



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
10.16.2022

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**

What then is Christianity? Christianity is a faith, we all know that. It is also and a hope and a fear. It is a promise and a threat. It is a light shining in the darkness. It is a knock at the door. It is a guest at supper. It is coals of fire. It is weeping at a betrayal. It is reconciliation. It is hearing the voice of the shepherd. It is new wine to drink. It is madness. It is a house built on the rock. It is the Truth walking. It is the eternal in rags. It is the finishing touch. It is the lily of the valley. It is the prodigal son, home again, home again. It is the lost sheep found. It is the rich young ruler, sorrowful. It is the widows mite. It is love rebuffed. It is rosemary for a remembrance. It is a lamb slain. It is "a brand plucked out of the fire." It is an empty tomb. It is a stone rolled away. It is love stronger than death.

— O.K. Bouwsma

# 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

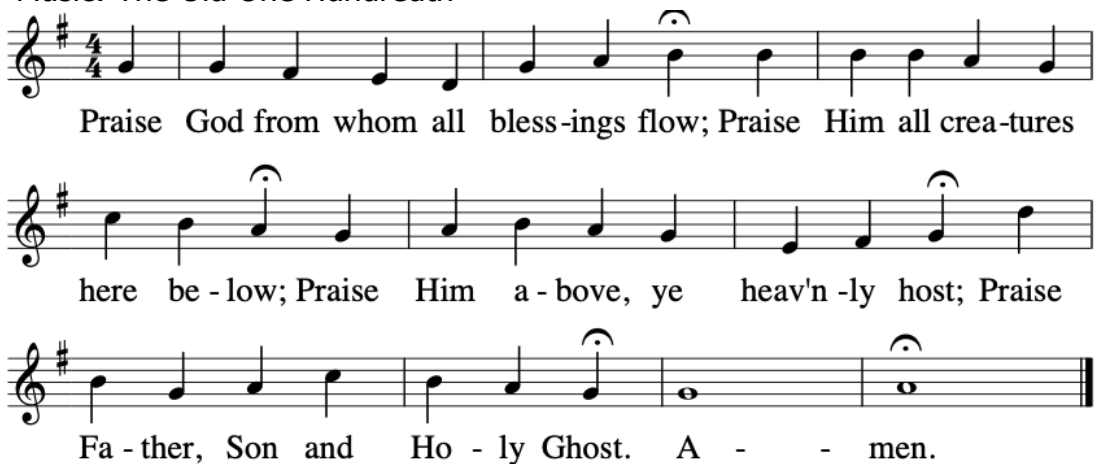
Psalm 105:1-2

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

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.

## 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.

# 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 treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, its nob - lest tri - bute'. The second staff continues: 'bring. When he's the sub - ject of the song, who'. The third staff: 'can re - fuse to sing? - Sur - vey the beau - ties'. The fourth staff: 'of his face, and on his glo - ries dwell; - think'. The fifth staff: 'of the won - der of his grace, and all his tri - umphs - tell.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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.

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!

## 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**

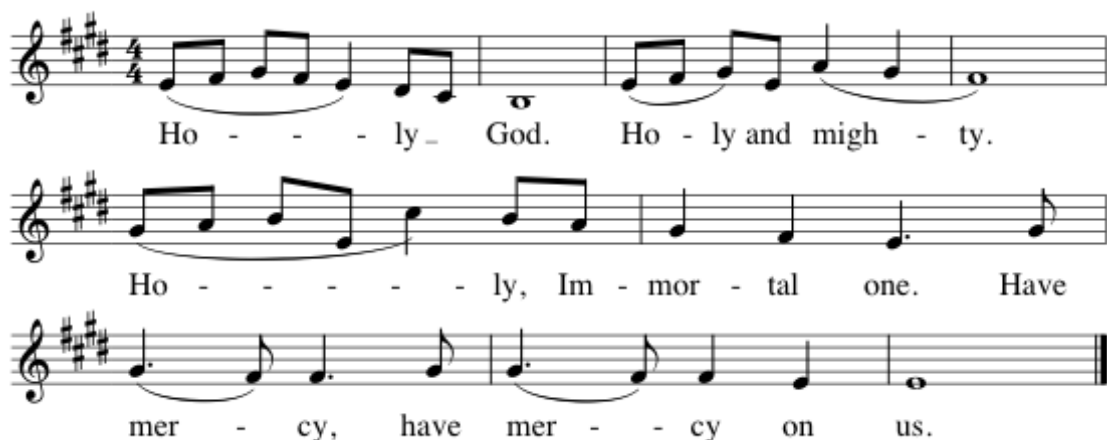
We confess our sins as a group and individually because we need to. We come to worship God even though we are morally broken, in certain hope that he is merciful to people like us, and able to change us by his grace.

**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!**

# Yet Not I But Christ in Me

Music & Lyrics: Johnny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Je-sus, my re - deem-er. There is no  
more for hea-ven now to give; He is my joy, my right-ous-ness and  
free-dom; my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I  
hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus! For my life is whol-ly bound to  
his. O how strange and di-vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not  
I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken;  
for by my side, the Savior He will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing;  
for in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me;  
through the deepest valley He will lead;  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;  
the future sure, the price it has been paid;  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
and He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated!  
Jesus now and ever is my plea;  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
for He has said that He will bring me home;  
And day by day, I know He will renew me  
until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,  
all the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me."

## **The Prayers of the People**

[Led by Matt McReynolds]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

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**

[Reader: Hannah Johnson]

Psalm 16:7-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

# New Testament Reading

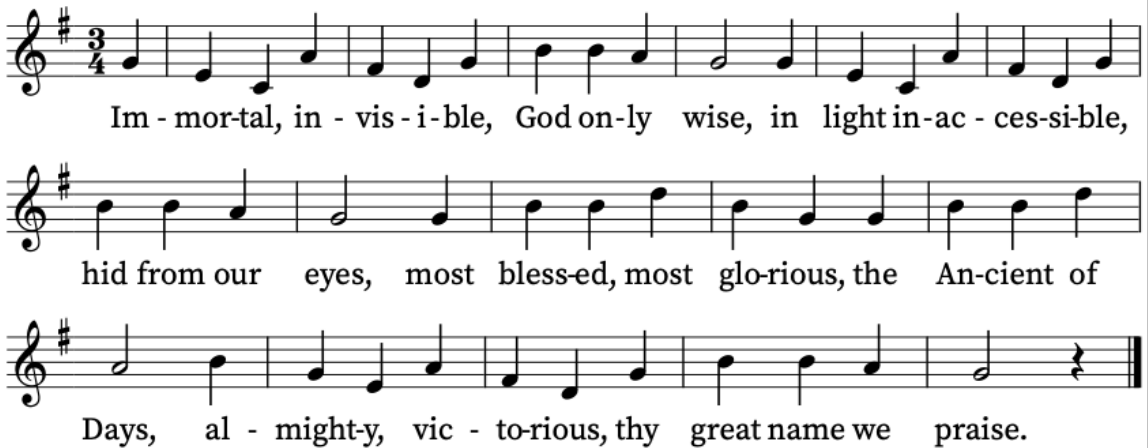
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Music & Lyrics: Walter Chambers Smith



Im - mor-tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in light in - ac - ces - si - ble,  
hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of  
Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

## Gospel Reading

Mark 12:18-27

**18** And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, **19** "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. **20** There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. **21** And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. **22** And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. **23** In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife."

**24** Jesus said to them, "Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? **25** For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. **26** And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? **27** He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong."

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**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 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. Please return down the outside aisles.]

### Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding

Lyrics: John Kent; Music: Sandra McCracken

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Sov - ereign grace o'er sin a - bound-ing! - Ran-somed souls, their tid-ings swell: 'Tis a deep that knows no sound-ing; - Who its breadth or length can tell? On its glo-ries, — Let my — soul — for - e - ver dwell." The score ends with a double bar line.

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souls, their tid-ings swell: 'Tis a deep that knows no  
sound-ing; - Who its breadth or length can tell? On its  
glo-ries, — Let my — soul — for - e - ver dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever, bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him forever; Thus th' eternal covenant stands.  
None shall take Thee from the Strength of Israel's hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus, long ere time its race begun;  
To His name eternal praises; O what wonders love has done!  
One with Jesus, by eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder, love so great, so rich, so free;  
Say, while lost in holy wonder, why, O Lord, such love to me?  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign. Hallelujah! Grace shall reign.  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally.

## How Long?

Music & Lyrics: Isaac Wardell



1. How long? Will you turn your face a - way?  
2. How long 'til your child - ren find their rest?



How long? Do you hear us when we pray?  
How long 'til you draw them to your breast?



On and on, still we walk this pil - - grim way. How long?  
We go on, hold - ing to your pro - - mi - ses. How long?

*Chorus*

'Til you wipe a-way the tears from eve - ry eye?  
 'Til we see our home de - scend - ing from the sky?  
 Do we wait in vain?                      Je-sus give us hope                      a-gain!

How long 'til your word will still the storm?  
 How long 'til you bare your mighty arm?  
 How we groan 'til you snatch us from the thorns. How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.  
 How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.  
 Looking on, great that cloud of witnesses! How long? [Chorus]  
 Amen, Jesus 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.

**Women's Fall Bible Study:** On Seeing Jesus in the Prophets, based on Nancy Guthrie's book. Wednesday nights at 7:00 at Shelly Gauger's home ([525 S 4th Ave](#)).

**Women's Camp Out:** Midtown Women are invited to go on a camping retreat @ Patagonia Lake Friday, November 11 at 1 p.m. till Sunday, November 13 ~12 p.m. Contact Samantha Byker at (602) 826-4164 or Esther Lewis at (575) 520-0239 for details (or see the church email.)

**Midtown Hike:** The 11th hike in the MPC Tucson Hiking Tour will be on Saturday 10/22/22 on the Linda Vista Trail. Meet here at the Vineyard at 8:15 am. Please contact JD Doak at [jd.doak0@gmail.com](mailto:jd.doak0@gmail.com) or 530-601-1960 if you have any questions. The church email has fill details.

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