



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Second Sunday in Lent

03.05.2023

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 this single little word ‘shepherd’ there are gathered together in one almost all the good and comforting things that we praise in God.”

--Martin Luther

“The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance.”

--C.S. Lewis

“We should never forget that every word of Holy Scripture [is] a quite personal message of God’s love for us.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Word

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.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

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.

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

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Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

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shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

All Creatures of our God and King

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

The musical score is written on four staves in 3/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O - praise him, O - praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, 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

Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

O Father, relieve our consciences, now and in the hour of our death, from the terror of our guilt and the fear of your judgment. Let your peace come into our hearts that we may await your judgment with joy. Be not severe in your judgment of us, or no one will be found righteous. Teach us, dear Father, not to trust or find comfort in our own merits or good works. But teach us to venture and resign ourselves faithfully and firmly to your infinite mercy. In the same manner, let us not lose courage because of our guilty and sinful lives. Let us regard your mercy as higher and broader and stronger than all our being. 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

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

The Dreadful Tree

Music & Lyrics: David Isaac Waters

Jesus cast a look on me, Give me sweet simplicity.
Make me poor and keep me low, Seeking only You to know,
Seeking only You to know.

All that feeds my busy pride, Cast it evermore aside.
Bid my will to Yours submit; Lay me humbly at Your feet,
Lay me humbly at Your feet.

Refrain: For way over yonder on the dreadful tree,
Way over yonder on the dreadful tree,
You shed your blood and you died for me.

Make me like a little child, Of my strength and wisdom spoiled.
Seeing only in Your light; Walking only in Your might,
Walking only in Your might.

Leaning on Your loving breast, Where a weary soul can rest.
Feeling well the peace of God, Flowing from Your precious blood,
Flowing from Your precious blood [Refrain]

In this posture let me live, And hosannas daily give.
In this temper let me die, And hosannas ever cry,
And hosannas ever cry. [Refrain]

The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by Matt McReynolds]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

God, our Father,
Lord Jesus Christ, our Sympathetic High Priest,
and Holy Spirit, Comforter and Guide,

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.

We pray for grace and mercy for your church,
that we would be unified in mind and purpose.

(Please pray silently for the church.)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for grace and mercy for our children,
**that they would know you, love you,
and follow you all the days of their lives.**

(Please pray silently for our children.)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for grace and mercy for those struggling with faith,
**that you would be present in the midst of their
struggles and make known to them your transforming
love in the gospel.**

(Please pray silently for those struggling with faith.)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for grace and mercy for those who suffer,
**that you would comfort them in their pain
and bring healing according to your will.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And hear us now as we pray 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.**

New Testament Reading

[Reader: Shelly Gauger]

1 Peter 2:18-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

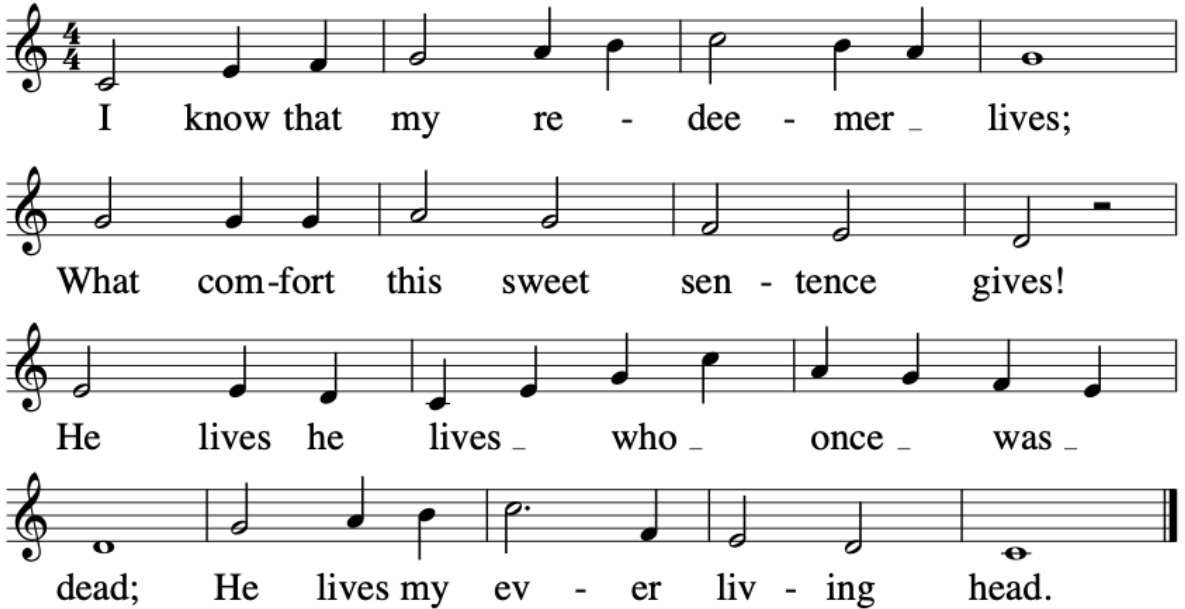
John 10:7-18

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Lyrics: Samuel Medley; Music: John Hatton



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.

Psalter Reading

Psalm 23:1-6

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

²He leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Matt Esswein

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

**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 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 down the center aisle.. Take bread and eat it, then take a cup and drink. If you prefer grape juice and/or a gluten free wafer, they are available on the middle table. Please return down the outside aisles.]

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.

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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]

How Long?

Music & Lyrics: Isaac Wardell



1. How long? Will you turn your face a-way?
2. How long 'til your child- ren find their rest?



How long? Do you hear us when we pray?
How long 'til you draw them to your breast?



On and on, still we walk this pil - - grim way. How long?
We go on, hold- ing to your pro - - mi - ses. How long?

Chorus



'Til you wipe a-way the tears from eve - ry eye?



'Til we see our home de - scend - ing from the sky?



Do we wait in vain? Je- sus give us hope a- gain!

How long 'til your word will still the storm?
How long 'til you bare your mighty arm?
How we groan 'til you snatch us from the thorns. How long?

How long? Sweet the dawn that ends the race.
How long? Weak our hearts but strong our legs.
Looking on, great that cloud of witnesses! How long? [Chorus]
Amen, Jesus Come!

Notes



Offering: We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. Online, you can give at (www.mpctucson.org/donate). —>>

Heidelberg Catechism Small Group: Our next meeting will be February 27th at the Jankowski's home ([317 E Canyon View Dr](#)).

Shower for Sami Byker: All Midtown women are invite to come celebrate Sami's upcoming marriage on March 25th at 3pm at 2617 E Waverly St. Please RSVP with Annalyse Rash (520)286-7578.

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2023 EASTER OFFERING



FOR THE CHILDREN'S SAKE (the foundation that built the borehole we gave to in 2021) is expanding the school in Leboo to accommodate orphans and girls otherwise vulnerable to child marriage and FGM.

TWO NEW CLASSROOMS FOR THE SCHOOL IN LEBOO



PROJECT GOAL: \$20,000

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