



MIDTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Evening Worship

## Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

### 08.17.2025

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 downstairs Nursery. Children ages 4-12 will have Children's Church during the sermon time, also in the Hamilton House.

#### **Reflection**

No one's really any good till he knows how bad he is, or might be; till he's realized exactly how [little] right he has to all this snobbery, and sneering, and talking about 'criminals' as if they were apes in a forest ten thousand miles away...till he's squeezed out of his soul the last drop of the oil of the Pharisees.

—G.K. Chesterton, in Father Brown

# The Word

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.

## Call to Worship

1 Timothy 1:17

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

In the Gloria Patri we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries in this ancient (cf. 380 AD) song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

## The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

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

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

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

# Ten Thousand Reasons

Lyrics and Music: Matt Redman & John Myrin

## *Chorus*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,  
wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like ne - ver be-fore,  
O my soul I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

The musical notation for the chorus is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. The key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

## *Verse*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing; -  
It's time to sing your song - a-gain. What-  
e - ver may pass and what - e - ver lies be - fore - me;  
Let me be sing-ing when the eve - ning comes.

The musical notation for the verse is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time, continuing from the chorus. The key signature remains three sharps. The melody features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,  
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
10,000 years and then forevermore.

## Prayer of Invocation

### Call to Confession of Sin

Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

### Confession of Sin

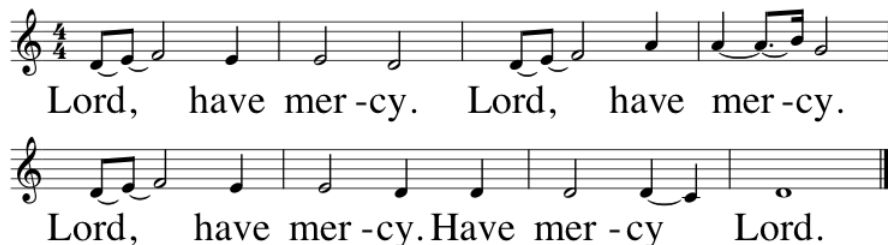
[Pray aloud together]

**Lord, forgive us. We are blind to our own brokenness, yet focused on the failings of others. We are deaf to the cries of those who need us, numb to the need of those who hurt. We are silent when words are needed, impotent when action is required. Lord, hear our anguish, pity our brokenness, speak life and forgiveness to our weary souls. Amen.**

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

### Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur



## Assurance of Forgiveness

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## The Dreadful Tree

Music & Lyrics: David Isaac Waters

Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity.  
Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only You to know,  
Seeking only You to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside.  
Bid my will to Yours submit; Lay me humbly at Your feet,  
Lay me humbly at Your feet.

**Refrain:** For way over yonder on the dreadful tree,  
Way over yonder on the dreadful tree,  
You shed your blood and you died for me.

Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled.  
Seeing only in Your light; Walking only in Your might,  
Walking only in Your might.

Leaning on Your loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest.  
Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from Your precious blood,  
Flowing from Your precious blood [Refrain]

In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give.  
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry,  
And hosannas ever cry. [Refrain]

# The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by Tim Davis]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Most gracious God, who has promised to reveal His glory among all nations,

**Hear us as we pray for Your church.**

**Bless all the ministers of Your word and sacraments and unite all Christians in the bonds of holy faith, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Pray silently for the Church.). Amen.

Lord God of our fathers,

who has promised to take care of our every need,

**Give us peaceful times and fruitful seasons.**

**Grant all in authority over us wisdom and strength to do Your will through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Pray silently for our world.). Amen.

Most merciful Father,

comfort all who believe the good news of Your grace.

**We pray for all who are distressed:**

**the poor, the homeless, the sick, the bereaved, and those afflicted in body and mind. Comfort and relieve them according to Your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Pray silently for all who suffer.). Amen.

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.

And now, as our Savior taught us, let us humbly 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: Hannah Chaney]

Jeremiah 5:1-5

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading**

Colossians 2:20-23

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Children can be dismissed for Children's Church

# Be Thou My Vision

Music & Lyrics: Traditional Irish Hymn



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart.



Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.



Thou my best thought, by day or by night, —



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;  
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 11:37-12:3

While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. <sup>38</sup>The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. <sup>39</sup>And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup>You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup>But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

<sup>42</sup>"But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. <sup>43</sup>Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. <sup>44</sup>Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it."

<sup>45</sup>One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also." <sup>46</sup>And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. <sup>47</sup>Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. <sup>48</sup>So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup>Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' <sup>50</sup>so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, <sup>51</sup>from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will

be required of this generation. <sup>52</sup>Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

<sup>53</sup>As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, <sup>54</sup>lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

<sup>12:1</sup>In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

The Apostles' Creed

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.

**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 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.]

# **Till He Come**

Lyrics: Edward Henry Bickersteth; Music: Ghost of Caroline

Till he come! O let the words  
Linger on the trembling chords;  
Let the little while between  
In their golden light be seen;  
Let us think how heav'n and home  
Lie beyond that "Till he come."

When the weary ones we love  
Enter on their rest above,  
Seems the earth so poor and vast,  
All our life joy overcast?  
Hush, be ev'ry murmur dumb:  
It is only till he come.

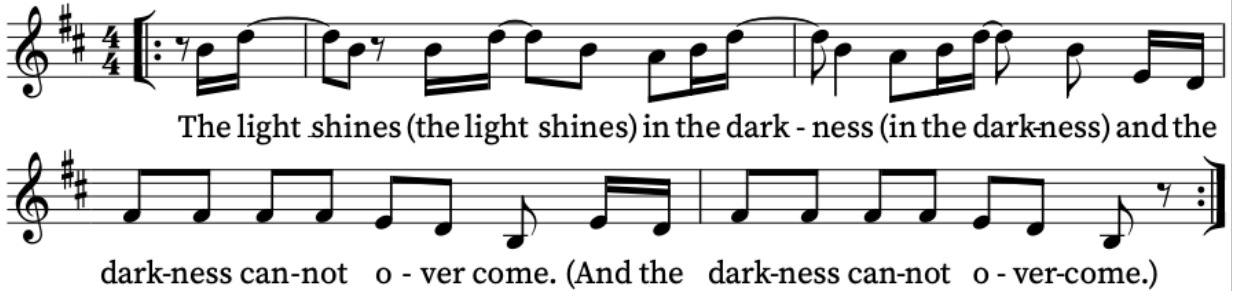
Clouds and conflicts round us press:  
Would we have one sorrow less?  
All the sharpness of the cross,  
All that tells the world is loss,  
Death and darkness, and the tomb,  
Only whisper "Till he come."

See, the feast of love is spread,  
Drink the wine, and break the bread:  
Sweet memorials, till the Lord  
Call us round his heav'nly board;  
Some from earth, from glory some,  
Severed only till he come.

# His Kingdom Now Has Come

—Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Lorenzon Baylor. Brian Nhira

## VERSE



## REFRAIN



The valleys (the valleys) will be lifted (will be lifted),  
and the mountains will be brought down low  
(and the mountains will be brought down low.)  
The valleys (the valleys) will be lifted (will be lifted),  
and the mountains will be brought down low  
(and the mountains will be brought down low.)  
Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!

Hear the voice cry (hear the voice cry)  
from the highway (from the highway),  
"Make way for the Prince of Peace!"  
(Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace?)  
Hear the voice cry (hear the voice cry)  
from the highway (from the highway),  
"Make way for the Prince of Peace!"  
(Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace?)  
Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!

God of Justice (God of Justice), Righteous Judge (righteous Judge),  
Behold, behold, behold!

Our Defender (our Defender), Prince of Peace (Prince of Peace),  
Behold, behold, behold!

Father to the fatherless (Father to the fatherless),  
our strong Deliverer (our strong Deliverer),  
Behold, behold, behold!

He's troubling the water (troubling the water)  
and we're marching through:

Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!  
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now has come!

**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](http://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](mailto: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, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 10am at the Jankowski's home (317 E. Canyon View Dr.) Dan Horton will lead a discussion of chapter 14 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 9 at the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave), Saturday morning, 8/30 from 8:30-9:30. Talk to Charles for details.

**Kids Music Camp:** Our sister church, Desert Springs, is planning a music camp for kids during the week of (Amphi's) fall break, Oct 13-17. Kids will learn to play the ukulele, some basics of music theory, and a wide variety of instruments. If you're interested in getting involved, talk to Stephanie Bowyer, 520-395-7873.

**Church Kickball Game:** On labor day (9/1) at Linden Park at 4pm.

**Set Up Team:** We need a few new volunteers to help with Set Up and Takedown on Sundays. The more we have, the less often each person has to do it. Let Frances Plourde or Annalyse Rash know if you can pitch in to help.

**Elders**

Dave Adams  
Tim Davis  
Matt McReynolds  
Ryan Jankowski

**Deacons**

Nick Dunlap  
Colin McRae  
Chris Smith

**Supported Missions**

UA Reformed University Fellowship  
Kevin & Nozomi West—Tokyo  
Zak Garland—Tokyo  
DH & Emily Henry—Navajo Nation

**Pastor:** Charles Garland

**Music Director:** Sarah Lewis

**Children's Director:** Annalyse Rash

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