

MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

First Sunday of Lent

03.10.2019

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 in the patio room. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

Authority intoxicates,
And makes mere sots of magistrates;
The fumes of it invade the brain,
And make men giddy, proud, and vain .
—Hudibras Butler

In the family of the just...even those who rule serve those whom they seem to command; for they rule not from a love of power, but from a sense of the duty they owe to others—not because they are proud of authority, but because they love mercy
—St. Augustine

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:6-7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth



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.

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

Lyrics: Edward Mole; Music: William B. Bradbury

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less'. It consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are: 'My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and'. The second staff continues the melody: 'righ-teous -ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but whol-ly lean on'. The third staff continues: 'Je-sus' name. On Christ the sol - id rock I stand; all oth - er ground'. The fourth staff concludes the piece: 'is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Je-sus' name. On Christ the sol - id rock I stand; all oth - er ground
is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

O Lord,

No day of my life has passed

that has not proved me guilty in your sight.

Prayers have been uttered from a prayerless heart

Praise has been often praiseless sound;

My best services are filthy rags.

Blessed Jesus, let me find a covert

in your appeasing wounds.

Though my sins rise to heaven your merits soar above them;

Though unrighteousness weighs me down to hell,

Your righteousness lifts me to your throne.

All things in me call for my rejection,

All things in you plead my acceptance.

I appeal from the throne of perfect justice

to your throne of boundless grace,

Grant me to hear your voice assuring me:

that by your stripes I am healed,

that you were bruised for my iniquities,

that you have been made sin for me

**that I might be righteous in you,
that my grievous sins, my manifold sins,
are all forgiven,**

buried in the ocean of your concealing blood.

Give me perpetual broken-heartedness,

Keep me always clinging to your cross,

Flood me every moment with descending grace.

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

Hebrews 2:14-15

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

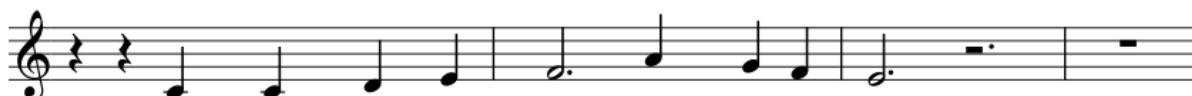
All: And also with you!

Psalm 126

Music: Issac Wardell



1. Our mouths they were filled, filled - with laugh - ter.
2. The na - tions will say: "He has done great things!"



Our tongues they were loosed, loosed - with joy.
the na - tions will sing songs - of joy.



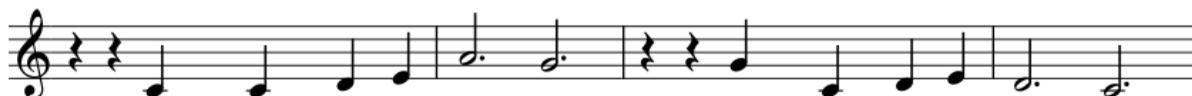
Re-store us, O Lord. Re-store us O Lord.



Although we are weep-ing. Lord help us keep sow - ing



the seeds of your King-dom for the day you will reap - them.



Your sheaves we will car - ry. Lord please do not tar - ry.



All those who sow weep-ing will go out with songs of joy.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

(You are invited to bring your requests to God silently at this time.)

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 6:1-4

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:25-28

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Profession of Faith & Receiving of New Members

David & Vivi Adams

Byron & Sara Edgar

Julie Garland

Robert Jentoft

Rich & Susan Mattson

William & Nancy Price

Joelle Smith

Darin & Melinda Williams

Nick & Betsy Dunlap

Erin Fitzpatrick

Jonathan & Anne Grimes

Stephen & Sarah Lewis

Colin McRae

Brittany Smith

Jackson Walraven

Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?

2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He offered in the Gospel?

3. Do you now resolve and promise in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?

5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Installation of Luke Smith as Pastoral Resident

Luke Smith Vows	Charles Garland
Congregational Vows	Charles Garland
Installation Prayer	Dan Smith
Charge to Luke Smith	Tom DeBerry
Charge to the Congregation	Charles Garland
Declaration	Charles Garland

Minister's Vows

1. Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their pastoral resident, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a pastoral resident to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Congregation Vows

1. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
2. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

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.]

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.]

Rejoice the Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Charles Wesley

Re - joice the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -

joice, give thanks, and sing and tri-umph e - ver - more: Lift up your

heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a-gain I say, re - joice!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Rejoice the Lord is King' in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics: 'Re - joice the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -'. The second staff contains the second line: 'joice, give thanks, and sing and tri-umph e - ver - more: Lift up your'. The third staff contains the third line: 'heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a-gain I say, re - joice!'. The word 'Refrain' is written above the second staff. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. [Refrain]

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]

He sits at God's right hand, till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home. [Refrain]

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the front 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.

Email List: Please sign up for our email list on the table in the back. We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you.

Combined Good Friday Service: April 19, 6:00pm, Catalina Foothills Church (2150 E Orange Grove Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718).

Men's Book Group: Given For You, by Keith Mathison. Meet at the Garland's house (1324 N Norton Ave) on April 11th at 7:00. Matt McReynolds will lead us.

Welcome Baby Morris! Hugo James Morris was born Thursday to Austin and Alicia and everyone is doing well. Thanks be to God!

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Pastoral Resident: Luke Smith
Music Director: Sarah Lewis
RUF Ministers: Dan & Brittany Smith
RUF Intern: Erin Fitzpatrick

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