



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

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

Reflection

And indeed it is impossible for God's name not to be dishonored where it is not rightfully honored. For although it is already honored with the lips, bending of the knees, kissing, and other postures, if this is not done in the heart by faith, in confident trust in God's grace, then it is nothing more than a hypocritical semblance and pretense.

--Martin Luther

We cannot call God to be the witness of our words without asking him to be the avenger of our perjury if we deceive.

--John Calvin

What's in a name? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.

—Juliet

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

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-ing, is now, and ev - er

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

All Creatures of our God and King

Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi; Music: William Draper

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All Creatures of our God and King'. It consists of four staves of music in 3/2 time, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O - praise him, O - praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia!' The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of ev'ning find a voice! O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care! O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 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.

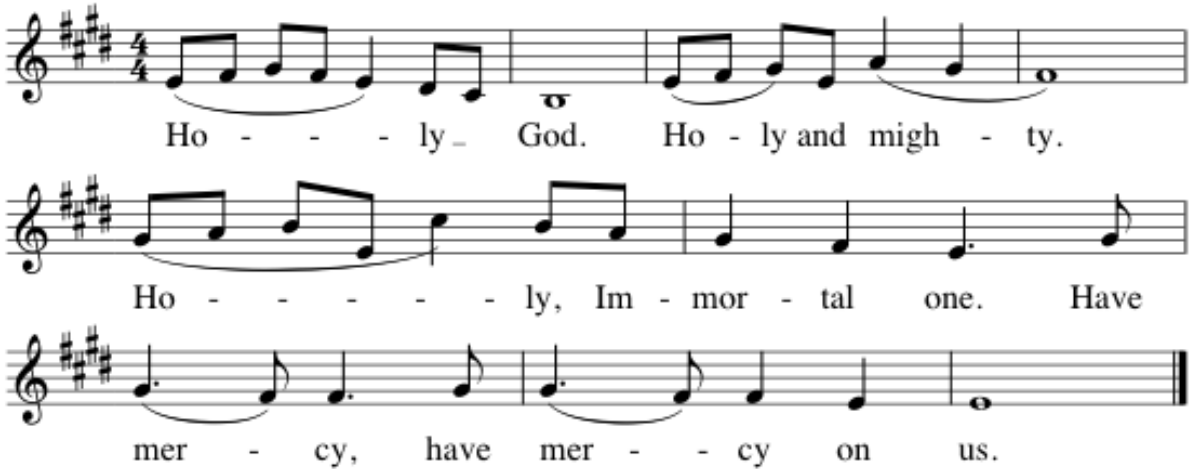
Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people 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.]

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.

The image shows a musical score for the Trisagion. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - - - ly - God. Ho - ly and migh - - ty.' The second staff contains 'Ho - - - - - ly, Im - mor - tal one. Have' and the third staff contains 'mer - cy, have mer - - cy on us.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

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!

Jesus What A Friend For Sinners

—Lyrics: Wilbur Chapman; Music: Luke Smith

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 9/8. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '2' over a bracket) and rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Je - sus! What a friend for sin - ners! — Je - sus! Lo - ver
of my soul. — Friends may fail me foes as - sail me, — He my
Sav - ior makes me whole. — Hal - le - lu — jah! What a
Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! What a friend! — Sav - ing,
help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, — He is with me to the end. —

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He my strength my victory wins.

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll;
Even when my heart is breaking, He my Comfort helps my soul.

Jesus I do now receive Him, More than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His and He is mine.

The Prayers of the People

(Please pray aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

For peace throughout the world, especially where there is war, and for the unity of the body of Christ, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

(Please pray silently for our world.)

For our nation, the President and all whom we have trusted with the leadership of our country, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

(Please pray silently for our nation's leaders.)

For this gathering of the faithful at Midtown Presbyterian, as well as those gathering together in worship throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

(Please pray silently for the church.)

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick and suffering, let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord, have mercy.

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

And now hear us as we pray as our Savior 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

Philippians 2:5-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 12:33-37

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

Let This Heart Not Wander

Lyrics & Music: Eric J. Marshall

Let my eyes see no-thing, let my eyes see no-thing but your
glo - ry, my Lord. _ Let my eyes see no-thing, let my
eyes see no-thing but your glo - ry, my Lord. _

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

May I always linger, May I always linger,
In your presence, my Lord. (repeat)

I will ever praise you, I will ever praise you,
You are worthy, my Lord. (repeat)

Let this heart not wander, Let this heart not wander,
From your mercy, my Lord. (repeat)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:7

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

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.]

Sursum Corda

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.**

Words of Institution

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.]

I Need Thee Every Hour

Lyrics: Annie S. Hawkes; Music: Robert Lowry

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line is: "I need thee ev-'ry hour, most gra - cious - Lord; No". The second line is: "ten - der voice like thine can peace - af - ford. I". The third line is: "need thee, O I need thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need thee; O". The fourth line is: "bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come - to thee!". The word "Refrain" is written above the second line of music. The score ends with a double bar line.

I need thee ev-'ry hour, most gra - cious - Lord; No
ten - der voice like thine can peace - af - ford. I
need thee, O I need thee; Ev - 'ry hour I need thee; O
bless me now, my Sav - ior, I come - to thee!

I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. [Refrain]

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly, and abide, or life is vain. [Refrain]

I need thee every hour; most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed son. [Refrain]

We Will Feast In the House of Zion

Lyrics and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score includes various rhythmic values such as quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and a repeat sign at the end. There are some time signature changes, notably to 2/4 and back to 4/4.

We will feast in the house of Zi - on! We will sing with our
hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther,
We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be
burned by the fire: He is the Lord our God. We are not con-
sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-TECT-ed, ga - thered up.

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom!

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the front of the nave that you can use as you enter or leave, or as you come to communion. 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.

Ash Wednesday Service: March 6th, 5:30pm, here in the chapel.

Hootenanny 2: at Robert Jentoft's house (4335 E Sunnybrook Lane, 85712) at 7:00 pm. Bring instruments, a song or two to perform, or just come sing along. We'll have snacks and drinks, but feel free to bring more.

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