



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

07.13.2025

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 (0-3) during the whole service in the Hamilton House. Children's Church during the sermon for ages 4-12 will resume in August.

Reflection

There has been a long tradition which sees the mission of the Church primarily as obedience to a command. It has been customary to speak of "the missionary mandate." This way of putting the matter is certainly not without justification, and yet it seems to me that it misses the point. It tends to make mission a burden rather than a joy, to make it part of the law rather than part of the gospel."

The church is not meant to call men and women out of the world into a safe religious enclave but to call them out in order to send them back as agents of God's kingship.

— Lesslie Newbigin

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 111:2-5

- Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

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.

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.

The Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Nathan Partain

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into two main sections: a verse and a chorus. The verse consists of two lines of music. The chorus is marked with the word 'Chorus' above the first line and consists of three lines of music. The lyrics are: 'The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns rejoice. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om - ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.'

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re -
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Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his
Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees, or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must; The judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways, Let every creature sing his praise.

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

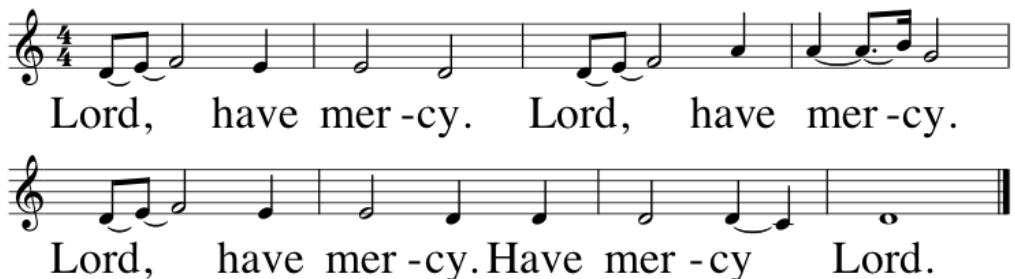
[Pray aloud together]

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.]

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur



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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Kyrie Eleison, with lyrics 'Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Lord.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style, using eighth and quarter notes.

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!

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Lyrics: John Newton; Music: Wedell Kimbrough

1. Pen-sive doubt-ing fear-ful heart, hear what Christ the Sav-ior _

says; Ev-'ry word should joy im-part, change thy mourn ing in-to

praise. Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee, may He help thee _ to be _

lieve; Then thou pre-sent-ly will

see, thou hast lit-tle cause to _ grieve.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "1. Pen-sive doubt-ing fear-ful heart, hear what Christ the Sav-ior _ says; Ev-'ry word should joy im-part, change thy mourn ing in-to praise. Yes, He speaks and speaks to thee, may He help thee _ to be _ lieve; Then thou pre-sent-ly will see, thou hast lit-tle cause to _ grieve." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

[Led by Dave Adams]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Dear God, help us love your ways.

**May we trust that following you is best for us
even when we must deny ourselves.**

(Please pray silently for our struggle against sin.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us love our families and friends.

**Provide opportunity for reconciliation where needed, and
may we not take for granted those who are close.**

(Please pray silently for wholeness in our relationships.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us love our enemies.

May we seek to live peaceably with all people.

(Please pray silently for peace.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.

Help us love our city.

May we care for the poor, oppressed, and lonely.

(Please pray silently that we would be a blessing to our city.)

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And now as our Savior taught us, we 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: Yunuen Jankowski]

Isaiah 61:1-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:6-8

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Lyrics & Music: Kimbrough , Zach, Wardell, Keyes

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the staff. The score is divided into several lines of music, with lyrics aligned under the notes. The lyrics are: 'Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the ground un - der-neath you is cursed and - stained. Your plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your' followed by a 'Chorus' section: 'la - bor is not ____ in vain. For I am' followed by a line '- to verse 2' and then 'with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your' and finally 'la - bor is not ____ in vain.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the
ground un - der-neath you is cursed and - stained. Your
plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your
Chorus
la - bor is not ____ in vain. For I am
- to verse 2
with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am
with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your
la - bor is not ____ in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
But your labor is not unknown [chorus]

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth;
For all that is old will at last be made new,
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit [chorus]

The houses you labor to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled;
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed [chorus]

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-24

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ²And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

¹³"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented

long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶"The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" ¹⁸And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

²¹In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²²All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

²³Then turning to the disciples he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

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

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.

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 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.]

By the Mark

Music & Lyrics: Gillian Andrews and David Rawlings

When I cross over,
I will shout and sing.
I will know my Savior
By the mark where the nails have been.

Chorus

By the mark where the nails have been,
By the sign upon his precious skin,
I will know my Savior when I come to him,
By the mark where the nails have been.

A man of riches
May claim a crown of jewels,
But the king of heaven
Can be told from the prince of fools.

On Calvary Mountain
Where they made him suffer so,
All my sin was paid for
A long, long time ago.

The Lamb Has Overcome

Lyrics & Music: Luke Morton

The Lamb has o-ver - come, the Lamb has o-ver - come. The
bat-tle's done and the vic-to-ry is won, the Lamb has o-ver - come.

CHORUS

Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain. Glo-ry be un-to his
name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain. Glo-ry be un-to his name!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lamb Has Overcome'. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The score consists of four staves of music. The first two staves contain the first verse of the hymn. The third staff is the beginning of the chorus, marked 'CHORUS'. The fourth staff continues the chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests.

No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down;
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound,
No grave could hold him down

At God's right hand is he, at God's right hand is he;
Our Perfect Plea, how he lives to intercede!
At God's right hand is he. [Chorus]

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;
This wine and bread broken body and blood shed,
The table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear,
The day is drawing near. [Chorus & Repeat First Verse]

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).

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.

Men's Book Study: Reading Biblical Critical Theory: How the Bible's Unfolding Story Makes Sense of Modern Life and Culture by Christopher Watkin. The next meeting is Saturday, July 19th @10am at the Jankowski's home (317 E. Canyon View Dr.) Dan Horton will lead a discussion of chapter 11 that day.

Pick Up Soccer: 6pm on Wednesdays at Linden Park (300 S Desert Ave 85712). Talk to Stephen Lewis for details (915.373.3108).

Midtown Institutes: Session 6 at the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave), Saturday morning, 7/19 from 8:30-9:30. Talk to Charles for details.

Women's Book Group: We'll be discussing Becoming Mrs. Lewis by Patti Callahan (the book is about the wife of CS Lewis). We will meet at Nikki Smith's home (5601 E Cooper St.) on July 25 at 7pm and she will be providing English tea snacks.

Movie Night: Friday Night 7/18 at the Garland's at 6:30.

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