



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Trinity Sunday

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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

I wept at the beauty of your hymns and canticles, and was powerfully moved at the sweet sound of your Church singing. These sounds flowed into my ears, and the truth streamed into my heart.

—Saint Augustine

Some songs automatically break down walls and barriers. I don't know if you've ever experienced being burdened or tied up in knots so that you don't even know what to say. Certain songs can open you up, so that by the time you've finished that song, you're down at the altar and you're ready to talk.

—An unidentified speaker quoted in
Protest and Praise: Sacred Music of Black

Reflection

Christians have worked for improved health care and medical advance, for a growing defense of human rights, for the abolition of slavery, for many protections for working people, and so on. Why? Because they see his purpose for his kingdom is not a disembodied paradise but a new heavens and a new earth. The **already** means that Christians can expect to use God's power to change social conditions and communities.

But, on the other hand, the kingdom is not yet here in its fullness. There will be "wars and rumors of wars". Selfishness, cruelty, terrorism, oppression will continue. Christians harbor no illusions about politics nor expect utopian conditions. The **not yet** means that Christians will not trust any political or social agenda to bring about righteousness here on earth.

--Tim Keller

The Word

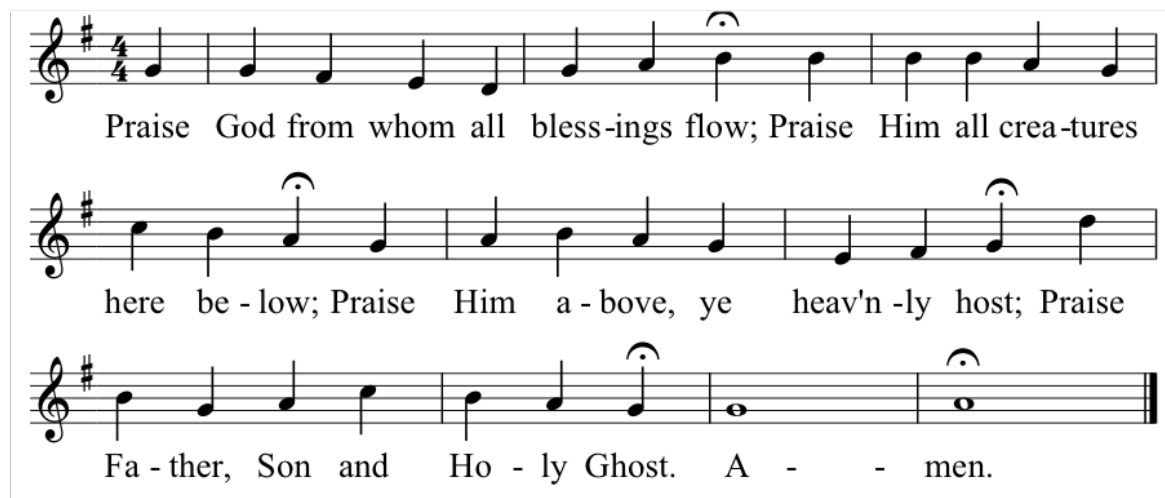
Call to Worship

Psalm 146:8-10

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Doxology

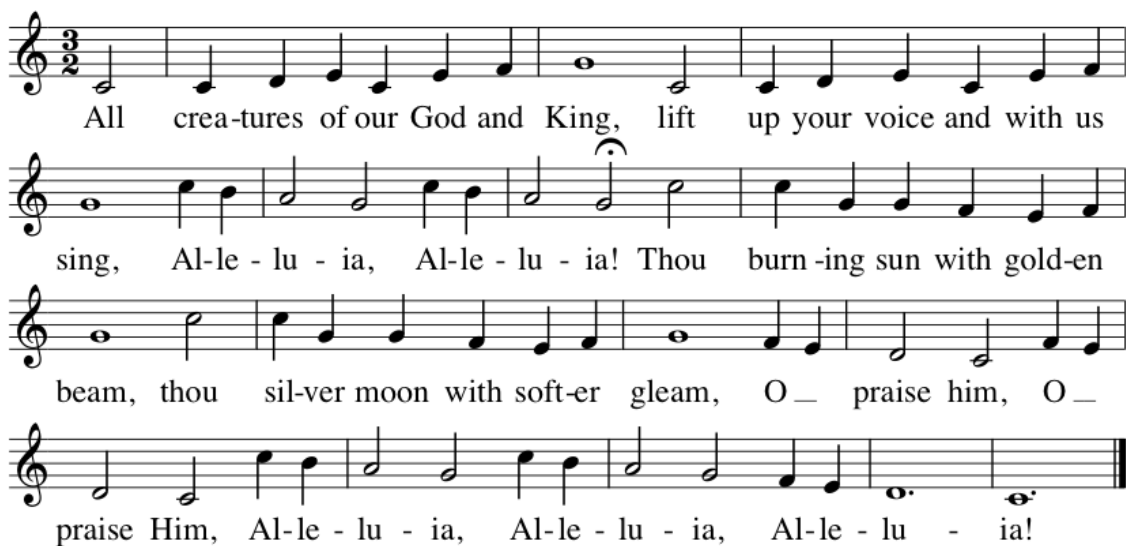
Music: The Old One Hundredth



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.

All Creatures of our God and King

Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi; Music: William Draper



All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
sing, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en
beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O - _ praise him, O -
praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of ev'ning find a voice! O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care! O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Confession of Sin


You are invited to confess your sins to God silently at this time.

Psalm 130

Lyrics: Martin Luther; Music: Christopher Minor




Men:




dost mark our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, O _ who shall

Women: O _ who shall stand be - fore thee?



stand be - fore thee? *Men:* O _ who shall

Women: Who shall stand be - fore thee?



stand be - fore thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, Grace, grace alone availeth;
 Our works, alas! Are all in vain; In much the best life faileth;
 No man can glory in Thy sight, All must alike confess Thy might,
 And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)
 And live alone by mercy (Live alone by mercy)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
 and with him is plentiful redemption.
 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: *And also with you!*

Psalm 130 (continued)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
 On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting spirit;
 His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;


I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience (Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night, and 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth)
And wait 'til God appeareth (Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow (All their sin and sorrow)

We Are Not Overcome

—Lyrics & Music: Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell



Flesh will fail _ and bones will break; thieves will steal, _ the earth will



shake. Night will fall, _ the light will fade; _ the Lord will give, and take a-

Refrain



way; Be-cause of His great _ love, we are not o-ver-come!



Be-cause of His great _ love we are not o-ver-come!

Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand upon.
Flowers fade into dust;
The Lord will make a place for us.

*Because of His great Love, we are not overcome!
Because of His great Love, we are not overcome!*

Have no fear for your life. Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!
Bear the yoke of love and death;
The Lord will give all life and breath.

*Because of His great Love, we are not overcome!
Because of His great Love, we are not overcome!*

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.

O Lord, we cry out to you for the Church:

We pray for the churches in Tucson that proclaim your gospel

We pray for Redemption Fellowship

and for our sister churches in the Arizona Presbytery.

(Pray for the church.)

O Lord, we cry out to you for all the people of the earth:

We pray for those who do not know you,

We pray that your gospel would run in our city,

(Pray for your friends who do not yet believe the gospel.)

O Lord, we cry out to you for our own nation:

Please give President Trump humility, wisdom, and strength.

Please bless Governor Ducey and Mayor Rothschild;

Please bring peace to our city through your gospel.

(Pray for our leaders.)

O Lord, we cry out to you for the poor and suffering of our community:

We pray for those who are living on the streets.

We pray for those who are sick and grieving.

We pray for those who are discouraged and despairing.

(Pray for those who suffer.)

O Lord we cry out to you with our individual concerns and needs:

(Pour out your heart to your Father who gives good gifts to his children.)

All of these things we ask of you in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying:

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 61:1-4

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

New Testament Reading

James 2:1-7

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Be Still My Soul

Lyrics: Katharina von Schelgel; Music: Page CXVI



5 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; -

9 Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.

13 Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide -

In ev - ery change, He will re - main.

Be still, my soul: your God doth undertake
To guide the future, as in ages past.
Hope in his might, His will, will nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright.

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him.

Be still my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness, all he takes away.
Then shall thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your tears and fears.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's joys restored.

Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

19 “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. **20** And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, **21** who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, **23** and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. **24** And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ **25** But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ **27** And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— **28** for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ **29** But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ **30** And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ **31** He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ
People: *Praise be to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

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 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.]

Offering

[Please use the box at the back of the sanctuary to give your tithes and offerings as you come for or return from the Table.]

Jesus Paid It All

—Lyrics & Music: Elvina M. Hall

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first two lines are the main melody, and the last two lines are the chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes.

I hear the Sav-ior say, "Thy strength in-deed is small, child of
weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."

Chorus

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;
Sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Lyrics: Samuel Stennett; Music: Christopher Miner

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'On Jordan's Stormy Banks'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 11, 14, and 17. The lyrics are: 'On Jor - dan's stor - my ba-nks I stand and cast a wish-ful eye, to Can - aan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd. I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd.'

4 On Jor - dan's stor - my ba-nks I stand and
7 cast a wish-ful eye, to Can - aan's fair and
11 hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie. I am bound, I am
14 bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd. I am
17 bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful
shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

Benediction

Notes

Prayer time

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.

Brown Bag & Bats

After the service everyone is invited to the Garland's house for Brown Bag supper (if you didn't plan, get something on the way or we can scrounge something up at the Garland's.) Then at 6:45 we will go up to River and N Campbell to watch the bats fly. It's supposed to be pretty impressive.

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