



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

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

Reflection

The spiritual life is first of all a life. It is not merely something to be known and studied, it is to be lived.

-- Thomas Merton

You are at your pastoral best when you are not noticed. To keep this vocation healthy requires constant self-negation, getting out of the way. A certain blessed anonymity is inherent in pastoral work.

-- Eugene Peterson

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

6
Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

10
shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

Rejoice the Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Charles Wesley

Re - joice the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -

joice, give thanks, and sing and tri-umph e - ver - more: Lift up your

heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a-gain I say, re - joice!

Refrain

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Rejoice the Lord is King' in 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics: 'Re - joice the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -'. The second staff contains the second line: 'joice, give thanks, and sing and tri-umph e - ver - more: Lift up your'. The third staff contains the third line: 'heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a-gain I say, re - joice!'. A 'Refrain' section is indicated above the second staff. The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. [Refrain]

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]

He sits at God's right hand, till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home. [Refrain]

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 64:6-7

We have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

Lord,

I worry because I forget your wisdom.

I resent because I forget your mercy.

I covet because I forget your beauty.

I sin because I forget your holiness.

I fear because I forget your sovereignty.

You always remember me. Help me to remember you.

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

Isaiah 63:16

You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Solid Rock

Music & Lyrics: David Isaac Rivers



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 lean on Je-sus' name, but whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.

Refrain



On Christ, the so-lid rock, I ____ stand; all o-ther ground is _



sand, is sink-ing sand. On Christ, the so - lid rock, I ____



_stand; all o-ther ground is _ sand, is sink-ing sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay,
He then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, And faultless stand before the throne,
And faultless stand before the throne. [Refrain]

The Prayers of the People

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.

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-16

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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.

New Testament Reading

Acts 20:17-38

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak

and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

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 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.]

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

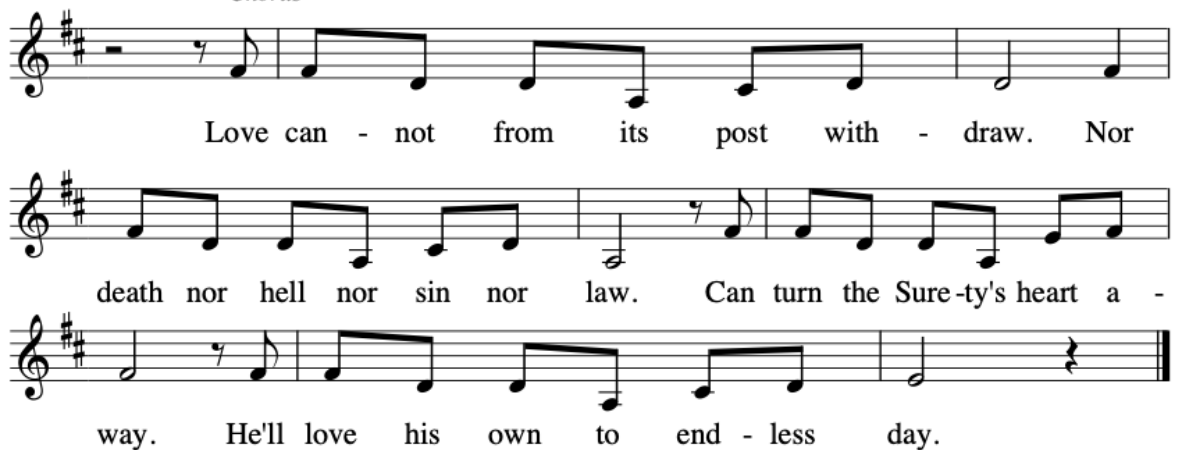
Lyrics: William Gadsby; Music: Sandra McCracken

Verse



The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on his
own e - ter - nal - ly; nor earth, nor hell, can it re -
move; long as he lives, his own he'll - love. His lov-ing heart
en-gaged to be their ev - er - last-ing Sur - e - ty; 'Twas love that took
their cause in hand, and love main - tains it to the _____ end.

Chorus



Love can - not from its post with - draw. Nor
death nor hell nor sin nor law. Can turn the Sure - ty's heart a -
way. He'll love his own to end - less day.

Love has redeemed his sheep with blood;
And love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life;
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make his love for her depart. [Chorus]

At death, beyond the grave, he'll love;
In endless bliss, his own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove,
Which never could from them remove.

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

Lyrics & Music: Robert Lowry

5 What can wash a - way my sin? No-thing -but the blood of Je - sus!

9 What can make me whole a-gain? No-thing but the blood of Je - sus!

13 O, pre-cious is the flow, that makes me white as sn-ow!

No o-ther fount I know. No-thing but the blood of Je - sus!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Nothing But the Blood of Jesus'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: '5 What can wash a - way my sin? No-thing -but the blood of Je - sus!'. The second staff continues: '9 What can make me whole a-gain? No-thing but the blood of Je - sus!'. The third staff: '13 O, pre-cious is the flow, that makes me white as sn-ow!'. The fourth staff concludes: 'No o-ther fount I know. No-thing but the blood of Je - sus!'.

For my pardon, this I see, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing, this my plea, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. 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.

Women's Bible Study Wednesday 2/26, at 7:00, at the Garland's home (1324 N Norton Ave). We'll be studying chapter 4 of Tim Keller's book on Romans 1-7.

March Book Groups: Women's group is on March 13th. We'll be discussing Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End, by Atul Gawande. Men's group is on March 10th, discussing Leo Tolstoy's What Is Art?

Hootenanny: February 21 at 7:00 at Robert Jentoft's home. This is a night to play music, sing, and visit—no talent requirements. Bring something to perform, something to eat, or just come to hang out.

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 26th at 5:30 pm. This service marks the beginning of the Lenten season of repentance and reflection. The service is a time of assurance of forgiveness and imposition of ashes as a sign of repentance, and lasts about 30 minutes.

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