



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

02.23.2020

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

If so, nothing can happen in the great Circuit of his Works, either without his Knowledge or Appointment. And if nothing happens without his Knowledge, he knows that I am here, and am in this dreadful Condition; and if nothing happens without his Appointment, he has appointed all this to befall me.

—Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform; he plants his footsteps in the sea and rides upon the storm.

—William Cowper

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 100:3-5

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

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.

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Lyrics: William Moore; Music: Bruce Benedict



The image shows three staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

Praise the Sav-ior now and ev-er; praise him, all be - neath the skies;
pros-trate ly-ing, suf-fring, dy-ing on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.
Vic-tory gain-ing, life ob - tain -ing now in - glo-ry he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth;
He is all our righteousness;
He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.
Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;
Christ has bruised the serpent's head;
Death no longer is the stronger hell itself is captive led.
Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever
Unto God the Father sing;
Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.
Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

Prayer of Invocation

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!

In Christ Alone

Lyrics & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'In Christ Alone'. It is written in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The score consists of seven staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.'

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14 cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth, in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death! This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

All the ends of the earth
Have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!

Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!

O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time,
Born in a stable at Bethlehem:
May Your church be a sign of hope and glory.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for the church). Amen.

O Christ, truly risen from the dead,
Our Alpha and Omega:
May the whole world live in peace and justice, according to Your will.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for our world and those who lead). Amen.

O Christ, truly God and truly human,
Born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations:
Fulfill the needs and desires of those who are sick or sorrow.

Lord, have mercy

(Please pray silently for those who suffer). Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the coming of Your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Hear us now as we pray in the words you taught us:

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

Genesis 50:15-21

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:4-7

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

The Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Nathan Partain

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re -
joice. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om -

Chorus

ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of
Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his
Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord is King'. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves of music with lyrics underneath. The second system has two staves of music with lyrics underneath. The third system has three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 3/4. The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for a hymn.

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees, or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must; The judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways, Let every creature sing his praise.

New Testament Reading

Acts 27:39-44

Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰ So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹ But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. ⁴² The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³ But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴ and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

The Table

Confession of Faith

--The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

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

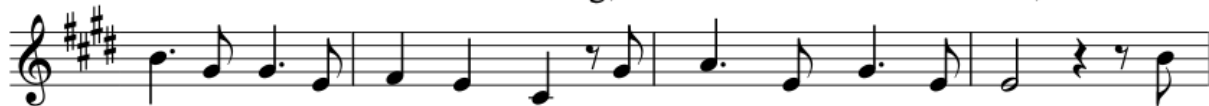
[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. We provide individual cups of grape juice and gluten-free wafers in the tray at the front. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup. Children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ nor been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing.]

Come, Then Lord Jesus

Music: Kenny Hutson & Katy Bower; Lyrics: Horatius Bonar



The Church has wait-ed long, her ab-sent Lord to see, and



still in lone-li - ness she waits, a friend-less stran - ger she. How



age af-ter age has gone, sun af-ter sun has set, and



still, in weeds of wid-ow-hood, she weeps, a mourn - er yet.



Come then, Lord Je - sus come; Come then, Lord Je-sus; _



Come then, Lord Je - sus come; Come, _____ come.

The serpent's brood increase; the powers of hell grow bold,
The conflicts thicken, faith is low, and love is waxing cold.
How long, O Lord our God, holy and true and good,
Wilt thou not judge thy suffering Church,
her sighs and tears and blood? [Refrain]

We long to hear thy voice, to see thee face to face,
To share Thy crown and glory then, as now we share thy grace.
Should not the loving bride, the absent Bridegroom mourn?
Should she not wear the weeds of grief,
until her Lord return? [Refrain]

The whole creation groans, and wait to hear that voice
That shall restore her comeliness, and make her wastes rejoice.
Come, Lord, and wipe away, the curse, the sin, the stain
And make this blighted world of ours,
thine own fair world again. [Refrain]

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Lyrics: Samuel Stennett; Music: Christopher Miner

4 On Jor - dan's stor - my ba-nks I stand and
7 cast a wish-ful eye, to Can - aan's fair and
11 hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie. I am bound, I am
14 bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd. I am
bound, I am bound, I am bound for Prom-ised La - nd.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'On Jordan's Stormy Banks'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes measure numbers 4, 7, 11, and 14. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath Can reach that healthful
shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest?

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?

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.

Ministry Spotlight: Southwest Church Planting Network

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