



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

07.27.2025

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 (0-3) during the whole service in the downstairs Nursery. Children's Church during the sermon for ages 4-12 will resume next week.

Reflection

It is not necessary to maintain a conversation when we are in the presence of God. We can come into His presence and rest our weary souls in quiet contemplation of Him. Our groanings, which cannot be uttered, rise to Him and tell Him better than words how dependent we are upon Him....

—O. Hallesby

Not once in his entire life had he allowed himself to come to rest in the quiet center of himself but had forever cast himself forward from some dark past he could not remember to a future which did not exist. Not once had he been present for his life. So his life had passed like a dream.

— Walker Percy

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 99:9

Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!

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.

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

In the Gloria Patri we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries in this ancient (cf. 380 AD) song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

6 Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

Rescuer (Good News)

Music & Lyrics: Ben Hastings, Bryan Fowler and the Rend Collective

Chorus

He's our res-cu-er! He's our res-cu_er! We are free from sin for-ev-er more. Oh how sweet the sound. Oh how grace a - bounds, We will

Verse

praise the Lord, our res-cu - er! There is good news for the cap - tive; good news for the shamed. There is good news for the one who walked a - way. There is good news for the doubt - er; the one re-li-gion failed, for the good Lord has come to seek and save. _ *to Chorus*

He is beauty for the blind man; riches for the poor;
He is friendship for the one the world ignores.
He is pasture for the weary; rest for those who strive,
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life

Bridge

to Chorus

So come and be chain - less. Come and be

fear - less. Come to the foot of Cal - va -

ry. There is re - demp - tion, for ev - 'ry af -

flic - tion. Here at the foot of Cal - va - ry.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. Confession of Sin

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

Psalm 130

Lyrics: Martin Luther; Music: Christopher Minor

From the depths of woe I raise to thee, the voice

of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord - turn a gra - cious ear

to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion. If thou in - i - qui - ties

Men:

dost mark our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O _ who shall

Women: O _ who shall stand be - fore thee?

stand be - fore thee?

Men: O _ who shall

Women: Who shall stand be - fore thee?

stand be - fore thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth;
 Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth;
 No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might,
 And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
 And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Psalm 130 (Continued)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
 On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
 His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
 I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience) 2x

What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth) 2x

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow) 2x

The Prayers of the People

[Led by Matt McReynolds]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you
commanded the apostles to go into the entire world
and preach the gospel to every person.

Grant everyone you have called into your church a
ready will to obey your word.

Fill us with a hearty desire to make you known.

(Pray for a God-given desire to tell others about Jesus.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Raise up workers to join you in your work in our city and the world.

Give them your Spirit and prosper their work.

(Pray for all those who labor for the spread of the kingdom.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

Sustain those within this church who seek to serve our children.

May our children follow you all of their lives.

(Pray for all of the children of Midtown Presbyterian.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with compassion on the many people who do not know you.

Have mercy on those who are like sheep without a shepherd.

(Pray for those who do not yet know Jesus.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And teach us to pray as You taught Your disciples 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.

Old Testament Reading

[Reader: Nikki Smith]

Psalms 27:1-4

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3:14-19

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

How Long?

Music & Lyrics: Isaac Wardell



1. How long? Will you turn your face a-way?
2. How long 'til your child-ren find their rest?

How long? Do you hear us when we pray?
How long 'til you draw them to your breast?

On and on, still we walk this pil - - grim way. How long?
We go on, hold-ing to your pro - - mi - ses. How long?

Chorus

'Til you wipe a-way the tears from eve - ry eye?

'Til we see our home de - scend - ing from the sky?

Do we wait in vain? Je-sus give us hope a-gain!

How long 'til your word will still the storm?
How long 'til you bare your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til you snatch us from the thorns. How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on, great that cloud of witnesses! How long? [Chorus]
Amen, Jesus Come!

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Profession of Faith and Receiving New Members

Chris Deer & Levi

Kyle & Erin Deer

Elowyn (Professing her faith for the first time)

Charlotte, Emma, Bryn

Sacrament of Baptism

Bryn Elena Deer

[Congregational Vow: Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?]

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.]

We Labor Unto Glory

Music & Lyrics: Craig Harris, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell



1. My God, my God, where - e'er I go, glo - ry.
2. The sun it shines and then goes down, glo - ry.
3. My heart my hands they're king-dom bound, glo - ry. Where



Where I reap and where I sow, glo - - ry.
Rain, it pours and beats the ground, glo - - ry.
thorns no long - er curse the ground, glo - - ry.



When my hands, they grip the thorn glo - - ry.
Dust, it blows and ends my days, glo - - ry.
Trim the wick and light the flame, glo - - ry. My



In the still and in the storm, glo - ry. glo - ry.
Hearts they burn be - neath your gaze, glo - ry. glo - ry.
work it will not be in vain, glo - ry. glo - ry.

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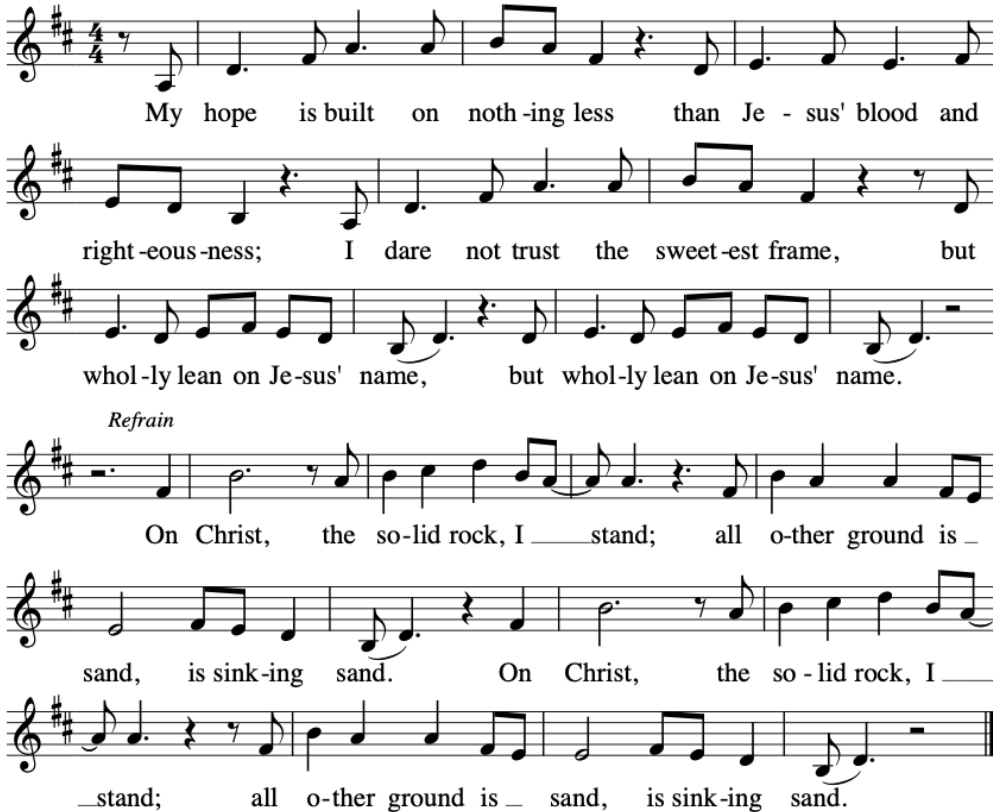
Oh, we la - bor un - to glo - ry 'til hea-ven and earth are



one. Oh, we la - bor un - to glo - ry, un - til God's king-dom comes.

Solid Rock

Music & Lyrics: David Isaac Rivers



My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
right-eous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name, but whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.

Refrain

On Christ, the so-lid rock, I ____ stand; all o-ther ground is _
sand, is sink-ing sand. On Christ, the so - lid rock, I ____
_stand; all o-ther ground is _ sand, is sink-ing sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his bloodSupport me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay,
He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, And faultless stand before the throne,
And faultless stand before the throne. [Refrain]

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).

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.

Nursery Location Change: Nursery will now be underneath the sanctuary instead of the Hamilton House. Contact Annalyse if you have questions.

Children's Ministry Kick Off: On Aug 3rd we will kick off Children's Ministry for the year with Eegees and a jumping castle after church.

Men's Book Study: Reading Biblical Critical Theory: How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture by Christopher Watkin. The next meeting is Saturday, August 2nd @10am at the Jankowski's home (317 E. Canyon View Dr.) Dan Horton will lead a discussion of chapter 12 that day.

Pick Up Soccer: 6pm on Wednesdays at Linden Park (300 S Desert Ave 85712). Talk to Stephen Lewis for details (915.373.3108).

Midtown Institutes: Session 7 at the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave), Saturday morning, 8/2 from 8:30-9:30. Talk to Charles for details.

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