



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

02.19.2023

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

The Supper is nothing less than the gospel.

— Martin Luther

The primary thing that we do in the world of salvation, the foundational act of obedience for the Christian who wants to continue and deepen participation in salvation, is to receive the body and blood of Christ in the supper.

— Eugene Peterson

The play comes in a rhythm of two parts, within which plenty of variety is possible. First the Word, then the Meal. Scripture is expounded so that the heart is warmed; food is served so that the Lord may be known.

— N.T. Wright

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

Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

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.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - - men.

Crown Him

Music: Benji Pocta; Lyrics: Thomas Kelly

Look ye saints, — the sight is glo - rious: see the ex - alt-ed Sav-ior now;
— From the fight — re-turned vic-to - rious, ev-ery knee to him shall
bow; Crown him, crown him, — crowns be - come the Vic-tor's — brow. —

Crown the Savior! Saints adore him; Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
In the seat of power enthrone him, While the vault of heaven rings;
Crown him, crown him, Crown the Savior; King of Kings.

Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
Hark, those loud triumphant chords;
Jesus takes the highest station; O what joy the sight affords;
Crown him, crown him, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 64:6-7

We have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

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, I worry because I forget your wisdom.
I resent because I forget your mercy.
I covet because I forget your beauty.
I sin because I forget your holiness.
I fear because I forget your sovereignty.
You always remember me. Help me to remember you.
Amen.**

[You are invited to confess your sins 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

Isaiah 63:16

You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Lyrics: John Newton; Music: Wedell Kimbrough

1. Pen-sive doubt-ing fear-ful heart, hear what Christ the Sav-ior _
4
says; Ev-'ry word should joy im-part, change thy mourn-ing in-to
8
praise. Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee, may He help thee _ to be _
12
lieve; Then thou pre-sent-ly will
14
see, thou hast lit-tle cause to _ grieve.

Fear thou not, nor be ashamed; All thy sorrows soon shall end,
I, who heaven and earth have framed,
Am thy Husband and thy Friend;
I the High and Holy One, Israel's God, by all adored,
As thy Savior will be known, Thy Redeemer and thy Lord.

For a moment I withdrew, And thy heart was filled with pain;
But my mercies I'll renew; Thou shall soon rejoice again;
Though I seem to hide my face, Very soon my wrath shall cease;
'Tis but for a moment's space, Ending in eternal peace.

Though afflicted, tempest tossed, Comfortless awhile thou art,
Do not think thou can be lost, Thou art graven on my heart;
All thy wastes I will repair; Thou shalt be rebuilt anew;
And in thee it shall appear, What the God of love can do.

The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by Tim Davis]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Most gracious God, who has promised to reveal His glory among all nations,

Hear us as we pray for Your church.

Bless all the ministers of Your word and sacraments and unite all Christians in the bonds of holy faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pray silently for the Church.). Amen.

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.

Lord God of our fathers,
who has promised to take care of our every need,
**Give us peaceful times and fruitful seasons.
Grant all in authority over us
wisdom and strength to do Your will
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Pray silently for our world.). Amen.

Most merciful Father,
comfort all who believe the good news of Your grace.

**We pray for all who are distressed:
the poor,
the homeless,
the sick,
the bereaved,
and those afflicted in body and mind.
Comfort and relieve them according to Your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Pray silently for all who suffer.). Amen.

And now, as our Savior taught us, let us humbly pray:
**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: Melissa McRae]

Exodus 12:12-14

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 10:14-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Be Thou My Vision

Music & Lyrics: Traditional Irish Hymn



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart.



Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.



Thou my best thought, by day or by night, —



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, I thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-26

On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when it was customary to sacrifice the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

¹³So he sent two of his disciples, telling them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. ¹⁴Say to the owner of the house he enters, 'The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' ¹⁵He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

¹⁶The disciples left, went into the city and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

¹⁷When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. ¹⁸While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me."

¹⁹They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, "Surely you don't mean me?"

²⁰"It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who dips bread into the bowl with me. ²¹The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

²²While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body."

²³Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it.

²⁴"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many," he said to them. ²⁵"Truly I tell you, I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

²⁶When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

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

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.

**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 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.]

Like a Wideness of the Sea

Music & Lyrics: Fredrich Faber, Ian Cron, Anthony Skinner

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score includes a chorus section with a change in time signature to 2/4 and back to 4/4.

There's a wide-ness in — God's mer - cy like the
wide-ness of _ the sea; there's a kind-ness in _ his jus-tice that can
set the pris - oner free. There's no place where _ our sor-rows are more
felt than on _ the throne; no fail-ure is _ too great _ that it

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can-not be _ a-toned. — There's wel-come for the sin-ner so there's
room for you and me. There's a wide-ness in _ God's mer-cy like the
wide - ness of ___ the sea.

For the love of God is broader than our minds can understand
And the heart of the eternal won't refuse a broken man
Was there ever a kinder Shepherd, half so gentle half so sweet
Why would anybody wander from a love so true, so deep? [Chorus]

Oh we make His love so narrow by the limits of our own,
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own. [Chorus]

We Lift Up As Our Shield

Music & Lyrics: Ed Clowney

1. We lift up as our shield God's name, the strong name
2. Im-man - u - el, in - car - nate Lord, from Mary's
3. By faith we claim his grace to - day: the pow'r of

of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the
womb was giv - en breath, was bap - tized at the Jor - dan's
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to

same: the Three in One and One in Three, our Rock and
ford, and gave his life to con - quer death. He rose tri -
stay, his ear to hear - ken to our need; the wis - dom

Tow - er God of Light, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spi - rit,
um - phant from the tomb, was lift - ed to the Fa - ther's
of our God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to

Word; we claim the name of grace and
throne to come on God's dread day of
ward, the word of God to give us

might: sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.
doom and bring sal - va - tion for his own.
speech his heav'n - ly host to be our guard.

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). —>>

Ash Wednesday Service: We will have a service on Wednesday at 5:30pm here at the Vineyard. This is a penitential service to begin Lent, and we will do the imposition of ashes for those who want to participate.

Heidelberg Catechism Small Group: Our next meeting will be February 27th at the Jankowski's home ([317 E Canyon View Dr](#)). If you have any questions, contact Cameron Ward at camward@gmail.com.

Nursery Changes: Beginning on 2/26 we are going to be separating our nursery during the service between Ages 0-3 and Ages 3-6. We are working on adding a children's church for Ages 6-7 during the sermon, but aren't ready to roll that out just yet. Stay tuned!

Church Potluck: February 26th after church. Please bring your favorite dishes to share! The only request is to bring a serving utensil for your dish. We will have back up ones if need be! Talk to Cara Scott with any questions and sign up for food on the Google doc —>>



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