



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Second Sunday of Lent

03.17.2019

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

Is human life sacred, or does our moral worth depend on relevant personhood characteristics? Is society's ultimate purpose to protect all innocent human life or to eliminate suffering—a category which both includes eliminating the sufferer, and, as with an unwanted fetus or newborn, the perceived cause of suffering? The answers we ultimately give to these questions will determine whether infanticide is finally established as unexceptional.

—Wesley Smith

And in my best behavior
I am really just like him
Look beneath the floor boards
For the secrets I have hid

—Sufjan Stevens, from his song about John Wayne Gacey

The Word

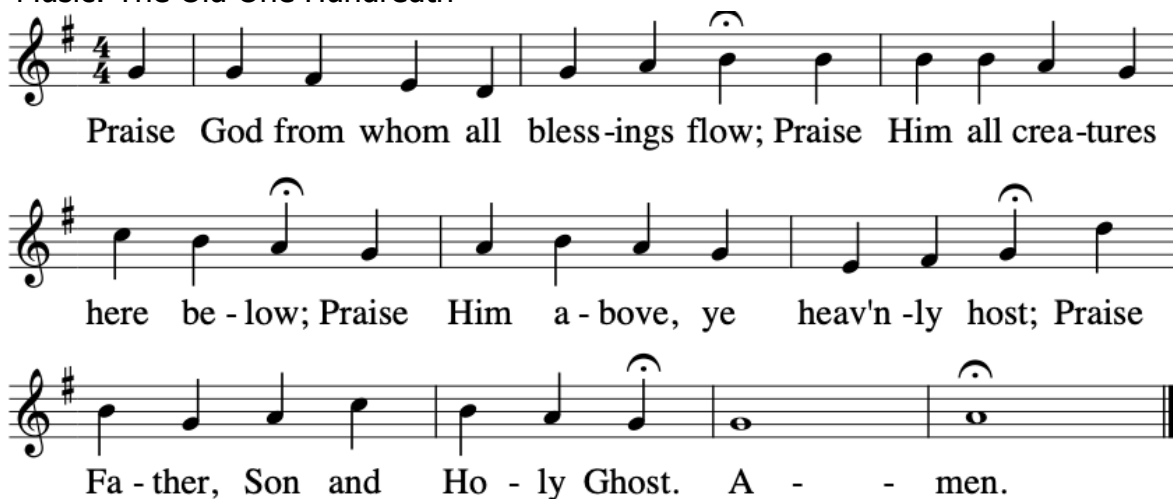
Call to Worship

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Lyrics: William Moore; Music: Bruce Benedict



Praise the Sav-ior now and ev-er; praise him, all be - neath the skies;



pros-trate ly-ing, suf-fring, dy-ing on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.



Vic-t'ry gain-ing, life ob - tain -ing now in - glo-ry he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth;
He is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever
Unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Hebrews 4:13

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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 on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. 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

Ephesians 1:7

In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Before the Throne of God Above

Lyrics: Charitie Lee Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook

Be - - fore the throne
of God a-bove, I have a strong and per-fect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who-ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is gra-ven on his hands, my name is writ-ten on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tounge can bid me thence de-part,
no tounge can bid me thence de-part.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
for God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable "I AM," The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself, I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

O Lord, we cry out to you for the Church:

We pray for the churches in Tucson that proclaim your gospel

**We pray for the Village Church and for our sister churches in the
Arizona Presbytery.**

(Pray for the church.)

O Lord, we cry out to you for all the people of the earth:

We pray for those who do not know you,

We pray that your gospel would run in our city,

(Pray for your friends who do not yet believe the gospel.)

O Lord, we cry out to you for our own nation:

**Please give President Trump humility, wisdom, and trust in you.
Please bless Governor Ducey and Mayor Rothschild;
Please bring prosperity and peace to our city through your gospel.**
(Pray for our leaders.)

O Lord, we cry out to you for the poor and suffering of our community:

**We pray for those who are living on the streets.
We pray for those who are sick and grieving.
We pray for those who are discouraged and despairing.**
(Pray for those who suffer.)

O Lord we cry out to you with our individual concerns and needs:

(Pour out your heart to your Father who gives you good gifts.)

All of these things we ask of you in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us 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.**

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:31-32

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:21-22

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

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 with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff continues the melody. The third staff has a longer note value for the first note, and the fourth staff ends 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.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:13

You shall not murder.

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.]

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Lyrics: John Newton; Music: Wedell Kimbrough

4 1. Pen-sive doubt-ing fear-ful heart, hear what Christ the Sav-ior _
8 says; Ev-'ry word should joy im-part, change thy mourn ing in-to
12 praise. Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee, may He help thee _ to be _
14 lieve; Then thou pre - sent - ly will
see, thou hast lit - tle cause to _ grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed; All thy sorrows soon shall end,
I, who heaven and earth have framed,
Am thy Husband and thy Friend;
I the High and Holy One, Israel's God, by all adored,
As thy Savior will be known, Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew, And thy heart was filled with pain;
But my mercies I'll renew; Thou shall soon rejoice again;
Though I seem to hide my face, Very soon my wrath shall cease;
'Tis but for a moment's space, Ending in eternal peace.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Lyrics: Samuel Stennett; Music: Christopher Miner

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'On Jordan's Stormy Banks'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by the first line of music starting at measure 4. The lyrics are: 'On Jor - dan's stor - my ba-nks I stand and cast a wish-ful eye, to Can - aan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd.' The score ends with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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.

All o'er 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 front 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.

Combined Good Friday Service: April 19, 6:00pm, Catalina Foothills Church (2150 E Orange Grove Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718).

Men's Book Group: Given For You, by Keith Mathison. Meet at the Garland's house (1324 N Norton Ave) on April 11th at 7:00. Matt McReynolds will lead us.

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