



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10.20.2019

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

Reflection

After all, Christians call political leaders to follow and conform to a King who forgives his enemies, a suffering Servant who gives himself for his people, a world emperor who still, in heaven, bears the scars of a Roman cross. As Hauerwas says, "'Jesus is Lord' is not my personal opinion" but "a determinative political claim." Psalm 2 ends with an exhortation to kings and judges to acknowledge the Lord's anointed as King of Kings. For political rulers, repentance means bowing to Jesus as a superior authority.

—Peter Leithart

The Word

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

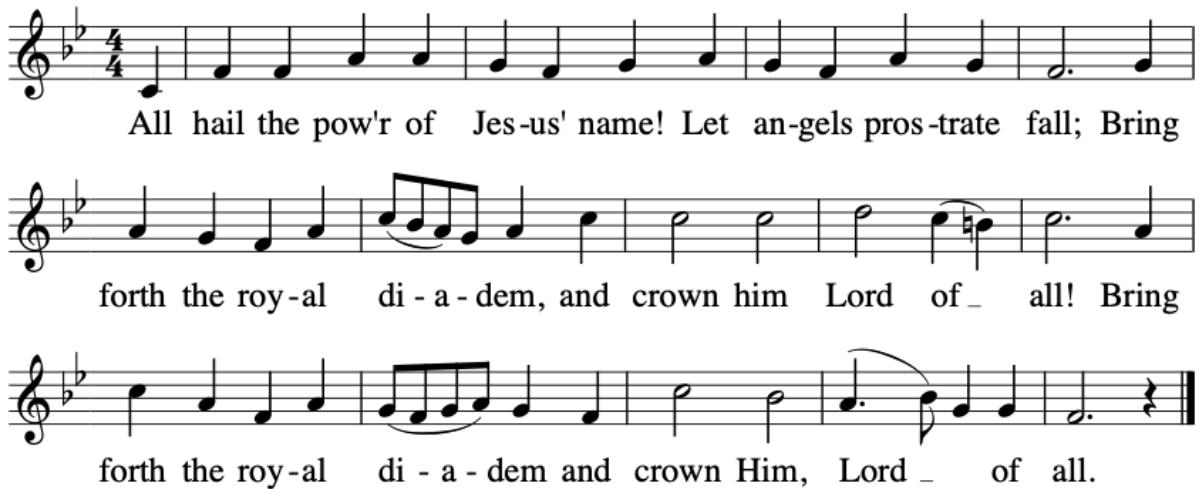
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

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

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

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Lyrics: Edward Perronet; Music: Oliver Holden



The image shows three staves of musical notation for the hymn. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

All hail the pow'r of Jes-us' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall; Bring
forth the roy-al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring
forth the roy-al di - a - dem and crown Him, Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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]

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 silently at this time.)

Trisagion

Music: Fernando Ortega

Ho - - - ly - God. Ho - ly and migh - ty.

Ho - - - - ly, Im - mor - tal one. Have

mer - cy, have mer - - cy on us.

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!

O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Lyrics: Samuel Travis Francis; Music: Thomas John Williams

O the ___ deep, deep love of ___ Je - sus. Vast, un - mea - sured,
bound - less, free. Roll - ing ___ as a might - y ___ o - cean
in its ___ full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me,
all a - round me, is the ___ cur - rent of Thy ___ love.
Lead - ing _ on - ward, lead - ing ___ home - ward,
to my ___ glo - rious rest _ a - bove.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus". It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases being longer than others, such as "Vast, un - mea - sured," which spans two staves. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, Died to call them all his own;
For them he intercedeth, Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, For it lifts me up to thee.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Heavenly Father,
since You have promised to grant our requests, we make our supplications
to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**We pray for our world leaders,
that they will rule with wisdom and peace,
especially in administering justice in troubled lands.**

Let us pray for the world (silence). Amen.

We pray to You also, dear Father, for Your church, the body of Christ,
**that guided by Your Holy Spirit, we would be found to be
wise, zealous, and faithful worshippers.**

Let us pray for the church (silence). Amen.

Moreover, we pray for all men and women throughout the world,
**that they would come to a knowledge of Your saving grace
through the spread of Your gospel.**

Let us pray for those in need of God's grace (silence). Amen.

Finally, we commend to You all who suffer tribulation,
**that it would please You to make them feel
Your Fatherly affection toward them,
so they would find refreshment
and healing in You.**

Let us pray for all who suffer (silence). Amen.

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

Isaiah 40:27-31

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-55

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: Samuel Stennent

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth 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!

New Testament Reading

Acts 12:1-25

About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ² He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³ and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. ⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

⁶ Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸ And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel

left him. ¹¹ When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. ¹³ And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

¹⁸ Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. ¹⁹ And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

²⁰ Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹ On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²² And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" ²³ Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last. ²⁴ But the word of God increased and multiplied.

²⁵ And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

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 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 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.]

His Mercy is More

Lyrics & Music: Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Verse



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
ni - scient, all know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown **I**
in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; his

Chorus



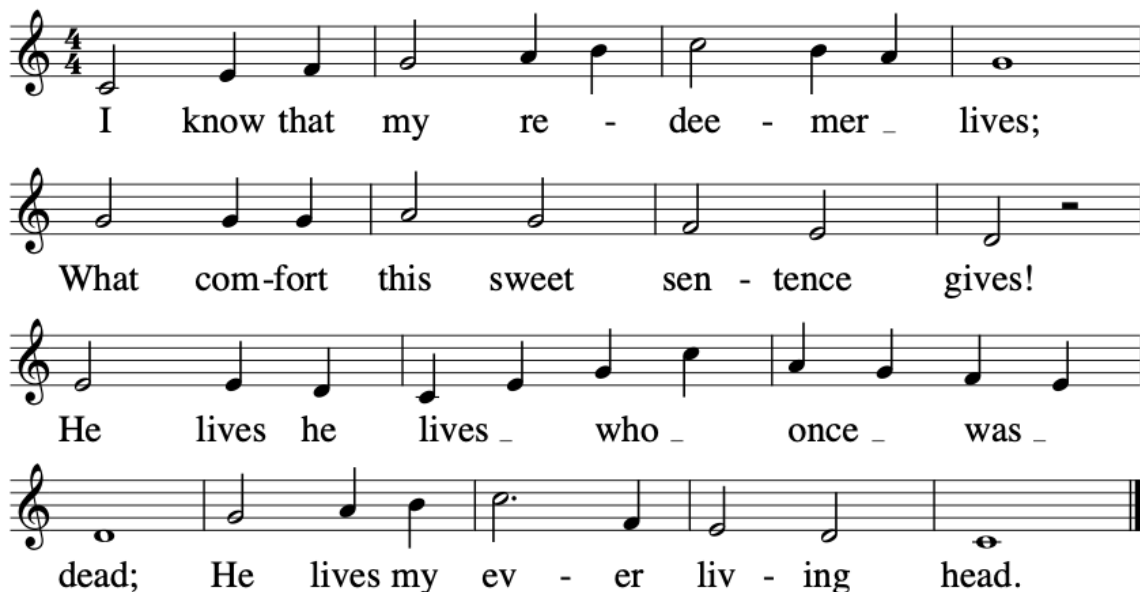
mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, - his mer - cy is more. ____
Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. - Our
sins, they are man - y; his mer - cy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more [Chorus]

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more [Chorus]

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Lyrics: Samuel Medley; Music: John Hatton



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below the notes. The melody is simple and uses a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'I know that my re - dee - mer - lives; What com-fort this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives he lives - who - once - was - dead; He lives my ev - er liv - ing head.'

He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives and while I live I'll sing, He lives my prophet, priest, and king.

He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
What joy this bless'd assurance gives; I know that my redeemer lives.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. You can also give online at our website 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.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday @ the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave) @ 7:00pm. The study will be on the Compassion of Jesus as seen in the Gospels. All women are welcome—contact Julie Garland with questions (julie.garland@gmail.com / 678-849-8401).

Book Groups: Both the men's and the women's book groups will be reading The Great Divorce, by C. S. Lewis next month. The men meet 11/12, and the women meet 11/8, both at the McReynolds' home (4779 E. Avenida del Cazador).

Hootenanny: Friday night, 11/1, 7:00 at Robert Jentoft's home (4335 E Sunnybrook Ln.) Come and sing, bring an instrument, or just hang out.

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