

**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

### 02.10.2019

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**

If there is no laughter, Jesus has gone somewhere else. If there is no joy and freedom, it is not a church: it is simply a crowd of melancholy people basking in a religious neurosis. If there is no celebration, there is no real worship.

–Steve Brown

# The Word

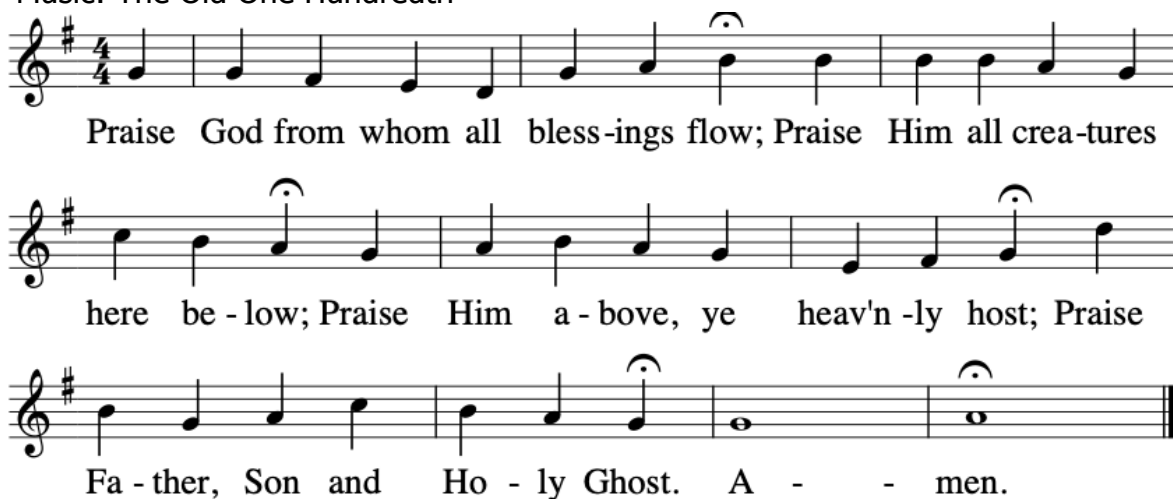
## Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all  
the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to  
be feared above all gods.

## Doxology

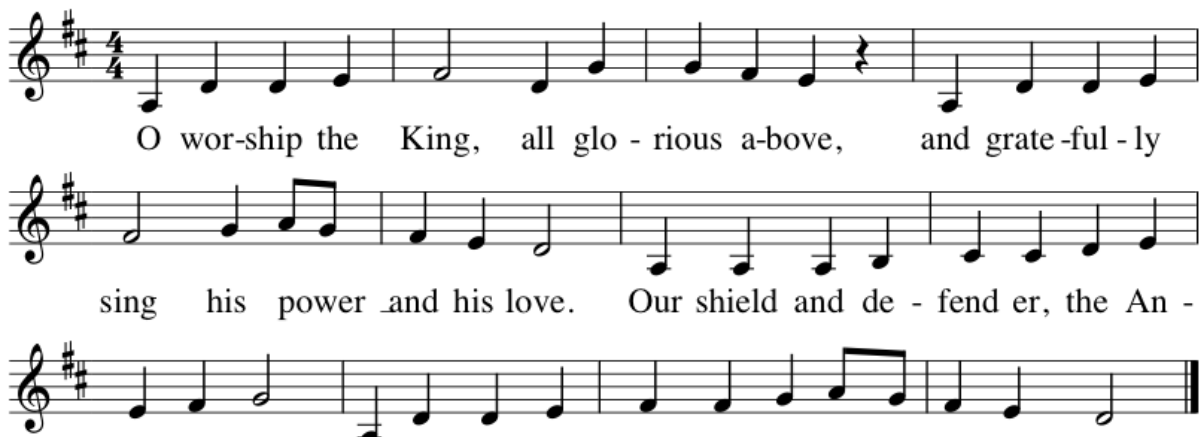
Music: The Old One Hundredth



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.

# 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



## Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 3:23-24

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## Jesus Lover of My Soul

Lyrics: Charles Wesley; Music: Greg Thompson



Je-sus lo-ver \_ of my soul, let me \_ to \_ thy \_ bo - som \_ fly.



While the near-er \_ wa-ters roll, while the \_ tem-pest still is \_ high:



Hide me O \_ my Sa - vior hide, 'till the storm \_ is \_ past.



Safe in - to \_ the ha-ven guide, re - cieve my soul \_ at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all in thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

## **The Prayers of the People**

(Please pray aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Father in Heaven, you are the source of every good and perfect gift.  
You did not spare your own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will you  
not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**We thank you for your daily provision  
for our physical needs.**

**We thank you for your care for our souls.**

**We thank you for your mercy given to us  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(Thank Him for His blessings in your life.)

We give thanks to you, Lord Jesus Christ, the One who is and who was,  
because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

**Give grace to our leaders that they may do justice and love  
mercy and walk humbly before you.**

(Pray for our leaders.)

Lord Jesus, You rule over all things for the sake of your Church. You are at the right hand of God interceding for us constantly. Nothing can separate us from your love.

**We pray for the peace and purity and growth of this congregation.**

**We pray for our sister churches in the Arizona Presbytery.**

**We pray for our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for their faith.**

(Pray for the body of Christ.)

Our great God, we hear your promise that the knowledge of your glory will fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.

**We pray for the spread of the gospel in our city.**

**We ask you to extend your mercy to our friends and loved ones.**

(Pray for those who have not yet come to faith in Christ.)

Our Savior, you invite the weary and burdened to come to you and find rest. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. You are gentle and humble in heart.

**We pray for those who are sick and those who care for them.**

**We pray for those who are grieving.**

**We pray for those who are lonely.**

**We pray for those who are struggling with enslaving sins.**

(Bring your burdens and requests to the Lord.)

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**



## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:8-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Lyrics: Isaac Watts; Music: Southern Folk Melody



My - Shep - herd - will sup - ply my - need, Je - ho - vah is his name; -  
in - pas - tures - fresh he makes me - feed, be - side the li - ving stream. -  
He brings my - wand - 'dring - spi - rit - back when - I for - sake his ways. -  
And - leads me - for his mer - cy's - sake in - paths of truth and grace. -

When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Luke Smith

# The Table

## **Confession of Faith The Apostles' Creed**

**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.]

## **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.]

# My Soul Find Rest In God Alone

Music: Sandra McCracken; Lyrics: Psalm 62

## Verse



O - my God, hear my cry; from the depths I call out to you.  
You are my shield and my strength; train my feet for this bat - tle.



You give your mer - cy and light in the dark and the wil - der -  
Our God is might - y to save; I will wait, I will wait for

## Chorus



ness. My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my sal - va-tion comes from  
him.



him. My soul finds rest, God is my hope. I will



not be sha - ken, I will not be sha - ken.

## Bridge



O my strength, I sing praise to you.  
Joy or pain, I sing praise to you.



O my strength, I sing praise to you.  
Night or day, I sing praise to you. *To chorus*

# Let This Heart Not Wander

Lyrics & Music: Eric J. Marshall

Let my eyes see no-thing, let my eyes see no-thing but your  
glo - ry, my Lord. \_ Let my eyes see no-thing, let my  
eyes see no-thing but your glo - ry, my Lord. \_

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,  
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

May I always linger, May I always linger,  
In your presence, my Lord. (repeat)

I will ever praise you, I will ever praise you,  
You are worthy, my Lord. (repeat)

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,  
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

## 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 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](http://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.

**Women4Truth Conference:** Aimee Byrd speaking at New Valley Church in Chandler, February 23rd. Sign up at [www.women4truth.com](http://www.women4truth.com)

Veritas Forum: Tuesday Night at 7:00 at Crowder Hall on the UA Campus. The topic is "Racism: Is Christianity Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution?" Everyone is welcome, especially people with some skepticism about the faith.

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