



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Evening Worship

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

08.27.2023

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**

The great basis of Christian assurance is not how much our hearts are set on God, but how unshakably his heart is set on us.

--Tim Keller

Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.

--Psalm 95

# 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 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.

In the Doxology we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries (circa 1674) with this song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

## 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

[Led by Tim Davis]

John 8:32-34

They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin."

## Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

**Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. 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

John 8:36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## It Is Well With My Soul

Lyrics: Henry Lyte; Music: Bill Moore



When peace like a ri - ver at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like



sea bil-lows roll; What - e - ver my lot, thou hast taught me to



say, it is well, it is well, with my soul! It is well,



with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul!

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

Let this blest assurance control:

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,

And has shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!

My sin, not in part, but the whole,

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

## The Prayers of the People

[Led by Tim Davis]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

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.

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.



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**

[Reader: Cara Scott]

Psalms 95:6-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

John 10:24-30

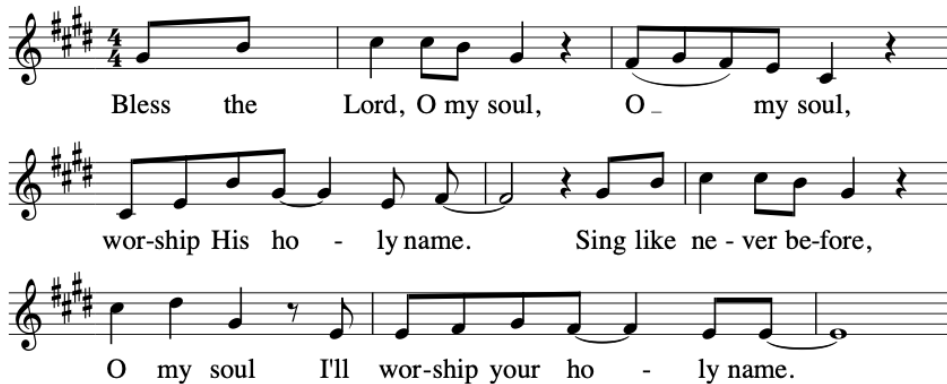
Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

# 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.

## New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

## Confession of Faith

--The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

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: 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.**

## 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.]

# You Hold It All

Music & Lyrics: Leslie Jordan, Matthew Kaemingk, Gustavo Santos, Laura Fanucci



1. God, we bring you the work of our hands now, lay it  
2. Wor-ried hearts, wea-ry hands, weak-ened bod - ies, lay it  
3. All our plans, all our dreams, our am - bi - tions, lay them



down, lay it at your feet; — what we've done, what we've  
down, lay it at your feet; — what we've used, what we've  
down, lay them at your feet; — and e - ven if no - thing



built, what we've bro - ken, lay it down, lay it at your feet.  
lost, what we've wast - ed, lay it down, lay it at your feet.  
comes to fru - i - tion, lay them down, lay them at your feet.



You \_ hold it all, Je - sus you hold it all.



You hold it all, Je - sus you hold it all. \_\_\_\_\_

# We Will Say In That Day (Isaiah 12)

Music & Lyrics: Wendell Kimbrough



1.You will see there a high - way from God's own hand that will  
2.You will call back our ar - mies, "Re - turn from war!" and we'll  
3.You will see there a ban - quet for sin - ners spread where we'll  
4.When the rem - nant re - turn to the pro - mised land, when the



lead back the lost to the pro-mised land, and the voice of the Sav - ior will  
make in - to plow-shares our use - less swords, ver - y soon to for - get what they  
sit with the Lord at the tab - le's head, and the Shep-herd him-self is our  
high-way of God brings us home to him, we'll be wel-come with love by our



call us friends, say - ing, "Join in the song of the Lord!" *to v.2*  
once were for, when we join in the song of the Lord. We will  
wine and bread, and we'll join in the song of the Lord.  
Sav - ior Friend and we'll join in the song of the Lord.



say in that day to the Lord give thanks! We will not be a-fraid for he comes to save. We will



shout, we will call, "Ev'-ry tribe and race: Come and join in the song of the Lord!"

## 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.

**Setup Help:** We need a few willing souls (and bodies) to help with setup and tear down for our weekly services. There is a rotation, so it won't be every Sunday. Please let Hannah Johnson ([hjohnson2706@hotmail.com](mailto:hjohnson2706@hotmail.com)) or Frances Willberg ([frances.willberg@icloud.com](mailto:frances.willberg@icloud.com)) know if you can help.

**New Davis Baby:** Zoe Lee Davis! Zoe was born last weekend—welcome Zoe! And congratulations to Nick and Janet!

**Community Food Bank:** Midtown Pres. will be volunteering at the Community Food Bank (3003 S Country Club Rd) on September 30 from 9am-12pm to help with assembly line packing of emergency food boxes. Please email or talk to Melissa McRae ([melissa.beal89@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.beal89@gmail.com); 520- 780-7879)

**Women's Book Group:** In September we will be discussing Tactics by Gregory Koukl. Date and time TBD.

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