



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Easter Sunday

04.04.2021

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

Made for spirituality, we wallow in introspection. Made for joy, we settle for pleasure. Made for justice, we clamor for vengeance. Made for relationship, we insist on our own way. Made for beauty, we are satisfied with sentiment. But new creation has already begun. The sun has begun to rise. Christians are called to leave behind, in the tomb of Jesus Christ, all that belongs to the brokenness and incompleteness of the present world. It is time, in the power of the Spirit, to take up our proper role, our fully human role, as agents, heralds, and stewards of the new day that is dawning. That, quite simply, is what it means to be Christian, to follow Jesus Christ into the new world, God's new world, which he has thrown open before us.

— Tom Wright

The Word

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Lyrics and Music: Charles Wesley



"Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," - Al - - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an-gels say; - Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri-umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!



Sing - ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. - Al - - le - lu - ia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Titus 2:14

He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Confession of Sin

[Please pray aloud together]

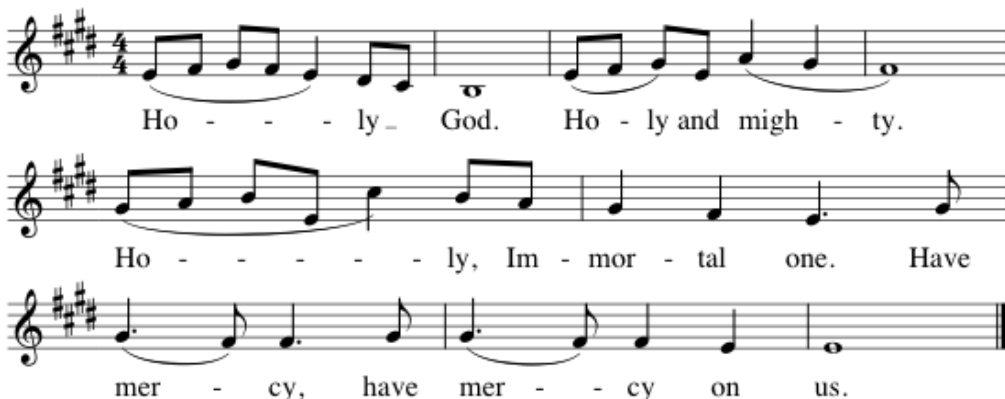
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We confess that we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy! Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom that comes from the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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.

[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

Romans 4:25

[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

Our consciences are weak and guilty, and can't be trusted to tell us the truth about God's free and happy forgiveness. So God puts his authoritative word in the mouths of his appointed ministers to assure you that he forgives you in Jesus.

In Christ Alone

Lyrics & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

3 In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my
6 light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol-id
9 ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm. What heights of
12 love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
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

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by William Price]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose from death as the Prince of peace:

We pray for peace between nations in

Your world. We pray that our

congregation might live in your peace

together; We ask you to come again soon to fully

establish your peace on earth.

(Pray silently for peace.)

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose from death in triumph over evil and oppression:

We ask you to restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law. We ask you to destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit. We pray that you would protect us from the temptations, lies and accusations of the devil.

(Pray silently for the coming of Jesus' kingdom.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose from death to reconcile us to God:

We pray for our friends who do not yet know you; We pray for the deepening of our faith in the gospel of grace.

(Pray silently for the spread of the gospel.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose in victory over death and the grave, and you have brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

We pray for comfort for those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, in injustice.

(Pray silently for those who suffer.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

We pray now 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

[Reader: Annalyse Fennema]

Psalms 16:7-11

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:22-24

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Lamb Has Overcome

Lyrics & Music: Luke Morton

VERSE



The Lamb has o-ver - come, the Lamb has o-ver - come. The



bat-tle's done and the vic-to-ry is won, the Lamb has o-ver - come.

CHORUS



Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain. Glo-ry be un-to his



name! Wor-thy is the Lamb who was slain. Glo-ry be un-to his name!

No grave could hold him down, no grave could hold him down;
Up from the ground, "He is risen!" was the sound,
No grave could hold him down

At God's right hand is he, at God's right hand is he;
Our Perfect Plea, how he lives to intercede!
At God's right hand is he. [Chorus]

The table now is spread, the table now is spread;
This wine and bread broken body and blood shed,
The table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near;
He shall appear and will wipe away each tear,
The day is drawing near. [Chorus & Repeat First Verse]

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸ And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

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.**

We use the ancient creeds and confessions 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 every Lord's Day.

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 Sursum Corda and the Mystery of Faith are used by Christians the world over to prepare their hearts and minds for Holy Communion.

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 are using individual cups and wafers as a concession to the virus. The red cups have wine and the grape juice is white/gold. The wafers are all gluten-free.]

His Kingdom Now Has Come

—Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Lorenzon Baylor. Brian Nhira

VERSE



The light shines (the light shines) in the dark - ness (in the dark-ness) and the



dark-ness can-not o - ver come. (And the dark-ness can-not o - ver-come.)

REFRAIN



Be - hold! Be-hold! His king-dom now — has come! —

The valleys (the valleys) will be lifted (will be lifted),
and the mountains will be brought down low
(and the mountains will be brought down low.)

The valleys (the valleys) will be lifted (will be lifted),
and the mountains will be brought down low
(and the mountains will be brought down low.)

Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!

Hear the voice cry (hear the voice cry)
from the highway (from the highway),
"Make way for the Prince of Peace!"
(Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace?)

Hear the voice cry (hear the voice cry)
from the highway (from the highway),
"Make way for the Prince of Peace!"
(Won't you make way for the Prince of Peace?)

Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!

God of Justice (God of Justice), righteous Judge (righteous Judge),
Behold, behold, behold!
Our Defender (our Defender), Prince of Peace (Prince of Peace),
Behold, behold, behold!

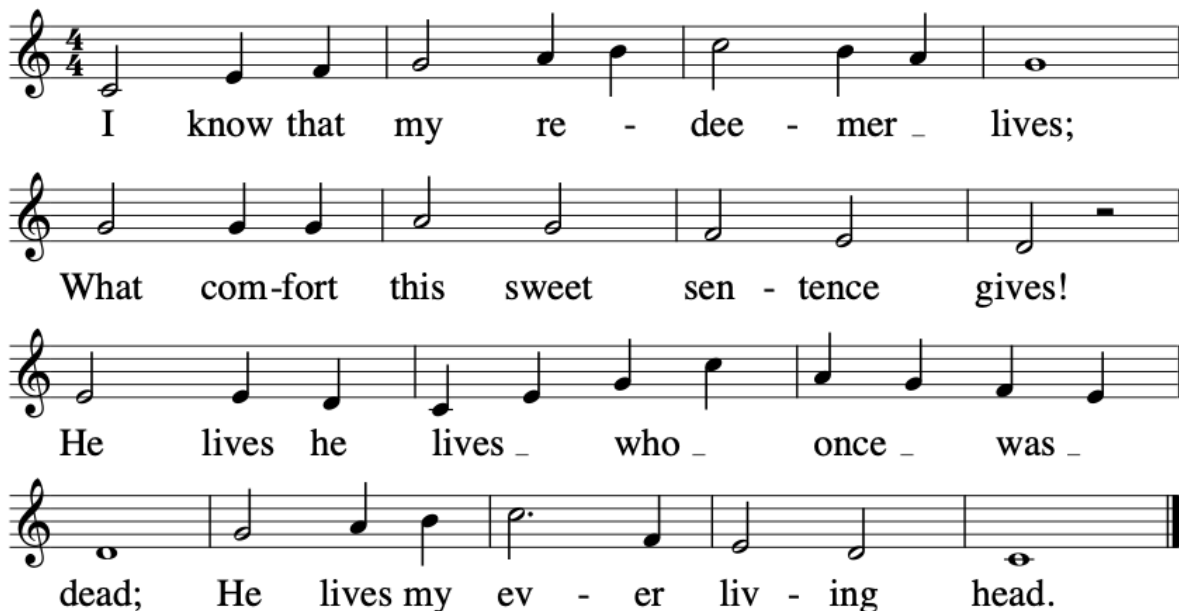
Father to the fatherless (Father to the fatherless),
our strong Deliverer (our strong Deliverer),
Behold, behold, behold!

He's troubling the water (troubling the water)
and we're marching through:

Behold, behold! His kingdom now has come!
Behold! Behold! His kingdom now has come!

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Lyrics: Samuel Medley; Music: John Hatton



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below each staff. The melody is simple and uses a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'I know that my re - dee - mer - lives; What com-fort this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives he lives - who - once - was - dead; He lives my ev - er liv - ing head.'

He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears,
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives and while I live I'll sing, He lives my prophet, priest, and king.

He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
What joy this bless'd assurance gives; I know that my redeemer lives.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Benediction

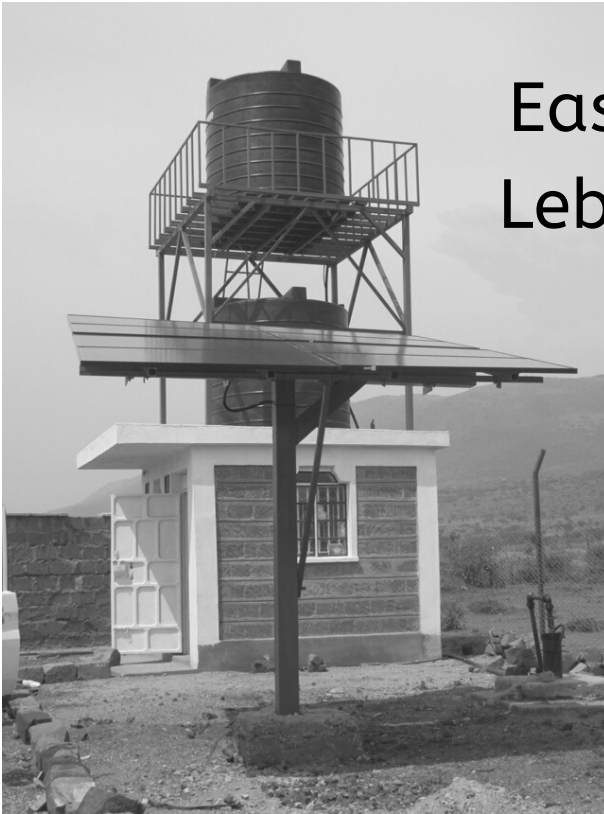
Easter Offering Leboo Borehole

We want to raise
\$25,000 to dig a
bore hole for
Leboo, Kenya

For the Children's Sake has been given five acres of land on which to build a school and church, but first needs a supply of clean water so the Massai children can live there year round.

A bore hole facilitates many other relief needs, especially for girls in this area. With clean water they can use washable feminine hygiene products, go to school, more easily avoid genital mutilation, and connect to the good news of Jesus.

Contribute by writing a check to Midtown Presbyterian Church (noting the Borehole Project) or by giving online at www.mpctucson.org/donate.



Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. (Note that the Midtown box is separate from the Vineyard ones—ours cleverly says “Midtown”!) You can also give online at our website www.mpctucson.org.

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.

Midtown Institute: Our next meeting will be Sunday morning, April 18th, from 9:00-10:30 in the Youth Building just off of the playground here at the Vineyard.

Monday Soccer: Monday at 5:30 at Mansfield Park in the NW corner.

April Book Club Books: The women are reading Educated by Tara Westover, meeting on April 16th at 7:00 at the Garland’s (1324 N Norton Ave.) The men are reading Christ Crucified by Donald Macleod, meeting on April 13th at the McReynolds’ home (1241 E Sobre Lomas).

Children’s Volunteers Need: We are looking for four new volunteers to help with the Nursery once every 6 weeks. If you are interested please let Josiah Howard know (josiah.howard1@gmail.com, 520-307-0988).

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Music Director: Sarah Lewis
RUF Staff: Dan & Brittany Smith
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