



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

04.25.2021

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.

Reflection

I'm always in danger of losing my grip on reality. The reality, of course, is that God is sovereign and Christ is savior. The reality is that prayer is my mother tongue and the Eucharist my basic food. The reality is that baptism, not Myers-Briggs, defines who I am.

--Eugene Peterson

The Word

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!
All: He is risen indeed!
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Worship begins with God's call to us to worship him. We keep using the Easter greeting during all the weeks of Easter.

Doxology

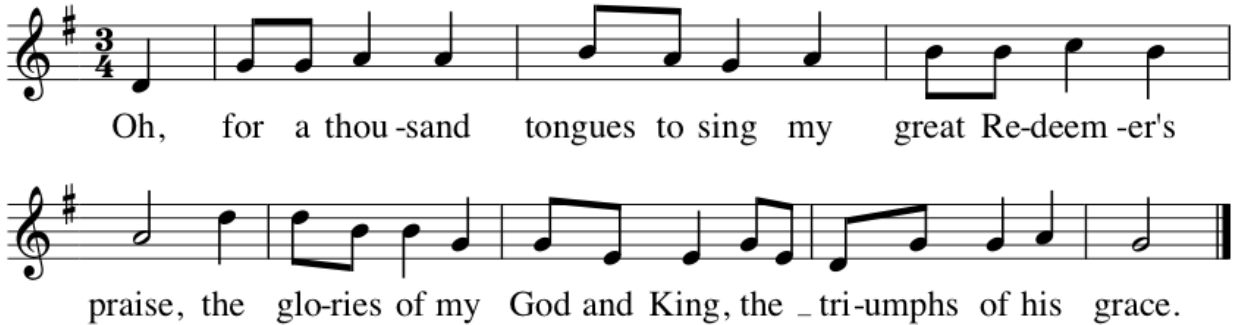
Music: The Old One Hundredth

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.

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.

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Lyrics: Charles Wesley; Music: Charles Glaser



Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's
praise, the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 1:5-6

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

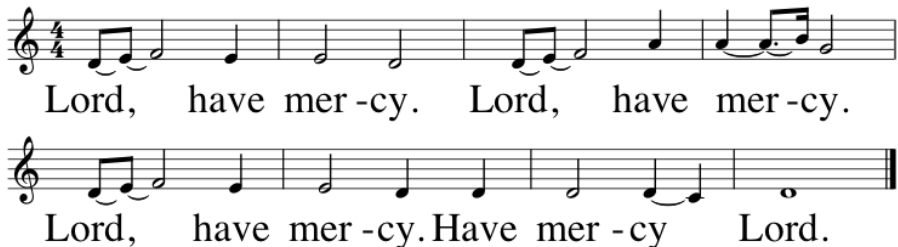
Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; And free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

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

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.

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur



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

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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.

O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Lyrics: Samuel Travis Francis; Music: Thomas John Williams

O the ___ deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus. Vast, un - mea - sured,
bound - less, free. Roll - ing ___ as a might - y ___ o - cean
in its ___ full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,
all a - round me, is the ___ cur - rent of Thy ___ love.
Lead - ing _ on - ward, lead - ing ___ home - ward,
to my ___ glo - rious rest _ a - bove.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus". It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, Died to call them all his own;
For them he intercedeth, Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee.

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.

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.

Almighty God,

In Jesus Christ you taught us to pray,

And to offer our petitions to you in His name.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit,

that our prayers for others may serve your will

and show your steadfast love;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray for our friends and family (silence). Amen.

God of all generations,

You formed your church from the despised of the earth

And showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation to all.

Strengthen those you have chosen

that they may faithfully endure all trials

by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray for the church (silence). Amen.

God of comfort,

You bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow.

**Look with compassion on those who are troubled,
cheer them by your word,
and bring them healing as a sign of your grace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let us pray for the sick and those who sorrow (silence). Amen.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

We pray now in the words he 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

[Reader: Yunuen Jankowski]

Isaiah 25:6-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Philippians 3:18-21

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

His Mercy is More

Lyrics & Music: Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Verse



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
ni - scient, all know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown **I**
in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; his

Chorus



mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, - his mer - cy is more. ____
Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. - Our
sins, they are man - y; his mer - cy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more [Chorus]

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more [Chorus]

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:17-20

17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? **18** But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. **19** For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. **20** These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

We use the ancient creeds and confessions 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.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

Minister: How are you right with God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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.]

Jesus I Come

Music: Greg Thompson; Lyrics: William Sleeper



Out of my bon - dage, sor-row and night, Je - sus I come;

Je - sus I come. _ In - to thy free - dom, glad-ness and light

Je - sus I come to thee. _ Out of my sick-ness in - to thy

health, out of my want-ing and in - to thy wealth, out of my

sin _ and in - to thy - self, Je - sus I _ come to thee. _

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus I come to Thee.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Lyrics: Samuel Stennett; Music: Christopher Miner

4 On Jor - dan's stor - my ba-nks I stand and
7 cast a wish-ful eye, to Can - aan's fair and
11 hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie. I am bound, I am
14 bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd. I am
bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "On Jordan's Stormy Banks". It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The second staff starts with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The third staff starts with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The fourth staff starts with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The fifth staff starts with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The score ends with a double bar line.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful
shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

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.

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.

Midtown Institute: Our next meeting will be Sunday morning, April 25th, from 9:00-10:30 on the McReynold’s patio (1241 E Sobre Lomas).

Monday Soccer: Monday at 5:30 at Mansfield Park in the NW corner.

Women’s Bible Study: This Wednesday and next, at 7:00 pm, on Julie Garland’s patio. Romans 15 is the text for this week.

Nursery Volunteers: Olivia would like to have a few more people on the nursery volunteer list to lighten the load on us all. You’ll need to do a background check, which she can help you with. Please let Olivia, or Josiah Howard know if you can help.

Pastor: Charles Garland
Music Director: Sarah Lewis
RUF Staff: Dan & Brittany Smith
RUF Interns: Noah Hamstra & Rebekah Taylor

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Easter Borehole Offering

*Thanks Be
To God!*



We asked the Lord to provide \$25K for the new borehole in Leboo, Kenya, and He provided \$35K! Thanks to Him and to all of you for giving!



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