



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

The Epiphany

01.06.2019

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

## **Worship Note**

Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas and is the time when Christians remember the Magi's visit to the Christ child.

## Reflection

Other vices may sometimes bring people together: you may find good fellowship and jokes and friendliness among drunken people or unchaste people. But pride always means enmity—it is enmity.

– C.S. Lewis

If killed, it revives. If buried, it bursts the tomb. Pride is a sin with ten thousand lives.

--Charles Spurgeon

# The Word

## Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

## The Gloria Patri

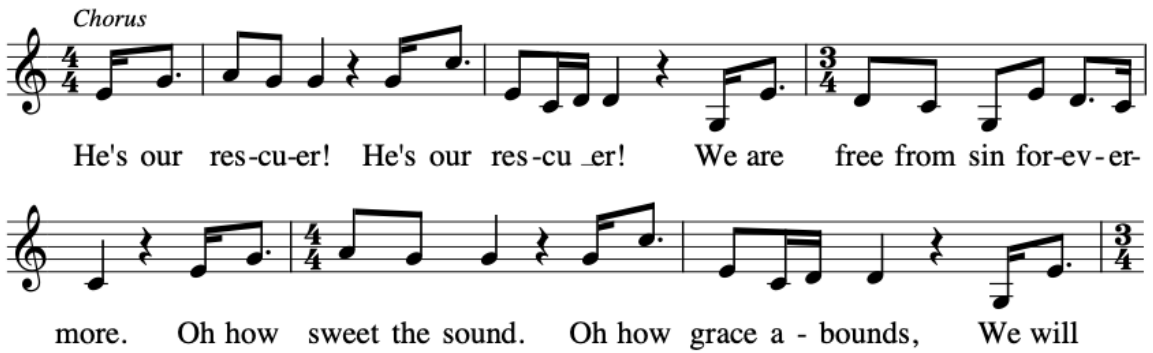
Music: Charles Meineke

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.

# Rescuer (Good News)


Music & Lyrics: Ben Hastings, Bryan Fowler and the Rend Collective

*Chorus*



He's our res-cu-er! He's our res-cu er! We are free from sin for-ev-er-  
more. Oh how sweet the sound. Oh how grace a - bounds, We will

*Verse*



praise the Lord, our res-cu-er! There is good news for the cap-tive;  
good news for the shamed. There is good news for the one who walked a -  
way. There is good news for the doubt-er; the one re-li-gion failed, for the  
good Lord has come to seek and save. *to Chorus*

He is beauty for the blind man; riches for the poor;  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores.  
He is pasture for the weary; rest for those who strive,  
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life

*Bridge*

So come and be chain - less. Come and be  
 fear - less. Come to the foot of Cal - va -  
 ry. There is re - demp - tion, for ev - 'ry af -  
 flic - tion. Here at the foot of Cal - va - ry.

## Prayer of Invocation

### Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 130:1-4

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!  
 Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

## Confession of Sin

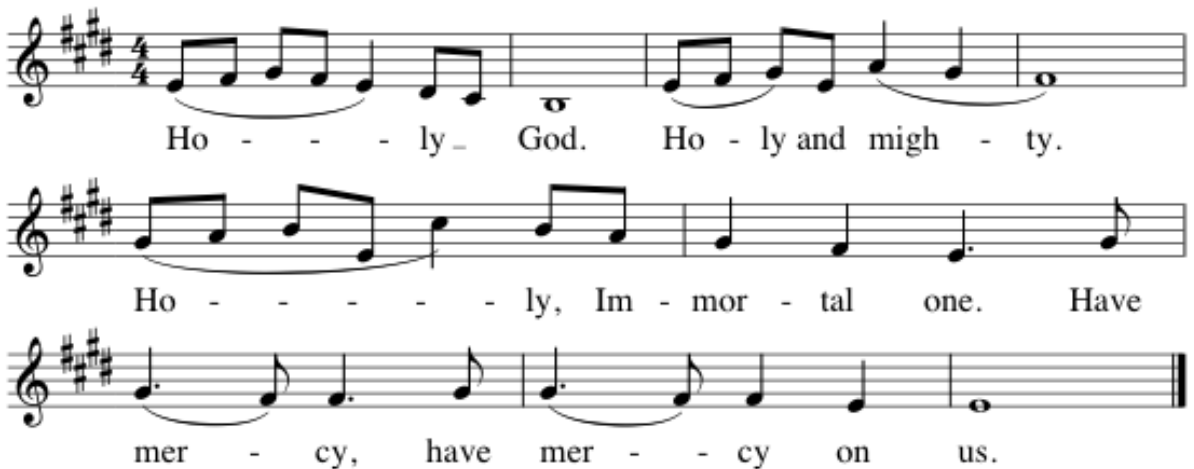
[Please pray aloud together]

**Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and frighten me. Where shall I go? I look to you, Lord Jesus, and I believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I cling to you and am made sure, for you have promised that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life. Even if my conscience is troubled and my sins frighten me and make me tremble, you have still assured me that my sins have been forgiven on account of your name. I cannot help myself and so come to you for help. Amen.**

[You are invited to confess your sins silently at this time.]

## Trisagion

Music: Fernando Ortega



The musical score for 'Trisagion' is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - - - ly - God. Ho - ly and migh - ty. Ho - - - - ly, Im - mor - tal one. Have mer - cy, have mer - - cy on us.' The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes. The final note of the third staff is a whole note followed by a double bar line.

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

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## We Are Not Overcome

—Lyrics & Music: Isaac Wardell & Robert Heiskell



Flesh will fail \_ and bones will break; thieves will steal, \_ the earth will



shake. Night will fall, \_ the light will fade; \_ the Lord will give, and take a-

### Refrain



way; Be-cause of His great \_ love, we are not o-ver-come!



Be-cause of His great \_ love we are not o-ver-come!

Put no trust in the earth, in the sod you stand upon.

Flowers fade into dust;

The Lord will make a place for us. [Refrain]

Have no fear for your life, Turn your cheek! Turn your cheek!  
Bear the yoke of love and death;  
The Lord will give all life and breath. [Refrain]

## **The Prayers of the People**

(Please pray aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Heavenly Father,  
since You have promised to grant our requests, we make our supplications  
to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**We pray for our world leaders,  
that they will rule with wisdom and peace,  
especially in administering justice in troubled lands.**

Let us pray for the world (silence).

Amen.

We pray to You also, dear Father, for Your church, the body of Christ,  
**that guided by Your Holy Spirit, we would be found to be  
wise, zealous, and faithful worshippers.**

Let us pray for the church (silence).

Amen.

Moreover, we pray for all men and women throughout the world,  
**that they would come to a knowledge of Your saving grace  
through the spread of Your gospel.**

Let us pray for those in need of God's grace (silence).

Amen.



Finally, we commend to You all who suffer tribulation,  
**that it would please You to make them feel  
Your Fatherly affection toward them,  
so they would find refreshment  
and healing in You.**

Let us pray for all who suffer (silence).  
Amen.

And now as our Savior taught us, we 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**

Isaiah 2:6-22

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading**

1 John 2:15-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

# We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

Lyrics & Music: Julia Cady Cory

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator'. It consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, written on a single treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor; in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring. We lay it be - fore you, we kneel - and a - dore you, we bless your ho - ly name, - glad prai - ses we sing.'

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We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, escape you will make us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-3

And God spoke all these words, saying,<sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."<sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me.

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.<sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Luke Smith

# The Table

## Confession of Faith

### 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.]

## **Sursum Corda**

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.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **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.]

# Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: John Newton

Let us love and sing \_ and won-der, let us praise the Savior's \_ name.

He has hushed the law's \_ loud thun-der, He has quenched Mount Si-

nai's \_ flame. He has washed us with his blood, \_ He has

washed us with his blood, \_ He has washed us with his blood.

\_ He has brought us nigh to God. \_

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder'. It consists of five staves of music in 4/4 time, written in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. 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.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us; pitied us when enemies.  
Called us by His grace and taught us Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood; He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down.  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown  
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,  
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more  
He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood  
He Who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us; now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy, Lamb of God.

## We Will Feast In the House of Zion

Lyrics and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We will feast in the house of Zi - on! We will sing with our hearts re-stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther, We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be burned by the fire: He is the Lord our God. We are not consumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tect-ed, ga - thered up." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests, with some changes in time signature (2/4 and 4/4).

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We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God.  
We are not consumed, by the flood, Upheld, protected, gathered up!

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid.  
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength!

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one.  
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom!

## Benediction

# Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box in the back of the nave that you can use as you enter or leave, or as you come to communion. You can also give online at our website [www.mpctucson.org](http://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.

Church Membership: The next step in our new church start up is receiving members. If you are interested in finding out more about this please let Charles know or sign up on the list on the back table, and then take one of the Intro Booklets to read in advance of the meeting.

Women4Truth Conference: Aimee Byrd speaking at New Valley Church in Chandler, February 23rd. Sign up at [www.women4truth.com](http://www.women4truth.com)

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