



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Evening Worship

All Saints Sunday

11.05.2023

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

Pride can often be used to beat down the simpler vices. Teachers, in fact, often appeal to a boy's Pride, or, as they call it, his self-respect, to make him behave decently: many a man has overcome cowardice, or lust, or ill-temper by learning to think that they are beneath his dignity—that is, by Pride. The devil laughs. He is perfectly content to see you becoming chaste and brave and self-controlled provided, all the time, he is setting up in you the Dictatorship of Pride—just as he would be quite content to see your chilblains cured if he was allowed, in return, to give you cancer. For Pride is spiritual cancer: it eats up the very possibility of love, or commitment, or even common sense.

--C. S. Lewis

# 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 57:9-11

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

In the Gloria Patri we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries in this ancient (cf. 380 AD) song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

## The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

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

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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.

# Ten Thousand Reasons

Lyrics and Music: Matt Redman & John Myrin

## *Chorus*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like ne - ver be-fore,  
O my soul I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

## *Verse*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing; -  
It's time to sing your song - a-gain. What-  
e - ver may pass and what - e - ver lies be - fore - me;  
Let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
10,000 years and then forevermore.



# Assurance of Forgiveness

John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

# The Dreadful Tree

Music & Lyrics: David Isaac Waters

Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity.  
Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only You to know,  
Seeking only You to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside.  
Bid my will to Yours submit; Lay me humbly at Your feet,  
Lay me humbly at Your feet.

**Refrain:** For way over yonder on the dreadful tree,  
Way over yonder on the dreadful tree,  
You shed your blood and you died for me.

Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled.  
Seeing only in Your light; Walking only in Your might,  
Walking only in Your might.

Leaning on Your loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest.  
Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from Your precious blood,  
Flowing from Your precious blood [Refrain]

In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give.  
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry,  
And hosannas ever cry. [Refrain]

# The Prayers of the People

[Led by Matt McReynolds]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you commanded the apostles to go into the entire world and preach the gospel to every person.

Grant everyone you have called into your church a ready will to obey your word.

**Fill us with a hearty desire to make you known.**

(Pray for a God-given desire to tell others about Jesus.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up workers to join you in your work in our city and the world.

**Give them your Spirit and prosper their work.**

(Pray for all those who labor for the spread of the kingdom.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sustain those within this church who seek to serve our children.

**May our children follow you all of their lives.**

(Pray for all of the children of Midtown Presbyterian.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on the many people who do not know you.

**Have mercy on those who are like sheep without a shepherd.**

(Pray for those who do not yet know Jesus.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



And teach us to pray as You taught Your disciples to pray, 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: Julie Garland]

Isaiah 2:10-18

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 18:9-14

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

# **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Lyrics: Walter C. Smith; Arrangement: Matt & Dana McReynolds

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.  
Oh our God, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.  
Oh our God is goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!  
Oh our God, the light hideth thee.

## **New Testament Reading**

1 Corinthians 13:4d

Love... does not boast, it is not proud.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

## Confession of Faith

—Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

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.

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.**

## 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.]

## **Rock of Ages**

Lyrics: Augustus Toplady; Music: Matt McReynolds

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyes shall close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

# 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.

## 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.

**Church Prayer Meeting.** Next Sunday, November 12th, at 10:30 am at the Adams' home (4660 N Paseo Aquimuri). Come pray for our church and community. (You won't be put on the spot to pray out loud if you don't want to.)

**November Combined Book Group:** November 14th at the McReynolds' home (1241 E Sobre Lomas). Reading The Phantom of the Opera.

**Women's Bible Study:** starts up again this week, Thursday the 9th at the Garland's at 7pm (1324 N Norton Ave).

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