



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

03.08.2020

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

Fell into a life of crime, a life of misspent youth,
People became my enemies, or something else to use.
All the friends I know are just dying to be living,
A lot of apologies need to be spoken,
A lot of sins need to be forgiven.

Rebel, rogue and infidel, son of man, son of hell,
Bundle of lies and contradictions,
bad intentions skewed predilections;
I put my head into the noose, looking and feeling my best,
When will the bottom drop? Well its anybody's guess.

—Bill Mallonee

The Word

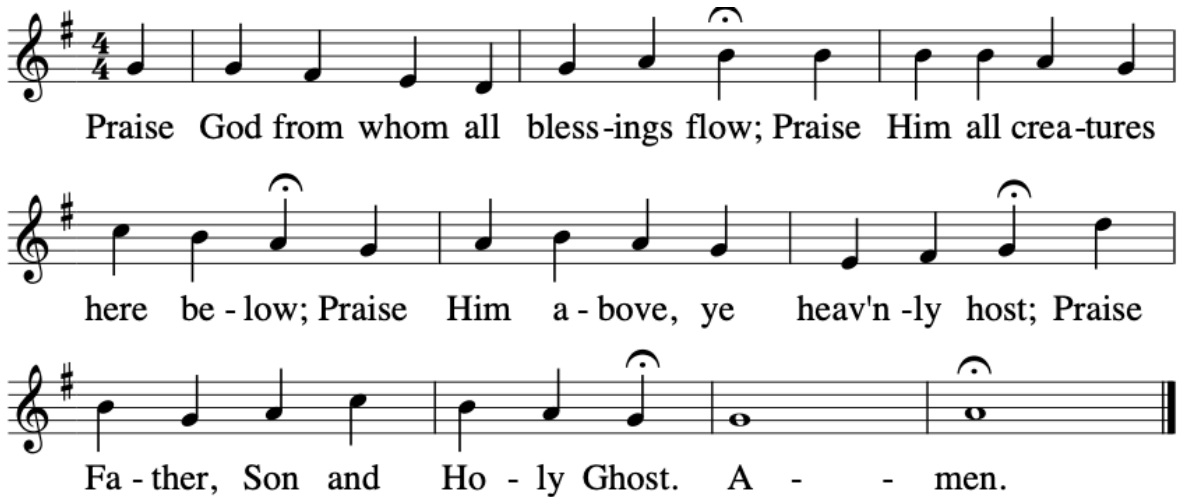
Call to Worship

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.

Doxology

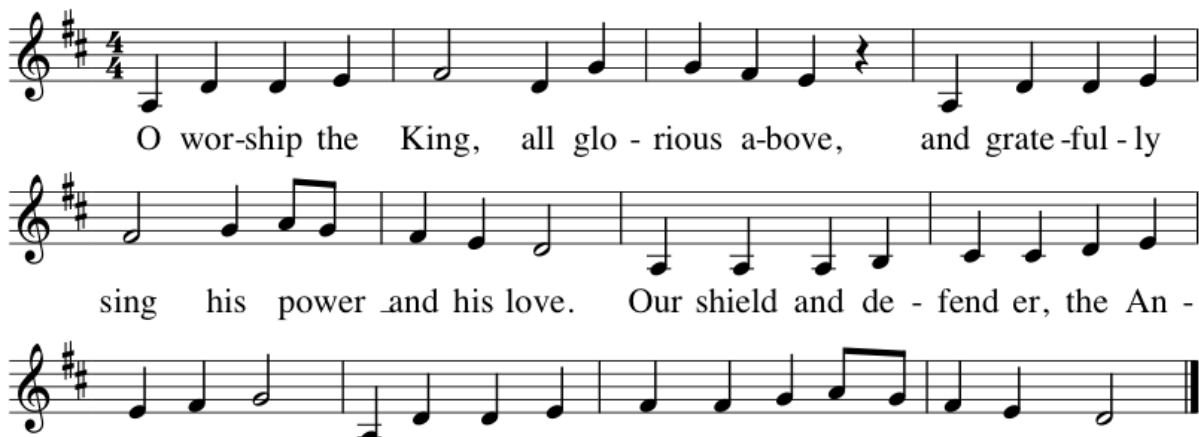
Music: The Old One Hundredth



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.

O Worship the King

Lyrics: Robert Grant; Music: Johann Haydn



O wor-ship the King, all glo - rious a-bove, and grate-ful - ly
sing his power and his love. Our shield and de - fend er, the An -
cient of Days, pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Confession of Sin

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

Come, O Redeemer, Come

Music & Lyrics: Fernando Ortega

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Fa - ther en-throned on high; Ho - ly, ho - ly. An - cient e - ter - nal Light; hear our prayer; Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us peace.'

Lord, save us from the dark, of our striving,
Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.
Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Look now upon our need, Lord be with us.
Heal us and make us free, from our sin.
Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.
Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

We Are Not Overcome

—Lyrics & Music: Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell



Flesh will fail _ and bones will break; thieves will steal, _ the earth will



shake. Night will fall, _ the light will fade; _ the Lord will give, and take a-

Refrain



way; Be-cause of His great _ love, we are not o-ver-come!



Be-cause of His great _ love we are not o-ver-come!

Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust;
The Lord will make a place for us. [Refrain]

Have no fear for your life, Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give all life and breath. [Refrain]

The Prayers of the People

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.

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

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:14-17

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Lord I Need You

Music & Lyrics: Carson, Nockels, Maher, Reeves & Stanfill



Lord, I come, I con - fess. Bow-ing here, I find my



rest. And with-out you, I fall a - part. You're the

Chorus



one that guides my heart. Lord, I need you, Oh, I need you.



Ev - 'ry hour I need you. My one de-fense,



my right - eous-ness, Oh, God, how I need - you.

Bridge



So, teach my song to rise to you, When temp - ta-tion comes my way.



When I can-not stand, I'll fall on you, Je-sus, you're my hope and stay.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

Where You are, Lord, I am free! Holiness is Christ in me.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵ who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶ by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Pete Rehrmann

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.]

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 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.]

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Lyrics: William Williams; Music: Jeremy Casella

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'. It consists of five staves of music in G minor (one flat) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Guide me _O, Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim'. The second staff continues: 'through this bar - ren - land. I am _weak, but Thou art'. The third staff: 'might - y; Hold me with Thy power - ful - hand. Bread of'. The fourth staff: 'hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more. Bread of'. The fifth staff: 'hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and phrasing slurs.

Guide me _O, Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim
through this bar - ren - land. I am _weak, but Thou art
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hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

ENDING



Land me



safe on Ca-naan's side. Bid my anx - ious fears. Bid my anx-



- ious fears. Land me safe on Ca - naan's -



side. Bid my anx - ious fears. Bid my anx - ious fears, good-bye.

We Will Feast In the House of Zion

Lyrics and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score includes a key signature change to 2/4 time for a brief section and a final double bar line.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on! We will sing with our
hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther,
We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be
burned by the fire: He is the Lord our God. We are not con-
sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tect-ed, ga - thered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom!

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. 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.

Women's Bible Study Wednesday 3/11, at 7:00, at the Garland's home (1324 N Norton Ave). We'll be studying chapter 5 of Tim Keller's book on Romans 1-7.

March Book Groups: Women's group is on March 13th. We'll be discussing Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End, by Atul Gawande. Men's group is on March 10th, discussing Leo Tolstoy's What Is Art? at Matt McReyold's home: 4779 E. Avenida del Cazador.

Ministry Spotlight: Reformed University Fellowship (RUF). Since our church started in conjunction with the RUF ministry on the U of A campus, we have a close kinship with that ministry. Dan and Brittany Smith lead the RUF work. We are giving 5% of our internal giving to help support RUF here and to promote their work on campus. Thank you for giving generously ton help us do this.

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Music Director: Sarah Lewis
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