



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
01.30.2022

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

In some ways suffering ceases to be suffering at the moment it finds a meaning.

—Viktor Frankl

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

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.

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

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.



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.

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Music: Leigh Nash; Lyrics: Charles Wesley



Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove _ and keeps his courts be - low!



Praise the ho - ly God of love _ and all his great - ness show!



Praise him for his no - ble deeds! _ Praise him for his match - less pow'r!



Him from whom all good pro - ceeds, let earth and hea - ven a - dore, let

Chorus



earth and hea - ven a - dore! Praise the name _ of Christ, cel - e -



brate _ and lift him up high! Praise the Lord _ of life!



We'll sing the sto - ry of hon - or and glo - ry and praise the name of Christ.

God in whom they move and live, let every creature sing;
Glory to their maker give, and homage to their king!
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord,
Let all things praise the Lord! [Chorus]

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
We'll sing the story of honor and glory, and praise the name! [Chorus]

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

John 3:20-21

Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

Confession of Sin

[Please pray aloud together]

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret

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.

**faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son.
And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, we plead with
you, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to
the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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.

Jesus Lover of My Soul

Lyrics: Charles Wesley; Music: Greg Thompson



Je-sus lo - ver _ of my soul, let me _ to _ thy _ bo - som _ fly.



While the near-er _ wa-ters roll, while the _ tem-pest still is _ high:



Hide me O _ my Sa - vior hide, 'till the storm _ is _ past.



Safe in - to _ the ha-ven guide, re - cieve my soul _ at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in thee I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God, In Jesus Christ you taught us to pray,
And to offer our petitions to you in His name.

**Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our
prayers for others may serve your will
and show your steadfast love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let us pray for our friends and family (silence). Amen.

God of all generations, You formed your church from the despised of
the earth and showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation
to all.

**Strengthen those you have chosen
that they may faithfully endure all trials
by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let us pray for the church (silence). Amen.

God of comfort,

You bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow.

**Look with compassion on those who are troubled,
cheer them by your word,
and bring them healing as a sign of your grace
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Let us pray for the sick and those who sorrow (silence). Amen.

[Led by Nick Davis]

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.

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We pray now in the words he 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: Rebekah Taylor]

Job 1:1-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

James 1:1-4

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 tongues 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.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:9-13

9 Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread,

12 and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon

Rev. Brad Chaney

The Table

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 every Lord's Day.

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.

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

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.]

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Lyrics: Louisa Stead; Music: William Kirkpatrick



'Tis so sweet to trust in Je-sus, just to take him at his word;



Just to rest up-on his prom-ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."



Je-sus, Je-sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!



Je-sus, Je-sus, pre-cious Je-sus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
[Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
[Refrain]

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
[Refrain]

Take My Life And Let It Be

Lyrics & Music: Frances Havergal



Take my life _ and _ let it be con - se - crat - ed,
Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments _ and my days; _ let them flow in
cease _ less _ praise _ let them flow in _ cease less _praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord,
I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee.

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.

Donations for refugee family: We anticipate receiving our Afghan family in February. We are collecting household donations to stock their apartment. Gently used items are welcome, as well as new. Kitchen supplies, towels, sheets, furniture, mattresses are all things they will need. Coats and clothes too, though, of course, we won't know sizes until we receive our family.

New Nursery Director Search: We are looking for a new nursery director at Midtown Pres! We are looking for someone who is great with kids, proficient in leading a nursery setting and can provide peace of mind when parents drop off their little ones before the service. Ideally, this is someone you know who is a member of another like-minded church as they will not be able to participate in our service. Commitment is 3 hr/wk and paid. Please email Nick (nick@mpctucson.org) with any leads.

Women's Bible Study: [We are delaying the start of the study for a few weeks due to the rapid spread of the virus.] Wednesdays at 7pm at Nancy Price's home (6280 N Placita de Luis.). We'll be studying Philipians this winter. All are welcome!

Men's Bible Study: Also will be on Wednesday Nights. We'll start the same time the Women's study starts. Noah Hamstra (noahhamstra@gmail.com) is the contact person for this.

Women's Prayer Group: Meeting on the first and third Tuesdays at Shelly Gauger's (525 S. 4th Avenue) at 1:30 pm.

Monday Soccer: On Hiatus for a few weeks.