



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Third Sunday After Pentecost

06.09.2024

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. All of our kiddos will meet in the Hamilton House. Check in is at the west end of the courtyard. Children's Ministry will only be ages 0-3 for the summer. August 4th we will kick off Children's Ministry for ages 0-6th grade. Please be patient with the extra wiggles and noise as we have younger children joining us for the summer.

Reflection

Everything will be OK in the end. If it's not OK, it's not the end.
—Dove chocolate wrapper

Moralism hands starving people a cookbook.
—Matt Smethurst

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

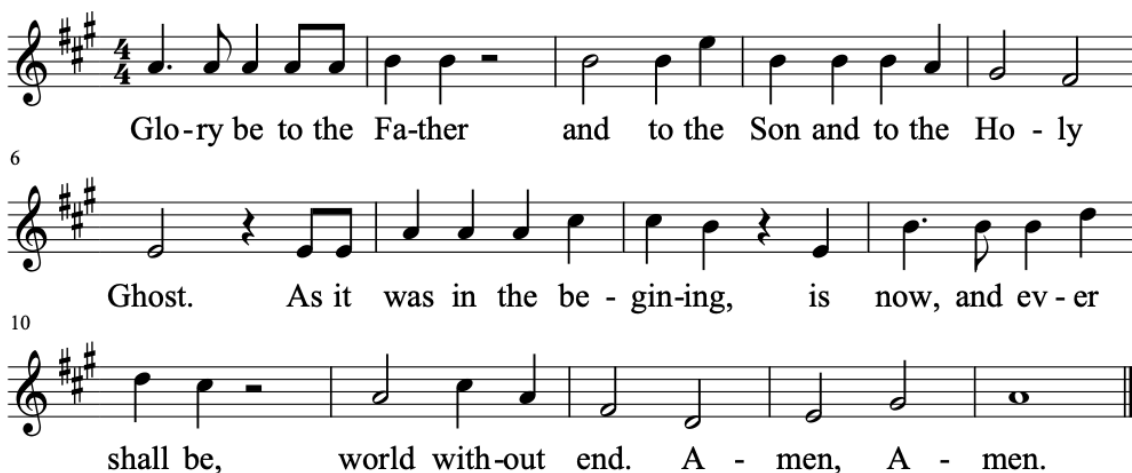
Psalm 117:1-2

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!

In the Gloria Patri we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries in this ancient (cf. 380 AD) song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

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.

Come People of the Risen King

Lyrics & Music: Stuart Townsend, Keith & Kristyn Getty

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Come People of the Risen King'. It consists of seven staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first six staves contain the main body of the hymn, and the seventh staff is marked 'Refrain' and contains the concluding lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

Come peo - ple of the ris - en King who de - light to bring Him
praise; Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the
Morn - ing Star of grace. From the shift - ing sha - dows
of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, where
stea - dy arms of mer - cy reach to - ga - ther child - ren
Refrain
in. Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev' - ry heart re - joice! One
heart, one voice O Church of Christ re - joice.

Come those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night;
Come, those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change, And His mercies never cease,

But follow us through all our days With the certain hope of peace.
Come, young and old from every land - Men and women of the faith;
Come, those with full or empty hands - Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world, His people sing - Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all"

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.

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, 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!

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

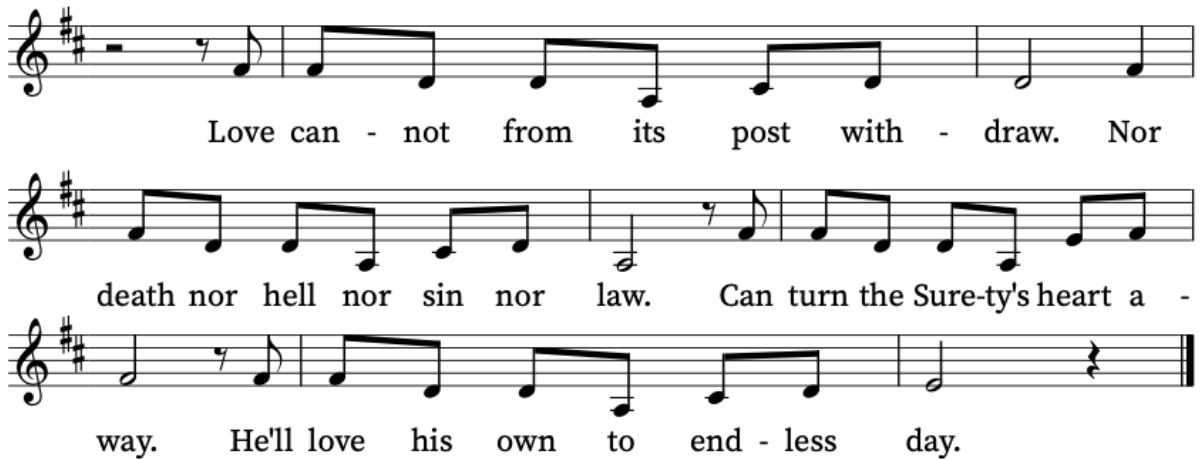
Lyrics: William Gadsby; Music: Sandra McCracken

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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It begins with a 7-measure rest. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases ending in a quarter rest. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final line of the score ends with a blank line for a missing word.

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.

The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by Matt McReynolds]

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.

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.

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: Sandi McReynolds]

Romans 8:31-32

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:27-32

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

Breastplate of St. Patrick

Lyrics: St. Patrick; Music: Wendell Kimbrough, Dan Wheeler



1. When my work takes me places I don't want to go: Christ be -
2. When I'm tossed to the side and I want to give up: Christ be -



fore me. When my heart aches with sorrow as I hit the road: Christ be
side me. When I'm giving my all but it's never enough: Christ be-



with me. When the care of my family takes
side me. When I work hard but someone else



all that I have: Christ within me. When I'm worn and exhausted, a -
gets the reward; God's eyes see me. When I ask for promotion but



shamed that I'm mad: Christ defend me.
they shut the door: God's ears hear me.

Refrain



I rise up today in a strength that is not my own.



I'm held by the promise of God that I'm never alone.

When I climb the first steps toward a long-held dream: Christ above me.
And I leap out in faith, and I hope to find wings: Christ beneath me.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:22-27

²²Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. ²³When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. ²⁴And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" ²⁵And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the Lord made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, ²⁶saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer."

²⁷Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

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 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.]

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)

In Feast or Fallow

Music & Lyrics: Sandra McCracken

Verse



When the fields are dry, and the win-ter is long,



bles-sed are the meek, the - hum-ble the poor; When my



soul is down - cast and my voice has no - song. For mer-cy, for

Chorus



com-fort, I wait on the Lord. In the har - vest feast or the



fal - low ground, my cer - tain hope is in Je - sus found; my



lot, my cup, my por - tion sure, what - e - ver comes we

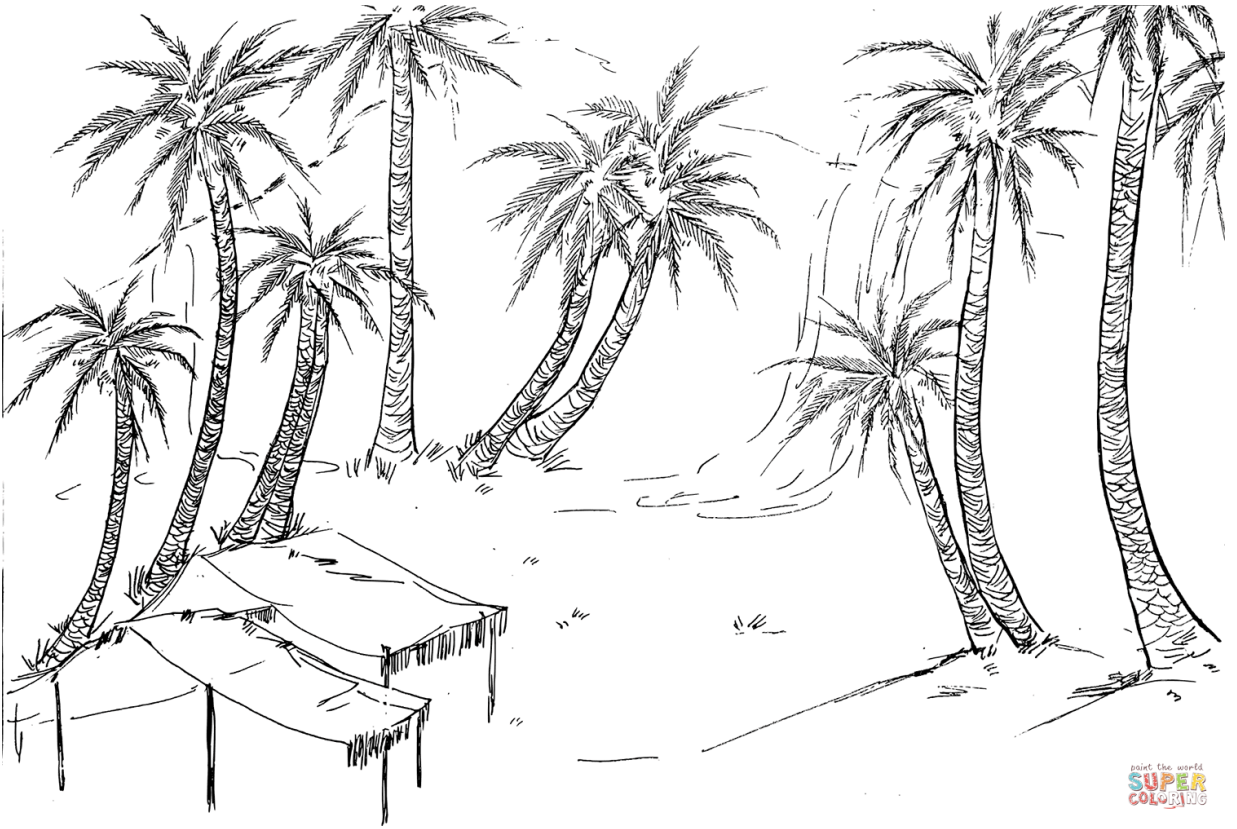


shall - en - dure, what - e - ver comes - we shall - en - dure.

On a cross of wood, His blood was outpoured
He rose from the ground, like a bird to the sky;
Bringing peace to our violence, and crushing death's door,
Our Maker incarnate, our God who provides. [Chorus]

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,
Not a sparrow falls, nor a hair from my head
Without His hand to guide me, my shield and my strength;
In joy or in sorrow, in life or in death. [Chorus]

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). —>>



2024 Budget through May:	\$118,689	2023 Comparison:
2024 Giving through May:	\$99,268	\$123,287

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.

Men's Book Group: The book for June is C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters. Tuesday @7pm at the McReynolds home (1241 E Sobre Lomas).

Joining Midtown: If you're interested in becoming a member of Midtown, either coming from a different church or becoming a new Christian, please let Charles know (charles@mpctucson.org). We'll schedule an intro class to get you prepared when we see people's availability.

Refugee Family Needs: Our refugee family is struggling. If anyone would like to help-- Walmart gift cards are good for food and clothing. The children (boys ages 15,12, and 8 and girls ages 17, 10 and twins 3) could use toys and books. Also we need an unused working computer we could load Rosetta Stone on. The father needs to learn english so he can get a job. They get help from Lutheran Social Services but there are so many of them it doesn't seem to go far enough. Just getting them to their medical and dental appointments is pushing the present team to the limits. Talk to Jeannette Mendoza if you want to get involved. ((520) 788-9922; jmarg2011@hotmail.com).

Mt. Lemmon Hike: Saturday June 22: Let's head up the mountain to beat the heat. We'll probably hike about 6-7 miles and have an elevation gain of 1500ft. We're considering a couple of different hikes and will give details closer to time. Please let Julie Garland know if you want to join and/or have any questions (678.849.8401).

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