



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
06.20.2021

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

Reflection

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable."

—C. S. Lewis

The Word

Call to Worship

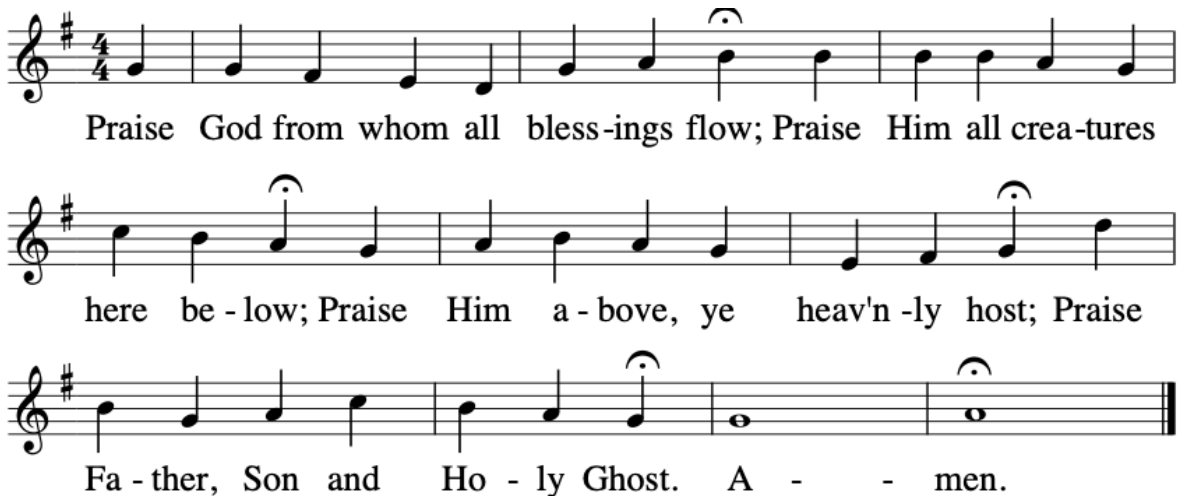
Psalm 34:3

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us
exalt his name together!

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



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.

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.

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: Samuel Stennent

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, its nob - lest tri - bute bring. When he's the sub - ject of the song, who can re - fuse to sing? _ Sur - vey the beau - ties of his face, and on his glo - ries dwell; _ think of the won - der of his grace, and all his tri - umphs _ tell."

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Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon his awful brow.
His head with radiant glories crowned, his lips with grace overflow.
No mortal can with him compare among the sons of men;
Fairer He is than all the fair that fill the heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress, he fled to my relief.
For me he bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode he brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete

Since from his bounty I receive such proofs of love divine.
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord they should all be thine.
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring,
Yet your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalms 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.

We confess our sins as
a group and
individually because
we need to. We come
to worship God even
though we are morally
broken, in certain hope
that he is merciful to
people like us, and
able to change us by
his grace.

Confession of Sin

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

Psalm 130

Lyrics: Martin Luther; Music: Christopher Minor

From the depths of woe I raise to thee, the voice

of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord _ turn a gra - cious ear

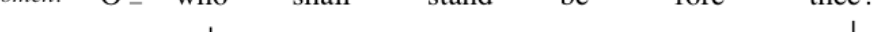
to me and hear my sup-pli - ca - tion. If thou in - i - qui-ties

Men:

The musical notation for the men's part is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of the following notes: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (half), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C#5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4-E4 (beamed eighth notes), D4 (quarter), C#4-B3 (beamed eighth notes), A3 (quarter), G3 (half). There are rests above the notes at measures 6 and 7.

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

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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) 2x

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) 2x

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) 2x

The Prayers of the People

[Led by Rebekah Taylor]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God,

**that all who confess your Name may be
united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal
your glory in the world.**

(Please pray silently for the unity of the Church.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,
in the ways of justice and peace;

**that we may honor one another
and serve the common good.**

(Please pray silently for justice and peace in all nations.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,

**and grant that we may serve them,
and love one another as Christ loves us.**

(Please pray silently for our love and service of others.)

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.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;
**give them courage and hope in their troubles,
and bring them the joy of your salvation.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

And teach us to pray as You taught Your disciples 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.**

New Testament Reading

[Reader: Levi Grimes]

James 2:22-23

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 15:12-15

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

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 tounge 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.

Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?

¹² And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.]

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 Sursum Corda and the Mystery of Faith are used by Christians the world over to prepare their hearts and minds for Holy Communion.

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 to receive the bread and the cup. We are using individual cups and wafers as a concession to the virus. The red cups have wine and the grape juice is white/gold.]

Jesus Paid It All

—Lyrics & Music: Elvina M. Hall

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/4 time. The first two staves contain the main melody with lyrics: '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."' The third staff is labeled 'Chorus' and contains the melody for: 'Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;'. The fourth staff continues the chorus melody with the lyrics: 'Sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.' The score uses a treble clef and includes various musical notations such as eighth, quarter, and half notes, rests, and a double bar line at the end.

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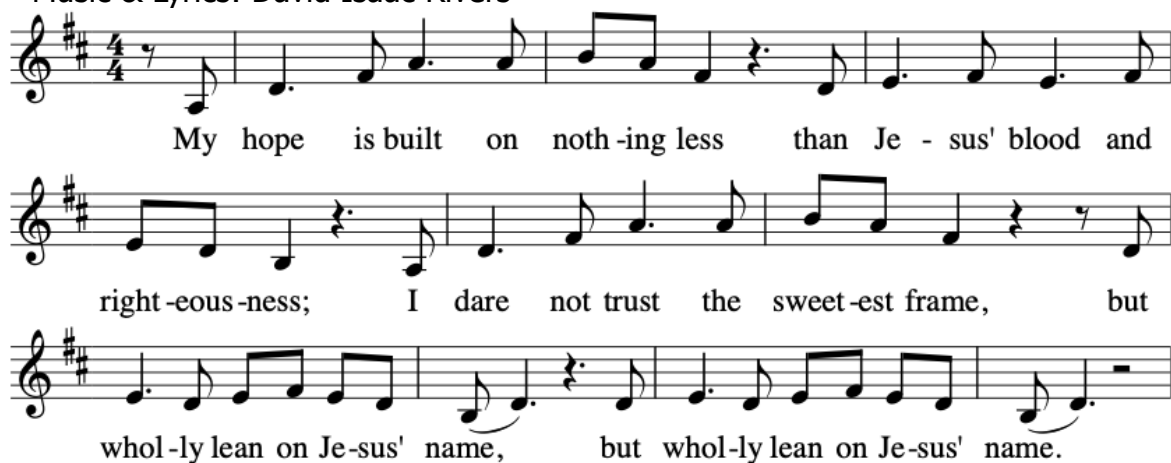
Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.

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

[Bridge] O praise the one who paid my debt
and raised this life up from the dead;
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and raised this life up from the dead!

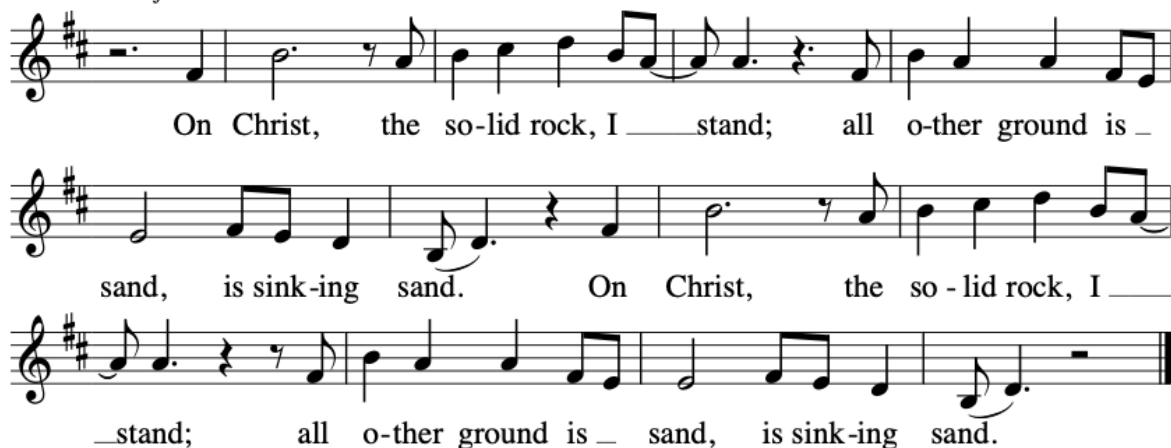
Solid Rock

Music & Lyrics: David Isaac Rivers



My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
right-eous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name, but whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.

Refrain



On Christ, the so-lid rock, I ____ stand; all o-ther ground is _
sand, is sink-ing sand. On Christ, the so - lid rock, I ____
_stand; all o-ther ground is _ sand, is sink-ing sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his bloodSupport me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay,
He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
And faultless stand before the throne,
And faultless stand before the throne. [Refrain]

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. (Note that the Midtown box is separate from the Vineyard ones—ours cleverly says “Midtown”!) You can also give online at our website www.mpctucson.org.

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.

Midtown Institute: Our next meeting will be Sunday morning, July 11, from 9:00-10:30 at the McReynold’s home (1241 E Sobre Lomas). We are skipping the 6/27 meeting, so the 7/11 meeting will cover Sessions 9 **and** 10.

Monday Soccer: Monday at 6:00 at Mansfield Park in the NW corner.

Women’s Sermon Discussion: Monday Nights @ 7:00 at Dana McReynold’s home (1241 E Sobre Lomas). We’ll discuss the Ecclesiastes sermons referring to Charles’ sermons and William Price’s book As Far As the Curse is Found.

Congratulations Noah and Anna! Noah and Anna Hamstra were married yesterday. They have a need for moving help in consolidating households on next Saturday morning. Morgan Zylstra (zylstramorgan@gmail.com) and Esther Lewis (esther.lewis@providencecc.edu) are organizing the move. Let them know if you can help.

Welcome Joanie Lewis! Joanie was born on Tuesday to Sarah and Stephen Lewis. Mother and baby are both doing great.

Hootenanny: Our next Hootenanny will be Saturday evening 6/26 at Jonathan & Anne Grimes’ place (413 S La Jolla Ave). Bring a few songs to play, and we’ll have some sing-a-longs, too. Talent requirement is VERY low. Or just come hang out and listen\sing.

Pastor: Charles Garland
Music Director: Sarah Lewis
RUF Staff: Dan & Brittany Smith
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