



MIDTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Reflection

The “mishpat”, or justness, of a society, according to the Bible, is evaluated by how it treats these groups [widows, orphans, immigrants, and the poor.] Any neglect shown to the needs of the members of this quartet is not called merely a lack of mercy or charity, but a violation of justice.... God loves and defends those with the least economic and social power, and so should we. That is what it means to “do justice.”

—Tim Keller

Historically speaking, when faced with the choice between racism and equality, the American church has tended to practice a complicit Christianity rather than a courageous Christianity. They chose comfort over constructive conflict and in so doing created and maintained a status quo of injustice.

—Jemar Tisby

Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

—Proverbs 14:31

# Evening Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost  
06.13.2021

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.

# The Word

## Call to Worship

Psalm 146:5-10

[Say the bold portions aloud together]

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea,  
and all that is in them,**

**who keeps faith forever;**

**who executes justice for the oppressed,**

**who gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the sojourners;**

**he upholds the widow and the fatherless,**

**but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

## The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

6  
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

10  
Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

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

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.

# Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Music: Leigh Nash; Lyrics: Charles Wesley



Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove \_ and keeps his courts be - low!



Praise the ho - ly God of love \_ and all his great -ness show!



Praise him for his no -ble deeds! \_ Praise him for his match -less pow'r!



Him from whom all good pro -ceeds, let earth and hea -ven a - dore, let

## *Chorus*



earth and hea -ven a - dore! Praise the name \_ of Christ, cel - e -



brate \_ and lift him up high! Praise the Lord \_ of life!



We'll sing the sto -ry of hon -or and glo -ry and praise the name of Christ.

God in whom they move and live, let every creature sing;  
Glory to their maker give, and homage to their king!  
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;  
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord,  
Let all things praise the Lord! [Chorus]

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
We'll sing the story of honor and glory, and praise the name!  
[Chorus]

## **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 to do justice, to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly 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 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.

**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.**

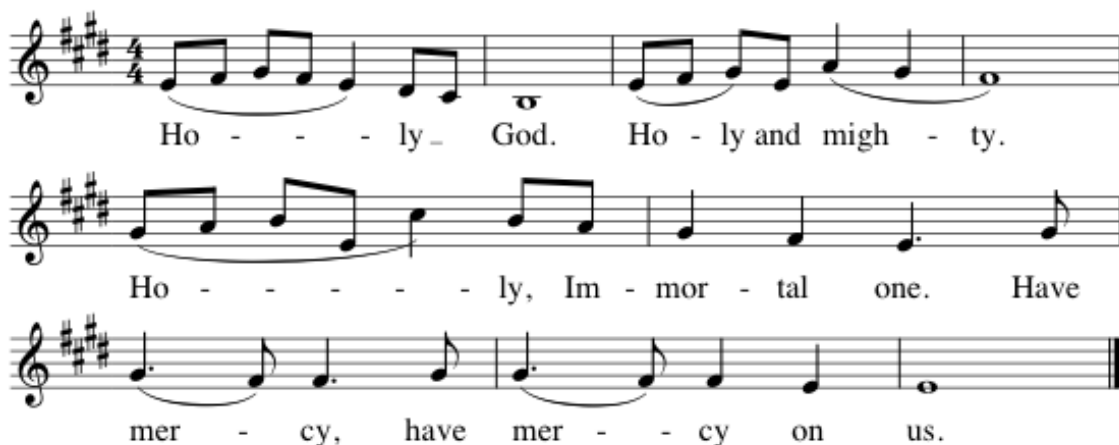
**We have not walked humbly with you.  
Instead, we have run from your paths  
when they are difficult and involve sacrifice.**

**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.**

[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

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

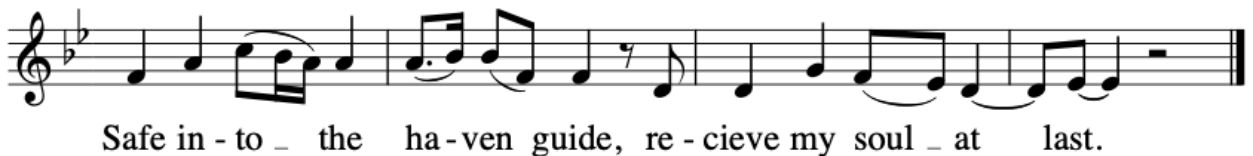
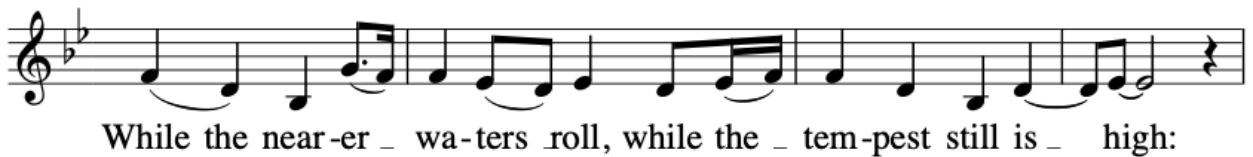
Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

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.

## Jesus Lover of My Soul

Lyrics: Charles Wesley; Music: Greg Thompson



Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

## The Prayers of the People

[Led by William Price]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Father Eternal, God Almighty,  
you have brought forth from the root of Jesse a  
shoot, Jesus our Savior.

**He is your anointed one, the promised Messiah,**

**In him you are well pleased.**

**We come to you in his service,**

**To offer our prayers of intercession**

**for the coming of his kingdom.**

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.

Father Eternal,

You have anointed Jesus to be both Lord and Christ.

**We pray for the Church of Christ  
that she might be faithful to her Lord,  
bearing witness to his reign in every land  
among every people.**

(Pray for the protection and expansion of the Church in the world.)

Father Eternal,

You have anointed Jesus to be our Lord and Shepherd

**We pray for those whom you have appointed to be  
ministers of your gospel.**

(Pray for those who proclaim the gospel of Christ.)

Father Eternal,

You have anointed Jesus to be Lord of all the earth.

**We pray that you draw all people to kneel  
before the Prince of Peace.  
Please establish justice and peace between  
nations in your world.**

(Pray for peace among the nations.)

Father Eternal,

You have anointed Jesus King of kings and Lord of lords.

**We pray for the rulers of our nation  
that they might be wise,  
fearing the Lord  
to whom they must bow in the world to come.**

(Pray for our political leaders.)

Father Eternal,

You have anointed Jesus a counselor and comforter of your people.

**We pray for those among us who suffer,  
For those who are lonely,  
For those without home or family,  
For those who are depressed and discouraged,  
For those who are seeking work,  
For those who are sick,  
For those who are grieving.**

(Pray for those who suffer.)

Praise, honor and glory belong to you, Eternal Father,

And to your Son, 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.**

## **Psalter Reading**

[Reader: Rebekah Taylor]

Psalm 9:7-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

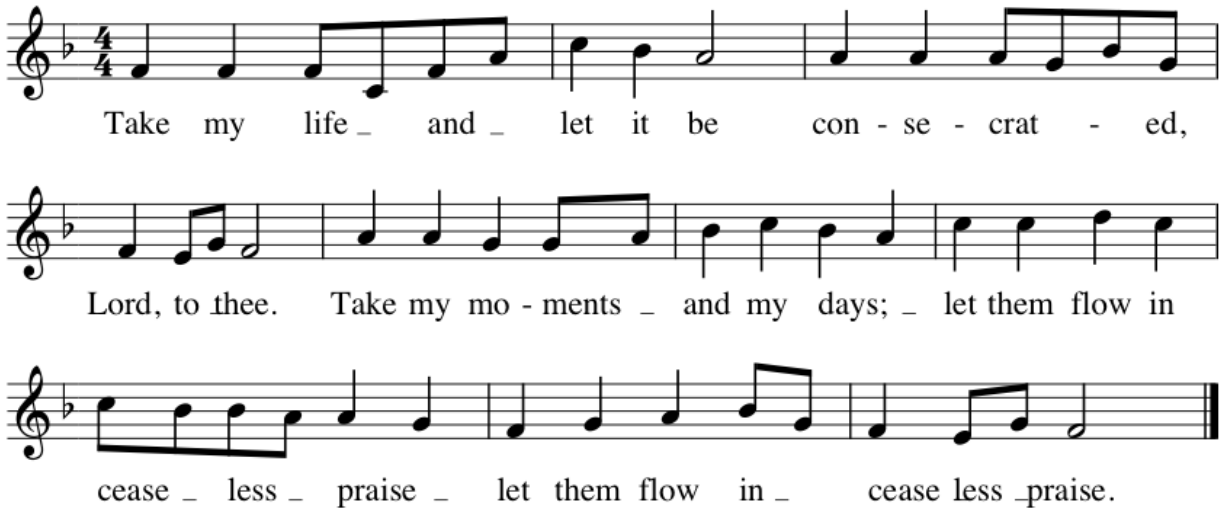
Matthew 14:1-12

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

# Take My Life And Let It Be

Lyrics & Music: Frances Havergal



Take my life \_ and \_ let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments \_ and my days; \_ let them flow in  
cease \_ less \_ praise \_ let them flow in \_ cease less \_praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord,  
I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee.

## Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3

Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. <sup>17</sup> I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work. <sup>18</sup> I said in my heart with regard to the children of man that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. <sup>19</sup> For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup> All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. <sup>21</sup> Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? <sup>22</sup> So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

<sup>4:1</sup> Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of their oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them. <sup>2</sup> And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. <sup>3</sup> But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.

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.]

## **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 red cups have wine and the grape juice is white/gold.]



# Lord I Need You

Music & Lyrics: Carson, Nockels, Maher, Reeves & Stanfill



Lord, I come, I con - fess. Bow-ing here, I find my



rest. And with-out you, I fall a - part. You're the

## *Chorus*



one that guides my heart. Lord, I need you, Oh, I need you.



Ev - 'ry hour I need you. My one de-fense,



my right - eous-ness, Oh, God, how I need - you.

## *Bridge*



So, teach my song to rise to you, When temp - ta-tion comes my way.



When I can-not stand, I'll fall on you, Je-sus, you're my hope and stay.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

Where You are, Lord, I am free! Holiness is Christ in me.

# Take Us, O Lord

Lyrics & Music: Isaac Wardell



O how he takes \_ the cross, O how he lifts \_ it up



to take the weight from us. O how he pays \_ the cost,



O how he drinks the cup, to make a place \_ for us.

## CHORUS



Take us, \_ O Lord, and all we have known. Shape us, O



Lord, and form us in - to your own. Take eve - ry heart and



know eve-ry sin. Break us, O Lord, that we may be whole a - gain.

Hear how he breaks the curse, hear how he cries aloud,  
Hear how his voice resounds. O how he forms the words,  
O how he cries them out, "See it is finished now!"

How deep the wounds he wears, how dark the scars he shows,  
How well the name he knows; written upon his palms,  
O what a name to find. That name before him: Mine!

## Benediction

# Notes

**Offering:** We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. (Note that the Midtown box is separate from the Vineyard ones—ours cleverly says “Midtown”!) You can also give online at our website [www.mpctucson.org](http://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](mailto:charles@mpctucson.org)) to get on the list.

**Midtown Institute:** Our next meeting will be Sunday morning, July 11, from 9:00-10:30 at the McReynold’s home (1241 E Sobre Lomas). We are skipping the 6/27 meeting, so the 7/11 meeting will cover Sessions 9 **and** 10.

**Monday Soccer:** Monday at 6:00 at Mansfield Park in the NW corner.

**Women’s Sermon Discussion:** Monday Nights @ 7:00 at Dana McReynold’s home (1241 E Sobre Lomas). We’ll discuss the Ecclesiastes sermons referring to Charles’ sermons and William Price’s book As Far As the Curse is Found.

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