



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
11.19.2023

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

The Christian really has a double task. He has to practice both God's holiness and God's love. The Christian is... to exhibit simultaneously God's character of holiness and love. Not his holiness without his love: that is only harshness. Not his love without his holiness: that is only compromise.

—Francis Schaeffer

Truth without love is harshness; it may be right but you ignore it because of its bite. Truth and love together transforms.

—Tim Keller

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

Revelation 19:6-7

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

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 blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Music: Leigh Nash; Lyrics: Charles Wesley



Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove _ and keeps his courts be - low!



Praise the ho - ly God of love _ and all his great - ness show!



Praise him for his no - ble deeds! _ Praise him for his match - less pow'r!



Him from whom all good pro - ceeds, let earth and hea - ven a - dore, let

Chorus



earth and hea - ven a - dore! Praise the name _ of Christ, cel - e -



brate _ and lift him up high! Praise the Lord _ of life!



We'll sing the sto - ry of hon - or and glo - ry and praise the name of Christ.

God in whom they move and live, let every creature sing;
Glory to their maker give, and homage to their king!
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord,
Let all things praise the Lord! [Chorus]

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, We'll sing the story of honor and
glory, and praise the name! [Chorus]

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

1 John 3:2-3

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]

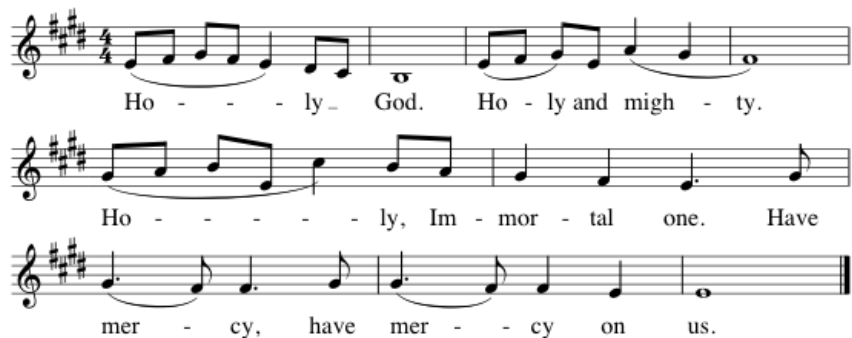
We confess our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is mistrust.

We do not love one another as we should, because we do not believe that you love us as you do. Forgive us our cold unbelief. And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross. Show us what it cost you to give up your Son that we might become your sons and daughters. We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness. 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!**

Cornerstone

--Lyrics: Edward Mote; Music: Eric Liljero

My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and right-eous-ness.

I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but whol-ly trust in Je-sus' name.

Chorus

Christ a - lone, Cor - ner - stone, weak made strong in the Sav-ior's

love. Through the storm, He is _ Lord, Lord of _ all.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Cornerstone'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time. The first two staves are the main body of the song, and the last two are the chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all
your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom
you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your
inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord
Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of
glory.**

(You are invited to bring your thanks and requests to God silently at this time.)

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your
praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking
before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the
Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 27:5-6

[Reader: Shelly Gauger]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 8:3-11

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Lord I Need You

Music & Lyrics: Carson, Nockels, Maher, Reeves & Stanfill

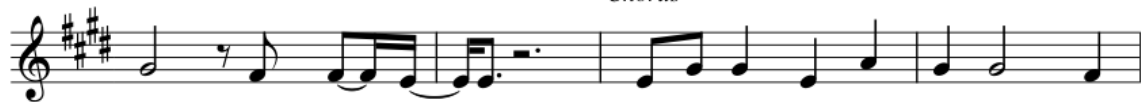


Lord, I come, I con - fess. Bow-ing here, I find my



rest. And with-out you, - I fall a - part. You're the

Chorus



one that guides my heart. Lord, I need you, Oh, I need you.



Ev - 'ry hour I need you. My one de-fense,



my right - eous-ness, Oh, God, how I need - you.

Bridge



So, teach my song to rise to you, When temp - ta-tion comes my way.



When I can-not stand, I'll fall on you, Je-sus, you're my hope and stay.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
Where You are, Lord, I am free! Holiness is Christ in me.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 13:6

Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

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.]

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.]

Behold Our God

Music & Lyrics: Ryan Baird, Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Stephen Altrogge



1. Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered
2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question
3. Who has felt the nails up-on his hands? bearing all the



ev-ery grain of sand? Kings and na-tions trem-ble at his voice;
a - ny of his words? Who can teach the one who knows all things?
guilt of sin-ful man? God e - ter-nal, humbled to the grave.



all cre - a - tion ri-ses to re - jice. Be - hold our
Who can fath-om all his wond-rous deeds?
Je - sus, Sav - ior, ris-en now to reign.



God, seated on his throne. Come, let us a - dore him. Be - hold our



King, no-thing can com-pare. Come, let us a - dore _____ him!

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Lyrics: Edward Perronet; Music: Oliver Holden



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.

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.

RUF Finals Survival Kits: Help us collect items to give to U of A students ahead of finals week. We are collecting individual chip bags, granola bars, mini water bottles, water flavorers (gatorade, crystal light, etc.), candy, gum, mints, highlighters, pens, and pencils. If you want to give money towards it you can write a check to RUF or give cash to Matt. We need all donations in by December 4th to give out on campus that week. Any questions, reach out to Matt Esswein (714.209.6345, matt.esswein@ruf.org).

Refugee Ministry: Second and final training, next Sunday after church (11/26/23, 6:30-7:30pm.) Food will be provided. Questions? Please contact Jeannette Mendoza (520-788-9922 or jmarg2011@hotmail.com).

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