



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

The Second Sunday After Easter
05.01.2022

Organizing Service for Midtown Presbyterian Church

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

It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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.

Worship begins with God's call to us to worship him. We keep using the Easter greeting during all the weeks of Easter.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth

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.

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.

All Creatures of our God and King

Lyrics: St. Francis of Assisi; Music: William Draper

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All Creatures of our God and King'. It consists of four staves of music in 3/2 time, written in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us'. The second staff continues with 'sing, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en'. The third staff continues with 'beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O - praise him, O -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia!'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a fermata over the final 'Al-le - lu - ia!'.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of ev'ning find a voice! O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care! O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless and worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

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]

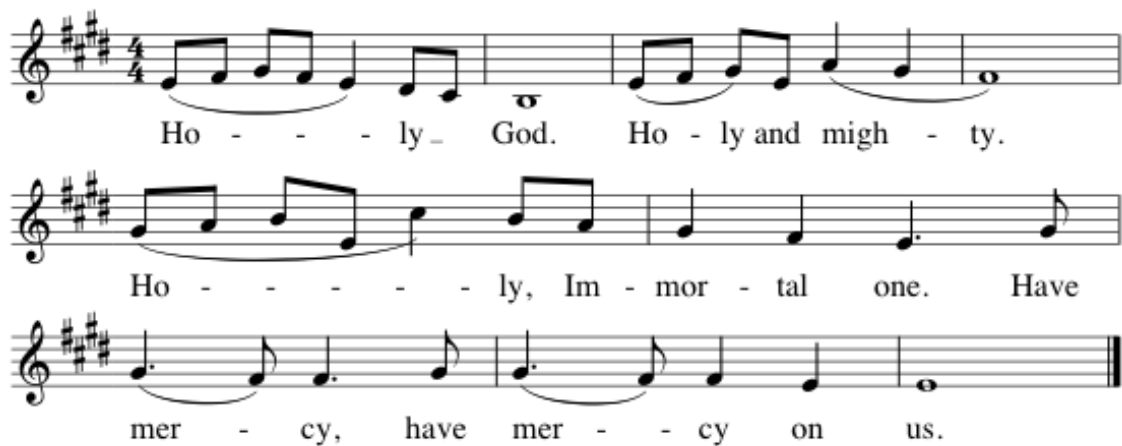
We confess our Father, that we do not live up to the family name. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. At the root of this behavior is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

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.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!

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 toun-ges 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.

Intercessory Prayer

Herman Pieterse
Ruling Elder, Catalina Foothills Church

Old Testament Reading

Nikki Smith

Isaiah 61:1-5

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-18

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Praise be to you, O Christ.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, ¹⁰for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, ¹¹and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹²so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Phil Kruis

Pastor, Rincon Mountain Presbyterian Church

Organization of Midtown Presbyterian Church

Explanation and Introduction

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Elders

Dave Adams
Tim Davis
Ryan Jankowski
Matt McReynolds

Deacons

Nick Dunlap
Colin McRae
Chris Smith

Officers' Vows

Congregational Vow

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these brothers as a ruling elders and deacons, and do you promise to yield them all that honor, encouragement and obedience in the Lord to which thier office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles them?

Ordination Prayer

Don Adams
Ruling Elder, Catalina Foothills Church

Charge to the Officers

Installation of Charles Garland as Pastor

Minister's Vows

Congregational Vows

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Charles Garland, whom you have called to be your pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Installation Prayer

Marty Beall
Ruling Elder, Desert Springs Presbyterian Church

Charge to the Minister

Organization of Midtown Presbyterian Church

Congregational Vow

Do you, in reliance on God for strength, solemnly promise and covenant that you will walk together as a particular church, on the principles of the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in America, and that you will be zealous and faithful in maintaining the purity and peace of the whole body?

Declaration

Prayer for Midtown

Charge to the Church

Pete Rehrmann
Pastor, Holy Cross Presbyterian Church

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.]

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.

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 are using individual cups and wafers as a concession to the virus. The cups in the trays are wine and the separate cups are juice. All of the wafers are gluten free.]

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Lyrics & Music: Kimbrough , Zach, Wardell, Keyes



Your la - bor_ is not in_ vain though the



ground un - der-neath you is cursed and_ stained. Your



plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your

Chorus



la - bor is not ___ in vain. For I am

- to verse 2



with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am



with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your



la - bor is not ___ in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,
But your labor is not unknown [chorus]

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth;
For all that is old will at last be made new,
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit [chorus]

The houses you labor to build
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled;
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed
And all that is broken be healed [chorus]

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!

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. (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.

Women’s Bible Study: This Wednesday at 7pm. at Nancy Price’s home (6280 N Placita De Luis).

Midtown Families Small Group: We’ll meet at the Grevers (3615 E Calle Alarcon Tucson, AZ 85716) on Tuesday the 5th from 5-6:30 for an informal dinner and hang out. Text an RSVP to Josiah Howard at 520-307-0988.

Men’s Bible Study: Our last two meetings will be on Wednesdays the 11th and 18th at 7:00 @ Noah Hamstra’s (706 E Linden St.) Studying the Westminster Confession.

Monday Soccer: Monday at 5:15pm on the UofA mall.

Refugee Family: If you would like to be more hands on in helping the Jamshidi family please let Julie Garland know (julie.garland@gmail.com).

Homeless Help: if anyone has toiletries, clothes, etc. you would like to donate, Tim Davis will gladly take them for the homeless @ Santa Rita Park (tdavisua74@gmail.com).

Smith Thank You Party — See the insert from Betsy Dunlap.

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Church Planting Resident: Nick Davis
Music Director: Sarah Lewis
RUF Staff: Dan & Brittany Smith
RUF Intern: Rebekah Taylor

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