



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TIME CHANGE!!!

Starting next Sunday

October 18th

We will move from:
4:00pm to 5:00pm

to better accommodate
another congregation who
uses the building before us.

Distancing & Safety Plan

So we can more safely meet together for worship we ask you to help us observe the following:

1. We will space out the chairs as much as we can.
2. No nursery yet—coming very soon!
3. Wear masks so we can sing.
4. Communion will involve coming forward without crowding, and picking up a cup and wafer from the altar rail in front of the pulpit. The separate table of cups will have grape juice if you prefer that. The wafers are gluten free.
5. Try to go outside for visiting with each other after the service.
6. We will disinfect surfaces in the sanctuary and bathrooms before the service.

Evening Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10.11.2020

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. Our nursery for our little ones isn't open yet, post-quarantine, but there is a cry room downstairs and room outside if you need it.

Reflection

Sociologists tell us that dissonant groups within a larger society react to reduce the potential for friction in two predictable ways. One is to compromise their distinctive beliefs and way of life and so reduce their conflict within society. The other is to keep their dissonance and tribalize, retreating within their own group and thus losing contact with society. Intriguingly, this is exactly what Jesus was pointing to in these images [Christians as salt and light in the world], long before sociology was ever dreamed of.

—Dick Keyes

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.

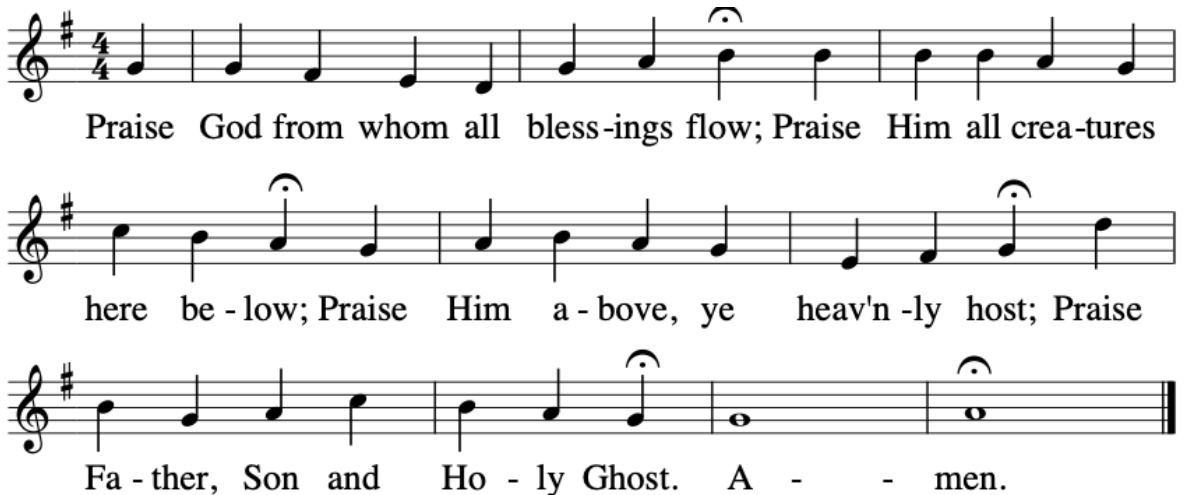
Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well-refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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.

Rejoice the Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Charles Wesley

Re - joice the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -

joice, give thanks, and sing and tri-umph e - ver - more: Lift up your

heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a-gain I say, re - joice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. [Refrain]

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]

He sits at God's right hand, till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
[Refrain]

Prayer of Invocation

The invocation is a prayer asking for God to come and be present with us in the worship service. We come with hope that God will come and speak to us, heal us, and stir up love for him in our minds and hearts.

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6-7

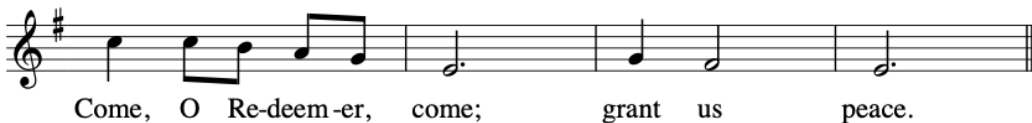
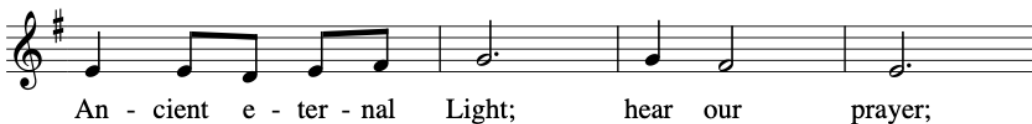
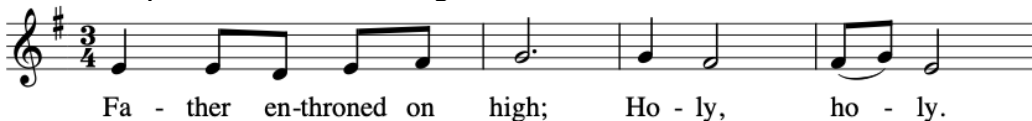
Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Confession of Sin

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

Come, O Redeemer, Come

Music & Lyrics: Fernando Ortega



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.

We confess our sins as a group and individually because we need to. We come to worship God even though we are morally broken, in certain hope that he is merciful to people like us, and able to change us by his grace.

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.

Our consciences are weak and guilty, and can't be trusted to tell us the truth about God's free and happy forgiveness. So God puts his authoritative word in the mouths of his appointed ministers to assure you that he forgives you in Jesus.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Music and Lyrics by Stuart Townsend

5 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea -

9 sure, that he should give his on-ly Son to make a wretch his trea -

13 sure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fa-ther turns his face a -

15 way; as wounds which mar the Cho - sen

One bring ma - ny sons to glo - - ry.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ransom.

The Prayers of the People

[Led by Dave Adams]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Let us pray to the Lord, for the mission of the church,

that in faithful witness

it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,

we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for the church throughout the world.)

Amen.

For those who do not yet believe and those struggling with their faith:

that they may receive the light of the gospel,

we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for those yet to believe.) 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.

For the peace of the world,
**that a spirit of respect and forbearance
may grow among nations and peoples,
according to Your will,
we pray to You, O Lord.**

(Please pray silently for the world.) Amen.

For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners,
and all who are in danger;

**that they may be relieved and protected,
we pray to You, O Lord.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.) Amen.

And hear us as we pray as our Savior taught us,

**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: Cara Scott]

Isaiah 31:1-3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

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 major (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 various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and slurs.

Guide me O, Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim
through this bar - ren - land. I am - weak, but Thou art
might - y; Hold me with Thy power - ful - hand. Bread of
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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.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

Sermons are God's appointed means to communicate his Good News to a particular group of people in a particular local context. Sermons, by design, aren't impressive, so that God will get credit when he uses them in your life, rather than the preacher.

The Table

Confession of Faith

--The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

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

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 are using individual cups and wafers as a concession to the virus. The cups on the taller table have wine and the ones in the silver tray have grape juice.]

Let This Heart Not Wander

Lyrics & Music: Eric J. Marshall

Let my eyes see no-thing, let my eyes see no-thing but your
glo-ry, my Lord. _ Let my eyes see no-thing, let my
eyes see no-thing but your glo-ry, my Lord. _

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

May I always linger, May I always linger,
In your presence, my Lord. (repeat)

I will ever praise you, I will ever praise you,
You are worthy, my Lord. (repeat)

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Lyrics & Music: Robert Lowry

5 What can wash a - way my sin? No-thing -but the blood of Je - sus!

9 What can make me whole a-gain? No-thing but the blood of Je - sus!

13 O, pre-cious is the flow, that makes me white as sn-ow!

No o-ther fount I know. No-thing but the blood of Je - sus!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Nothing But the Blood of Jesus'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts at measure 5, the second at measure 9, and the third at measure 13. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Benediction

Nursery Restart Meeting



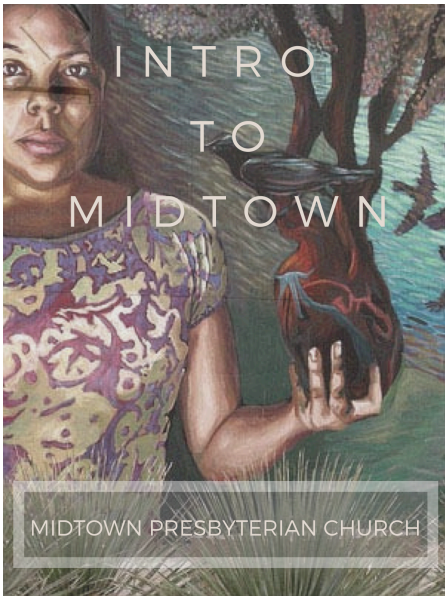
Today after Church on the playground.

We'll have pizza and talk about:

- Covid-19 precautions
- New Child safety system
- New age targeted curriculum
- Orienting volunteers and parents
- Brainstorming and Q & A time

We're hoping to re-open on 10/18!

Intro to Midtown Class



Saturday Morning , October 17th

9:00 -11:00

Here at the Vineyard.

This is a class for people interested in joining Midtown or just finding out more about us. There is a booklet to read through beforehand, and we'll have the class on 10/17 to discuss questions and ideas.

Let Charles know if you are interested so he can get the booklet to you in advance.

Also speak to Charles if you need childcare during that time.

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: We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you. You can email Charles (charles@mpctucson.org) to get on the list.

November Joint Book Group: We will have our annual joint book club (men and women) dinner to discuss The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 PM. Location is the McReynolds patio (4779 E. Avenida del Cazador). Please RSVP to Matt or Dana McReynolds if you plan to attend so they know how much food to prepare.

Women's Bible Study: this Wednesday evening at 7:00, on Julie Garland's patio (1324 N Norton Ave). We will be discussing Romans 8:26-39 (Chapter 3 in the Tim Keller on Romans book, Vol.2). Everyone is welcome

Monday Soccer in the Mall: Monday evenings at 5:30 a group is meeting on the U of A mall to play soccer. Everyone is welcome.

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