor;  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores.  
He is pasture for the weary; rest for those who strive,  
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life

*Bridge*

to Chorus So come and be chain - less. Come and be  
 fear - less. Come to the foot of Cal - va -  
 ry. There is re - demp - tion, for ev - 'ry af -  
 flic - tion. Here at the foot of Cal - va - ry.

## Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Confession of Sin

Mark 1:14-15

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

## Confession of Sin

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

# Psalm 51

Music: Chris Miner



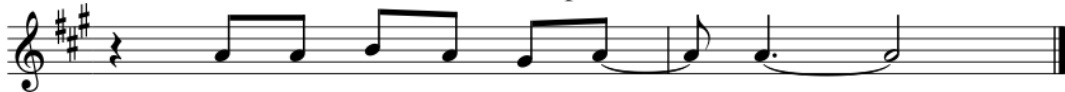
God \_ be \_mer-ci - ful to me,      On Thy grace I rest my plea:



plen \_teous in com-pas-sion thou,      blot out my trans -gres-sions now.



Wash me make me pure with - in.



Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.  
I have sinned against Thy grace, and provoked Thee to Thy face.  
I confess Thy judgement just; speechless, I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil, born in sin; Thou desirest truth within.  
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart;  
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow, wash me whiter than the snow.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 3:4-5

When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us: not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.

Minister:      May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All:**            **And also with you!**



## **Psalm 51** (Continues)

Broken, humbled to the dust, by thy wrath and judgement just.  
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice.  
From my sins, oh, hide thy face: Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew; make my spirit right and true.  
Cast me not away from thee; let Thy spirit dwell in me.  
Thy salvation's joy impart: Steadfast make my willing heart.

### **The Prayers of the People**

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

[Led by Nick Davis]

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.

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.**

## **Psalter Reading**

[Reader: Stephanie Barrett]

Psalm 2:1-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Reading

Matthew 26:51-56

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

## Holy, Holy, Holy

Lyrics: Reginald Heber; Music: John Dykes



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Lord God Al - migh - ty!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and migh - ty!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Tri - ni - ty.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who were and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## **Old Testament Reading**

### **Daniel 4:28-37**

<sup>28</sup> All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>29</sup> At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, <sup>30</sup> and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?" <sup>31</sup> While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, <sup>32</sup> and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will." <sup>33</sup> Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws. <sup>34</sup> At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever,  
for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;  
<sup>35</sup> all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,  
and he does according to his will among the host of  
heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth;

and none can stay his hand  
or say to him, "What have you done?"

<sup>36</sup> At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. <sup>37</sup> Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

## Confession of Faith

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 Sursum Corda and the Mystery of Faith are used by Christians the world over to prepare their hearts and minds for Holy Communion.

## **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 red cups have wine and the grape juice is white/gold.]

# Crown Him

Music: Benj Pocta; Lyrics: Thomas Kelly

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Crown Him'. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Look ye saints, — the sight is glo - rious: see the ex - alt-ed Sav-ior now;'. The second staff continues with '— From the fight — re-turned vic-to - rious, ev-ery knee to him shall'. The third staff concludes with 'bow; Crown him, crown him, — crowns be - come the Vic-tor's — brow. —'. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the second staff.

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— From the fight — re-turned vic-to - rious, ev-ery knee to him shall  
bow; Crown him, crown him, — crowns be - come the Vic-tor's — brow. —

Crown the Savior! Saints adore him;  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
In the seat of power enthrone him,  
While the vault of heaven rings;  
Crown him, crown him,  
Crown the Savior; King of Kings.

Hark, those bursts of acclamation!  
Hark, those loud triumphant chords;  
Jesu takes the highest station;  
O what joy the sight affords;  
Crown him, crown him,  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords.



# 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. (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.

**Monday Soccer:** Monday at 5:30 at the U of A Mall.

**RUF Front Porch Bible Study:** Tuesdays @8:00pm at Koffler 216.

**Nursery Volunteer Help Needed:** Our nursery is growing and we need a few more hands on deck. If you are interested/willing please tell Olivia Stowe or Josiah Howard. And if they buttonhole you about doing it, give them a chance!

**Christmas Choir:** If you have experience in four-part harmony choir singing (or a desire to learn!), you are invited to participate in a special Christmas choir that will lead the congregation in a few carols this Advent season. Let Sarah Lewis ([sarahgrimeslewis@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgrimeslewis@gmail.com)) know if you are interested and she will contact you with practice info.

**Men's and Women's joint Book Club** dinner and discussion Tuesday, Nov. 9th, 6 PM, at the McReynolds home (1241 E. Sobre Lomas). The book is *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson. Please RSVP to Matt or Dana McReynolds so they know how many people to prepare dinner for ([gooooa13@hotmail.com](mailto:gooooa13@hotmail.com) or [thesharptooth@hotmail.com](mailto:thesharptooth@hotmail.com))



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