



MIDTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

## Second Sunday After Pentecost

06.03.2018

### **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**

#### “Ordinary Time”

From Advent to Pentecost, the church celebrates what God has done to inaugurate the new creation through Christ's birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. In the season after Pentecost--Ordinary Time--we live into this great story, remembering that following Jesus is a day by day, week by week journey, or, as Eugene Peterson puts it, "a long obedience in the same direction." This season teaches us that God is present and at work among us, both in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of our everyday lives, bringing about the renewal of all things. The liturgical color is green, signifying growth, renewal, and the flourishing of God's kingdom.

## **Reflection**

I've seen a lot of criminals, I've seen a lot of crime  
Doing a lot of evil deeds, doing a lot of time  
We speak of these men as aliens, from some forbidden race  
We speak of these men as animals, we will lock in a cage

But there's one man I must arrest, I must interrogate  
One man that I must make confess, then rehabilitate  
There is no other I can blame, no other I can judge  
No other I can cast in shame, then require blood

I see him in the shadows down the hall, I see him in the plaster on the wall  
There is no crime he cannot commit, no murder too complex  
His heart is filled with larceny, and violence and sex  
His heart is filled with envy, and revenge and greed  
His heart is filled with nothing, his heart is filled with need

He's capable of anything, of any vicious act  
This criminal is dangerous, the criminal under my own hat

--T. Bone Burnett

# The Word

## **Call to Worship**

Revelation 19:6-7

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

## The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

6 Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

## O Worship the King

Lyrics: Robert Grant; Music: Johann Haydn

O wor-ship the King, all glo - rious a-bove, and grate-ful - ly

sing his power and his love. Our shield and de - fend er, the An -

cient of Days, pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.

O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,  
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

## **Prayer of Invocation**

### **Call to Confession of Sin**

Psalm 103:8-10

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

### **Confession of Sin**

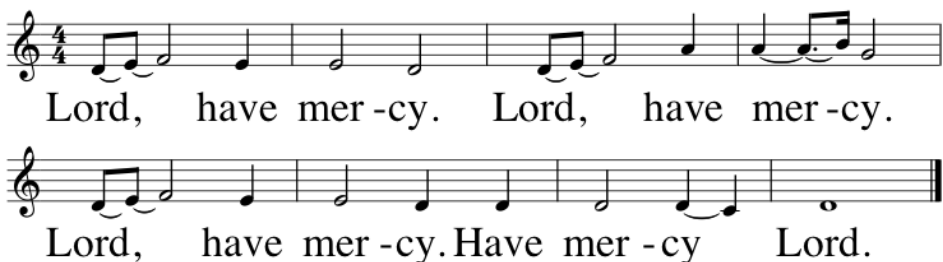
*Please pray aloud together*

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy name. 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

Psalm 103:11-12

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: *And also with you!*

## Not What My Hands Have Done

Lyrics: Horatius Bonar; Music: George William Martin



Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - ty soul;  
not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can make my spir - it whole.  
Not what I feel or do, can give me peace with God;  
not all the prayers and sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.

Not what my hands have done can save this guilty soul;  
Not what this toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my pray'rs and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to Thee,  
Can rid me of the dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.

## **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.

Let us pray to the Lord, for the mission of the church,  
*that in faithful witness*  
*it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,*  
*we pray to You, O Lord.*

(Please pray silently for the church throughout the world.)

Amen.

For those who do not yet believe and those struggling with their faith:  
*that they may receive the light of the gospel,*  
*we pray to You, O Lord.*

(Please pray silently for those yet to believe.)

Amen.

For the peace of the world,  
*that a spirit of respect and forbearance  
may grow among nations and peoples,  
according to Your will,  
we pray to You, O Lord.*

(Please pray silently for the world.)

Amen.

For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners,  
and all who are in danger;

*that they may be relieved and protected,  
we pray to You, O Lord.*

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Amen.

And hear us as we pray as our Savior 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**

Isaiah 1:12-18

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## **New Testament Reading**

James 4:5-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



# We Abide in You

Lyrics & Music: Sandra McCracken



We are the vine - yard you have plan - ted tend our  
leaves and wi - ld bran - ches, we a - bide, we a - bide in  
You. We a - bide, we a - bide in You.

## Refrain



Where can my soul - find liv - ing wa - ter? A-part from  
you we bear no fruit! O plant my feet - - - down  
by - the ri - ver. We a-bide, we a - bide in You.

We are the vineyard You have planted  
Tend our leaves and wild branches:  
We abide, we abide in You. We abide, we abide in You. *Refrain*

Fruit growing from our strength and labor,  
Rain on us with grace and favor:  
We abide, we abide in You. We abide, we abide in You. *Refrain*

We abide, we abide in You. We abide, we abide in You.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

**9** He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: **10** “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. **11** The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12** I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ **13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ **14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

## 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 using the prayers provided below as guidelines. 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.]

# How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Music and Lyrics by Stuart Townsend

How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea -  
5  
sure, that he should give his on-ly Son to make a wretch his trea -  
9  
sure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fa-ther turns his face a -  
13  
way; as wounds which mar the Cho - sen  
15  
One bring ma - ny sons to glo - - ry.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ransom

# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

--Lyrics: George Matheson; Music: Kevin Twit

Voice

The musical score is written on four staves of a treble clef in the key of D major (two sharps) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O love that will not let me go I rest my wear - y soul in Thee. I give Thee back the life I owe that in Thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er ful - ler be."

O love that will not let me go I rest  
my wear - y soul in Thee. I give Thee back  
the life I owe that in Thine o - cean depths  
its flow may rich - er ful - ler be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day, may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

## Benediction

## Silent Prayers During Communion

*Prayer for Covenant Children (Not Yet Confirmed):* Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

*Prayer for Those Taking Communion:* Lord Jesus, your perfect life, your death and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the Joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth:* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief:* Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin:* Lord Jesus, you have called me to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Grant also that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.

## 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](http://www.mpctucson.org).

Prayer time before the services. We will meet in the Patio Room from 3:30 -3:45 each Sunday to pray for the church and the worship service. Everyone is invited.

Next Week, June 10th, we will be meeting in the main sanctuary of the church. Our Saviour's is setting up the chapel for VBS that week. The sanctuary is right across the courtyard from the chapel. Same time (4:00).

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