



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

08.18.2024

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 (0-3)during the whole service in the Hamilton House. Children ages 4-12 will have Children's Church during the sermon time, also in the Hamilton House.

Reflection

In nothing has the church so lost Her hold on reality as in Her failure to understand and respect the secular vocation. She has allowed work and religion to become separate departments, and is astonished to find that , as a result, the secular work of the world is turned to purely selfish and destructive ends, and that the greater part of the world's intelligent workers have become irreligious, or at least, uninterested in religion. But is it astonishing? How can anyone remain interested in a religion which seems to have no concern with nine-tenths of his life? The church's approach to an intelligent carpenter is usually confined to exhorting him not to be drunk and disorderly in his leisure hours, and to come to church on Sundays. What the church should be telling him is this: that the very first demand that his religion makes on him is to make good tables.... No piety in the worker will compensate for work that is not true to itself; for any work that is untrue to its own technique is a living lie.... She has forgotten that the secular vocation is sacred. Forgotten that a building must be good architecture before it can be a good church; that a painting must be well painted before it can be a good sacred picture; that work must be good work before it can call itself God's work.

--Dorothy Sayers

It is not only prayer that gives God glory, but work. Smiting on an anvil, sawing on a beam, whitewashing a wall, driving horses, sweeping, scouring, everything gives God some glory if being in His grace you do it as your duty...To lift up the hands in prayer gives God glory, but a man with a dung fork in his hand, a woman with a slop pail, give him glory too. He is so great that all things give Him glory if you mean they should.

--Gerald Manley Hopkins

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.

Doxology

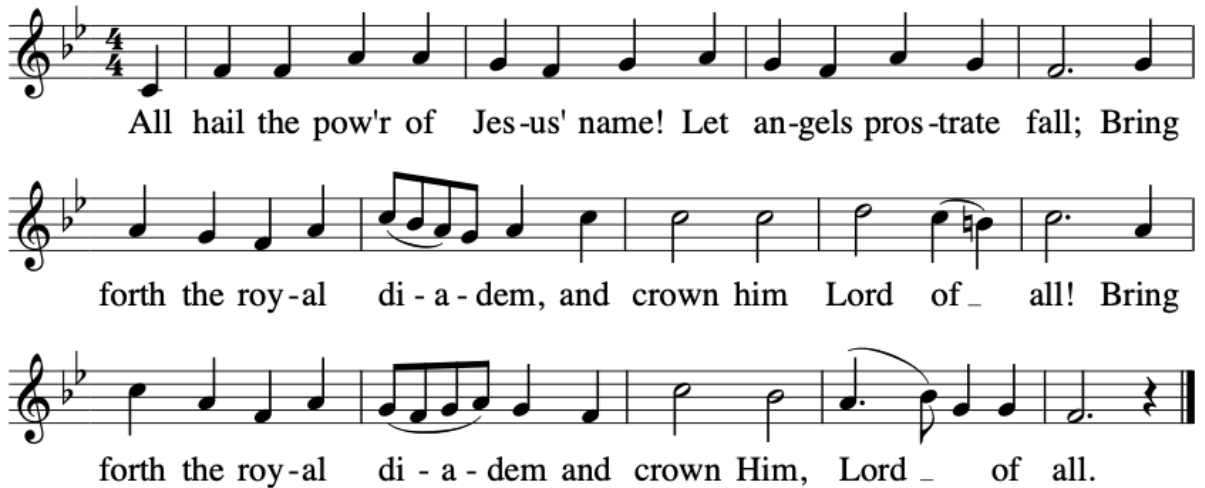
Music: The Old One Hundredth

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.

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 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 music 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

The invocation is a prayer asking for God to come and be present with us in the worship service. We come with hope that God will come and speak to us, heal us, and stir up love for him in our minds and hearts.

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."

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

[Pray aloud together]

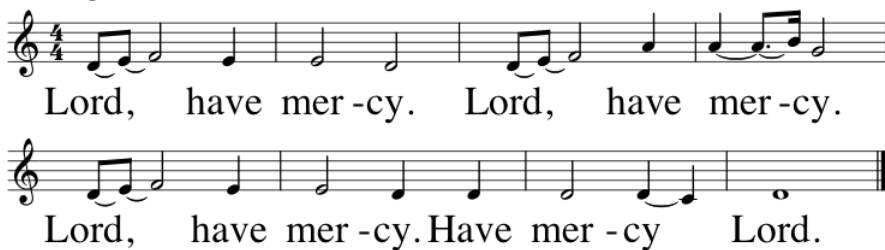
Lord, forgive us. We are blind to our own brokenness, yet focused on the failings of others. We are deaf to the cries of those who need us, numb to the need of those who hurt. We are silent when words are needed, impotent when action is required. Lord, hear our anguish, pity our brokenness, speak life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

Amen.

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

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Lord.

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!

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
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]

The Prayers of the People

[Led by Ryan Jankowski]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

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.

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.

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.

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.**

New Testament Reading

[Reader: Melissa McRae]

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:28-30

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Lyrics & Music: Kimbrough , Zach, Wardell, Keyes

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into several lines of music, with lyrics corresponding to each line. The lyrics are: "Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the ground un - der-neath you is cursed and - stained. Your plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your la - bor is not in vain. For I am with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your la - bor is not in vain." The score ends with a double bar line.

Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the
ground un - der-neath you is cursed and - stained. Your
plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your
Chorus
la - bor is not in vain. For I am
- to verse 2
with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am
with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your
la - bor is not in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
But your labor is not unknown [chorus]

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth;
For all that is old will at last be made new,
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit [chorus]

The houses you labor to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled;
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed [chorus]

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 31:1-13

The Lord said to Moses, ²"See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, ⁴to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. ⁶And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, ⁸the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, ⁹and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, ¹⁰and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests, ¹¹and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for

the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do.”

¹²And the Lord said to Moses, ¹³“You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, ‘Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

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.

Minister: How are you right with God?

All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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 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.]

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Lyrics & Music: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleeker

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery'. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below each staff is the corresponding lyrics, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: 'Come be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, in the dawn-ing of the King. He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty. In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come! Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som-us.'

Come behold the wondrous mystery: he the perfect Son of Man,
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory!
See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold,
Bringing many sons to glory: grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery: slain by death, the God of life,
But no grave could e'er restrain him; praise the Lord, He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance, how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected, as will we be when he comes.

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.

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).

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.

Church Potluck: Please stay after church tonight for our Potluck dinner. There should be plenty for everyone.

Adopt an RUF Student: Talk to Matt Esswein or Paige Jackson about being a host family for an RUF student this year.

Women's Night: August 30th @ 7pm @ the Garland's home (1324 N Norton Ave). We'll be working on Needlepoint crafts—new or experienced is fine. RSVP with Julie Garland (678-849-8401) to get set up.

Welcome Russ Whitt! Russ is our new RUF intern, coming to us from Texas Tech (where our Raegan Watkins in an RUF intern). He'll be joining Paige Jackson as an intern working with our campus minister Matt Esswein.

MIDTOWN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry is for ages 4-12 and will be dismissed at the beginning of the sermon to the Hamilton House. They will return at the beginning of communion.

Nursery

Nursery will be available to 0-3 for the entire service in the Hamilton House. Please inform the nursery volunteers of any special instructions.

Interested in Volunteering?

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Annalyse Rash at annalyse@mpctucson.org

Parents!

Please update your children's information if they will be participating in Children's Ministry.



Curriculum

We will be using "The Biggest Story" for our curriculum. With every story they have podcasts and videos available for kids to watch or listen to at home.



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Ryan Jankowski

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