



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
10.09.2022

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

It shouldn't be surprising when an institution that wants you to "pledge allegiance" is not happy with anything less than your heart.
—Jamie Smith

As soon as the church appears, it becomes clear to any alert politician that worldly politics is no longer the only game in town. The introduction of the church into any city means that the city has a challenger within its walls.
—Peter Leithart

Fear is not a Christian habit of mind.
—Marilynne Robinson

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

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - - men.

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Lyrics: Edward Perronet; Music: Oliver Holden



All hail the pow'r of Jes-us' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall; Bring



forth the roy-al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of _ all! Bring



forth the roy-al di - a - dem and crown Him, Lord _ of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Prayer of Invocation

The invocation is a prayer asking for God to come and be present with us in the worship service. We come with hope that God will come and speak to us, heal us, and stir up love for him in our minds and hearts.

Call to Confession of Sin

Acts 3:18-19

But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.

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.

Confession of Sin

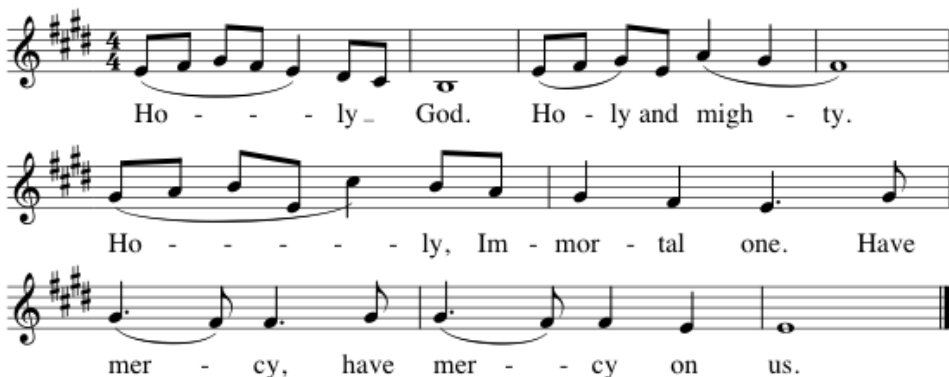
[Pray aloud together]

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you.

[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

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

All I Have Is Christ

Music & Lyrics: Jordan Kauflin

The musical score is written in 3/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of six lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first five lines are the main body of the song, and the last two lines are the chorus. The lyrics are: 'I once was lost in dark-est night yet thought I knew the way. The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a re-bel to your will, and if you had not loved me first I would re - fuse you still. Chorus Hal - le - lu - - - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Je - sus is my life!' The chorus is marked with a 'Chorus' label above the first line of the chorus. The score ends with a double bar line.

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way. The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the
grave. I had no hope that you would own a re-bel to your
will, and if you had not loved me first I would re - fuse you still.

Chorus
Hal - le - lu - - - jah! All I have is
Christ! Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Je - sus is my life!

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
And I beheld God's love displayed: you suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace! [Chorus]

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose
And let my song forever be: my only boast is you. [Chorus]

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.

Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,
Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

For all who carry out your ministries within your church,
We ask for grace and wisdom.
(Pray for those who minister the gospel.)

For those who don't yet believe the gospel,
We ask for your faithful love.
(Pray for the unbelieving.)

For governors and rulers in every land,
We ask for your guidance.
(Pray for our leaders.)

For people who suffer and grieve,
We ask for your healing peace.
(Pray for the suffering.)

Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words He taught us, 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: Shelly Gauger]

Psalm 146:3-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 11:15-18

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Nathan Partain

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re -
joyce. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om -

Chorus

ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of
Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his
Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord is King'. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves of music with lyrics underneath. The second system is labeled 'Chorus' and also has two staves of music with lyrics underneath. The third system has one staff of music with lyrics underneath. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re - joyce. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om - ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.'

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees, or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must; The judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways, Let every creature sing his praise.

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:13-17

¹³And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. ¹⁴And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" ¹⁵But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

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.

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.

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.]

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Lyrics: Louisa Stead; Music: William Kirkpatrick



'Tis so sweet to trust in Je-sus, just to take him at his word;



Just to rest up-on his prom-ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."



Je-sus, Je-sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je-sus, Je-sus, pre-cious Je-sus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
[Refrain]

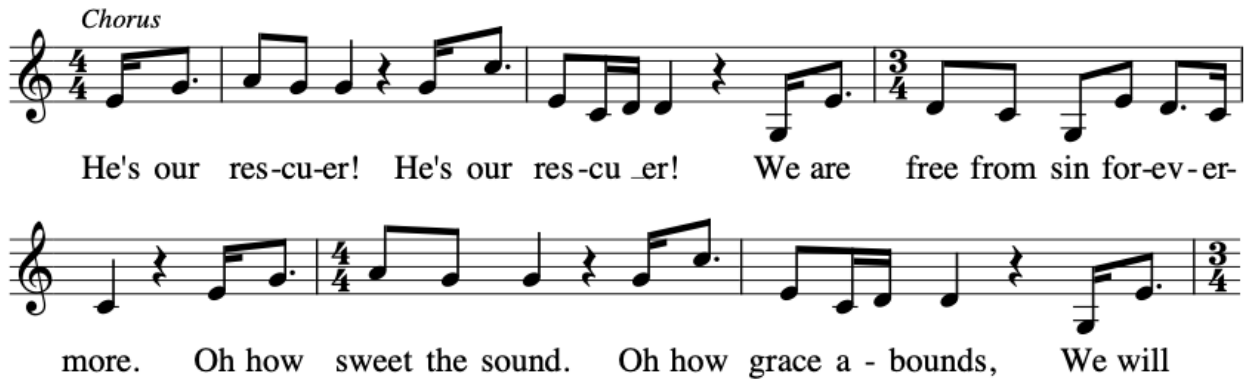
Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
[Refrain]

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
[Refrain]

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.

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.

Women's Fall Bible Study: On Seeing Jesus in the Prophets, based on Nancy Guthrie's book. Wednesday nights at 7:00 at Shelly Gauger's home ([525 S 4th Ave](#)). The bulk order of books still hasn't come, so just get one on your own, please.

Refugee Ministry: Please join us after church today for a meeting to debrief our experiences with the Jamshidis and discuss plans and needs for sponsoring another family. For questions or comments, please talk to Stephanie Bowyer.

Men's Book Group: This Tuesday at 7pm at the McReynolds' home ([1241 E Sobre Lomas](#)) the men's book group will be discussing [Lord Jim](#) by Joseph Conrad.

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