



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

07.15.2018

Welcome to Worship at Midtown!

We are just starting our corporate worship services, and are really glad to have you with us. 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.

Worship Note

The Apostles' Creed

The basic creed of Christian churches, as most familiarly known, is called the Apostles' Creed. The creed is called the Apostles' Creed not because it was produced by the apostles themselves but because it contains a brief summary of their teachings. It dates from very early times in the Church, a half century or so from the last writings of the New Testament.

Originally the creed was an elaboration of the baptismal rubric in which we are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We don't just "say" or "recite" the creed, we *confess* our faith with it. As we confess, we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries. The Apostles' Creed, then, is the most essential and succinct answer to the question, "Christians, what do you believe?"

Reflection

A sensitive social conscience and a life poured out in deeds of mercy to the needy is the inevitable outcome and sign of true faith. By such deeds God can judge true love from lip service.

— Timothy J. Keller

I love mankind. Its people I can't stand!

— Linus

The Word

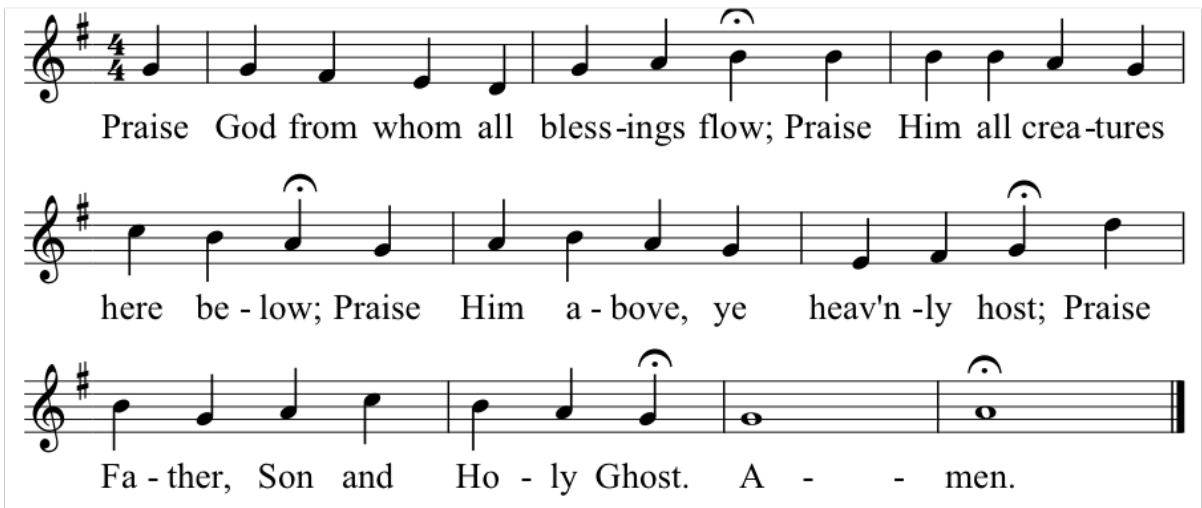
Call to Worship

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 blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here below; Praise Him above, 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-f'ring, 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

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Confession of Sin

Please pray aloud together

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

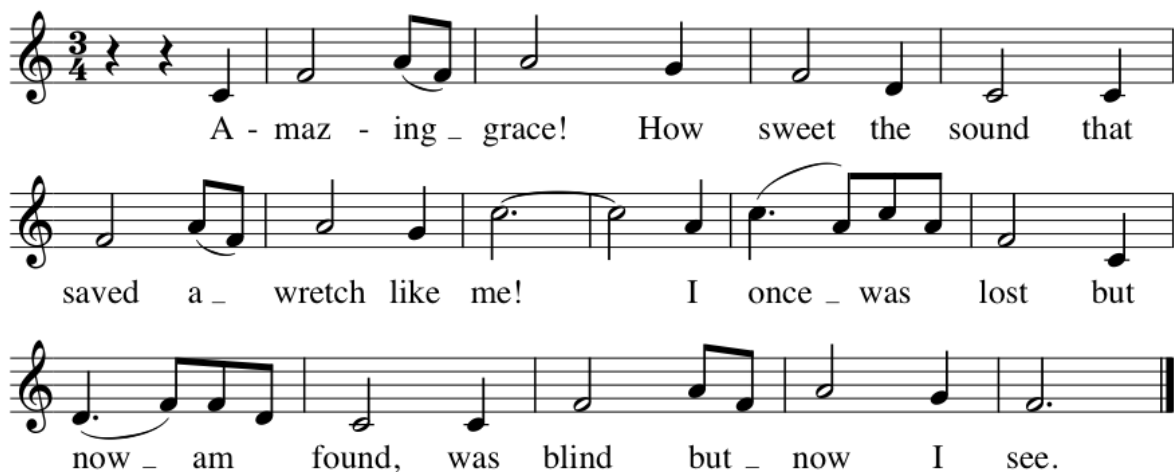
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: *And also with you!*

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.

The Prayers of the People

(Please pray the italicized portions aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

All the ends of the earth

Have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time,

Born in a stable at Bethlehem:

May Your church be a sign of hope and glory.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for the church).

Amen.

O Christ, truly risen from the dead,

Our Alpha and Omega:

May the whole world live in peace and justice, according to Your will.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for our world and those who lead).

Amen.

O Christ, truly God and truly human,

Born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations:

Fulfill the needs and desires of those who are sick or sorrow.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for those who suffer).

Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the coming of Your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace.

Hear us now as we pray in the words you taught us:

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

Hosea 6:6

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

New Testament Reading

James 1:26-27

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Jesus I My Cross have Taken

Lyrics: Henry Lyte; Music: Bill Moore



Je-sus I my cross have tak-en, all to leave and fol - low Thee.



Na-ked, poor, de-spied for-sak-en. Thou from hence my all shall be.



Per-ish ev-ery fond am-bi-tion, all I've sought or hoped or known.



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,



God and heav'n are still my ___ own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.
Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Soul, then know thy full salvation, rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee, child of heaven, canst thou repine.
Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" **27** And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. **34** He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell

among the robbers?”³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

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. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the Church.]

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.]

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Lyrics: William Williams; Music: Jeremy Casella

Guide me _O, Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim
through this bar - ren - land. I am _weak, but Thou art
might - y; Hold me with Thy power - ful - hand. Bread of
hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more. Bread of
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The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah". It consists of five staves of music in G major (one flat) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: "Guide me _O, Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren - land. I am _weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me with Thy power - ful - hand. Bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more. Bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more." The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Musical score for the hymn. The score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The score begins with a rest for four measures, followed by the word "ENDING" above the staff. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "Land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Bid my anx - ious fears. Bid my anx - ious fears. Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Bid my anx - ious fears. Bid my anx - ious fears, good-bye." The score ends with a double bar line.

ENDING

Land me
safe on Ca-naan's side. Bid my anx - ious fears. Bid my anx -
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side. Bid my anx - ious fears. Bid my anx - ious fears, good-bye.

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 at measure 5, the second at measure 9, and the third at measure 13. The fourth staff concludes the piece 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 in the back 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.

Help Needed: Our set up for Sunday Worship has gotten bit more complex, so we could use some help for set up and take down. We especially need people who will learn the sound system and how to operate it during the service, so if you have any aptitude for such things please let Charles know.

Book Group: Everyone is invited to come and discuss Tyler Wigg-Stevenson's book, *The World Is Not Ours To Save*. We will meet every other Friday, starting this Friday, July 20th, at 7:30, at the Garland's home (1324 N. Norton Ave.) This week we will cover chapters 1-3, so get going on it. We will have refreshments, but eat dinner beforehand.

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