



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

10.06.2019

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. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

Another reason for Christianity's success is to be found in its inclusiveness. More than any of its competitors it attracted all races and classes.... Judaism never quite escaped from its racial bonds....Christianity however gloried in its appeal to Jew and Gentile, Greek and barbarian. The philosophies never really won the allegiance of the masses... They appealed primarily to the educated.... Christianity, however...drew the lowly and unlettered...yet also developed a philosophy which commanded the respect of many of the learned....Christianity, too, was for both sexes, whereas two of its main rivals were primarily for men. The Church welcomed both rich and poor. In contrast with it, the mystery cults were usually for people of means: initiation into them was expensive.... No other [religion] took in so many groups and strata of society.

--Kenneth Latourette

The Word

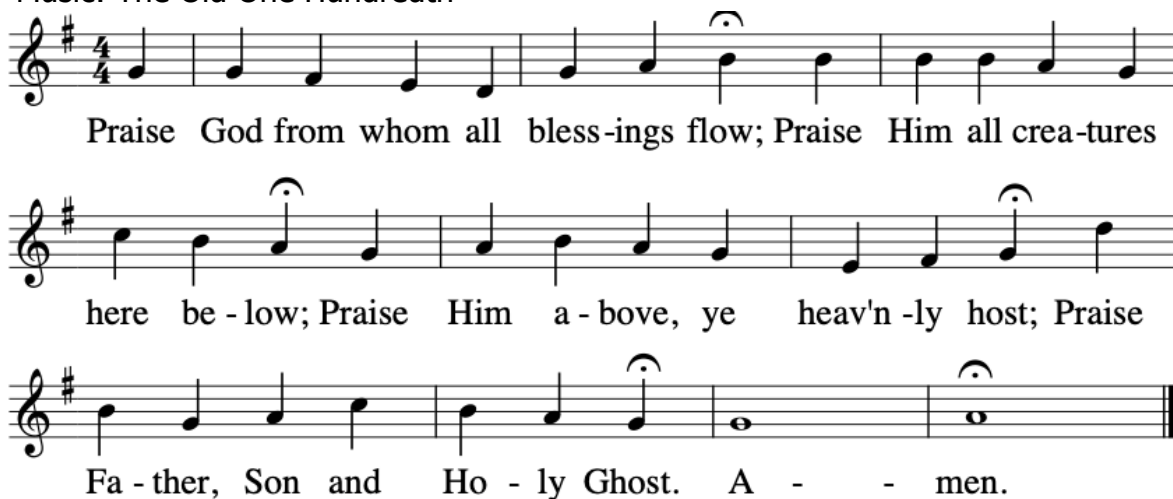
Call to Worship

Psalm 107:1-3

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

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!

Refrain

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

Call to Confession of Sin

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

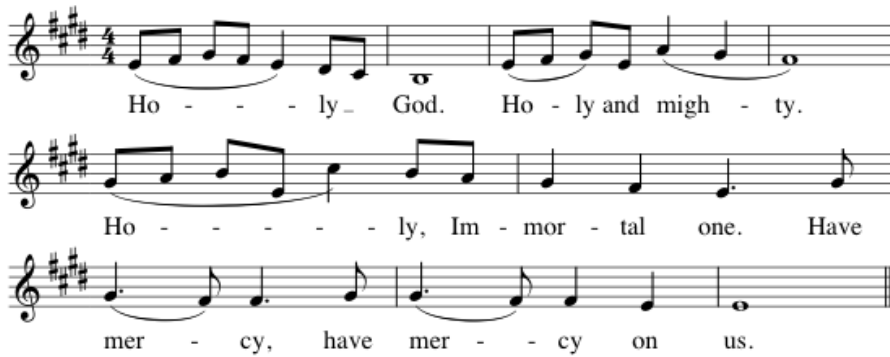
Almighty and Merciful Father, You have told us what is good, and we agree with you. Our lives, however, often do not measure up. We have not acted justly. Instead, we have acted in ways that promote our own comfort and advancement. We have not loved mercy. Instead, we have loved the order and control over our lives that we can maintain if we do not serve those in need. We have not walked humbly with you.

Instead, we have run from your paths when they are difficult and involve sacrifice. Forgive us for our sins against you and our neighbors. By the power of your Spirit make us a congregation which acts justly, loves mercy, and walks humbly with you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Trisagion

Music: Fernando Ortega



Ho - - - ly - God. Ho - ly and migh - ty.
Ho - - - - - ly, Im - mor - tal one. Have
mer - - cy, have mer - - cy on us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Psalm 126

Music: Issac Wardell



1. Our mouths they were filled, filled - with laugh - ter.
2. The na - tions will say: "He has done great things!"
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed - with joy.
the na - tions will sing songs - of joy.
Re-store us, O Lord. Re-store us O Lord.

Although we are weep-ing. Lord help us keep sow - ing
the seeds of your King-dom for the day you will reap —them.
Your sheaves we will car - ry. Lord please do not tar - ry.
All those who sow weep-ing will go out with songs of joy.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

That we all may be one.

(Please pray silently for the unity of the church.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who lead and guide your church

That they may be faithful and diligent servants of you.

(Please pray silently for all who lead the church.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

(Please pray silently for the nations of the world.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake

That we may know the joy of living for you.

(Please pray silently that we would follow God in our lives.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble

That they may be delivered from their distress.

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to 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

Isaiah 19:21-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-5

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Amazing Grace

Lyrics & Music: John Newton



A - maz - ing _ grace! How sweet the sound that
saved a _ wretch like me! I once _ was lost but
now _ am _ found, was blind but _ now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there, ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days, to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

New Testament Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.]

The Lamb Has Overcome

Lyrics & Music: Luke Morton

VERSE



The Lamb has o-ver - come, the Lamb has o-ver - come. The



bat-tle's done and the vic-to-ry is won, the Lamb has o-ver - come.

CHORUS



Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain. Glo-ry be un-to his



name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain. Glo-ry be un-to his name!

No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down;
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound,
No grave could hold him down

At God's right hand is he, at God's right hand is he;
Our Perfect Plea, how he lives to intercede!
At God's right hand is he. [Chorus]

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;
This wine and bread broken body and blood shed,
The table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear,
The day is drawing near. [Chorus & Repeat First Verse]

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 musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a measure rest labeled '5'. The second staff begins with a measure rest labeled '9'. The third staff begins with a measure rest labeled '13'. 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.

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 @ the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave) @ 7:00pm. The study will be on the Compassion of Jesus as seen in the Gospels. All women are welcome—contact Julie Garland with questions (julie.garland@gmail.com / 678-849-8401).

Book Groups: THIS WEEK! Men—reading *The Fall* by Camus, meet on 10/8 at 7:00pm at the McReynold's home (4779 E. Avenida del Cazador). Women (men also invited to this one)—reading *Co-Laborers, Co-Heirs*; meet on 10/11 at 7:00pm at Brittany Smith's home (3202 E Pima St.).

TableTalk: Dinner and Sermon discussion after church today. See Sara Edgar or Charles if you need to find a spot today.

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Music Director: Sarah Lewis
RUF Ministers: Dan & Brittany Smith

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