



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

05.05.2024

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. All of our kiddos will meet in the Hamilton House. Check in is at the west end of the courtyard. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

Reflection

Q. Why did Christ command us to call God "our Father"?

A. At the very beginning of our prayer Christ wants to kindle in us what is basic to our prayer—the childlike awe and trust that God through Christ has become our Father. Our fathers do not refuse us the things of this life; God our Father will even less refuse to give us what we ask in faith.

— Heidelberg Catechism Question 120

The Word

Call to Worship

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Music & Lyrics: Robert Robinson

5 Come, thou fount of ev'-ry bles-sing, tune my heart to sing thy
9 grace; streams of mer-cy, ne-ver ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est
12 praise. Teach me _ some me - lo-dious - son - net sung by _
15 fla - ming tongues a - bove. Praise the mount, I'm fixed up -
pon it, mount of Thy re - deem-ing love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 3:3

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we will be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Confession of Sin [Pray aloud together]

Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused mind with your word, heal our divided will with your law, heal our troubled conscience with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. 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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Pensive, Doubting, Fearful Heart

Lyrics: John Newton; Music: Wedell Kimbrough

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

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

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

14 lieve; Then thou pre-sent-ly will

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

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with line numbers 4, 8, 12, and 14 indicating the start of each line of text. 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 Tim Davis]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Jesus, remember us when you come in your kingdom,
Have mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

For all who carry out your ministries within your church,
We ask for grace and wisdom.
(Pray for those who minister the gospel.)

For those who don't yet believe the gospel,
We ask for your faithful love.
(Pray for the unbelieving.)

For governors and rulers in every land,
We ask for your guidance.
(Pray for our leaders.)

For people who suffer and grieve,

We ask for your healing peace.

(Pray for the suffering.)

Holy God, your Son, Jesus Christ has spoken to us the word of reconciliation. We come to you now in the words He taught us, 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: Yunuen Jankowski]

Philippians 4:10-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:12-17

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

God's Highway

Music & Lyrics: Sandra McCracken

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God's Highway'. It is written in 6/8 time and consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a Chorus section and a Bridge section. The lyrics are: 'My feet are strong, my eyes are clear. I can - not see the way - from here. But on we go; He knows the way and in his arms he keeps - me safe. Fear not, keep on, watch and pray! Walk in the light of God's high - way. I'm hold - ing on to You Lord. You're hold - ing on to me.'

My feet are strong, my eyes are clear. I can - not
see the way - from here. But on we go; He knows the
way and in his arms he keeps - me safe.
Chorus
Fear not, keep on, watch and pray! Walk in the
light of God's high - way. *Bridge* I'm hold - ing
on to You Lord. You're hold - ing on to me.

The shadows flee, the valley is deep,
But evil cannot conquer me.
Your rod and staff, they protect me;
You give me rest, You give me peace. [Chorus]

I see the shore from troubled seas.
This tiny ship that carries me,
It is not yet, but it will be;
So heaven come, it's You we need. [Chorus]

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 4:1-17

Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" ²The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." ³And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. ⁴But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand — ⁵"that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." ⁶Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. ⁷Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. ⁸"If they will not believe you," God said, "or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. ⁹If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

¹⁰But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." ¹¹Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? ¹²Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." ¹³But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, "Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is

coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. ¹⁶He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him. ¹⁷And take in your hand this staff, with which you shall do the signs.”

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.]

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.

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 one of the aisles. 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. Please return down the same aisle.]

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Lyrics: William Williams; Music: Jeremy Casella

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah'. It consists of five staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Guide me O, Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim'. The second staff continues: 'through this bar - ren - land. I am - weak, but Thou art'. The third staff continues: 'might - y; Hold me with Thy power - ful - hand. Bread of'. The fourth staff continues: 'hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more. Bread of'. The fifth staff continues: 'hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more.' The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final cadence on the fifth staff.

Guide me O, Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim
through this bar - ren - land. I am - weak, but Thou art
might - y; Hold me with Thy power - ful - hand. Bread of
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hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er - more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

ENDING



Land me



safe on Ca-naan's side. Bid my anx - ious fears. Bid my anx-



- ious fears. Land me safe on Ca - naan's



side. Bid my anx - ious fears. Bid my anx - ious fears, good-bye.

We Lift Up As Our Shield

Music & Lyrics: Ed Clowney

1. We lift up as our shield God's name, the strong name
2. Im-man - u - el, in - car - nate Lord, from Mary's
3. By faith we claim his grace to - day: the pow'r of

of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion of the
womb was giv - en breath, was bap - tized at the Jor - dan's
God to hold and lead, his eye to watch, his might to

same: the Three in One and One in Three, our Rock and
ford, and gave his life to con - quer death. He rose tri -
stay, his ear to hear - ken to our need; the wis - dom

Tow - er God of Light, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spi - rit,
um - phant from the tomb, was lift - ed to the Fa - ther's
of our God to teach, his hand to guide, his shield to

Word; we claim the name of grace and
throne to come on God's dread day of
ward, the word of God to give us

might: sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.
doom and bring sal - va - tion for his own.
speech his heav'n - ly host to be our guard.

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). —>>



2024 Budget through April:	\$94,951.	2023 Comparison:
2024 Giving through April:	\$70,597	\$105,021

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 group: Tuesday May 14 at the McReynolds' at 7pm ([1241 E Sobre Lomas](#)). The book for April is C.S. Lewis' [Miracles](#). Any men are welcome to come.

Places to Get Involved:

Refugees: Jeannette Mendoza (jmarg2011@hotmail.com)

Food Pantry: Melissa McRae (melissa.beal89@gmail.com)

Sunday Set Up: Frances Willberg (frances.willberg@icloud.com)

Children's Ministry: Annalyse Rash (annalyse@mpctucson.org)

Young Families Small Group: Josiah Howard (josiah.howard1@gmail.com)

Nursery Update: There are big changes coming at the beginning of August for our Children's Ministry and in order to be able to make them happen we still need 3 volunteers who are willing to work with ages 4-11 once every other month. If you are interested or would be willing please contact Annalyse Rash (annalyse@mpctucson.org).

Pastor: Charles Garland
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Children's Director: Annalyse Rash
RUF Staff: Matt & Sarah Esswein
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