



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

First Sunday in Lent

02.26.2023

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

Meekness is essentially a true view of oneself, expressing itself in attitude and conduct with respect to others... The man who is truly meek is the one who is truly amazed that God and man can think of him as well as they do. This makes him gentle, humble, sensitive, patient in dealings with others.

—D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

I myself am quite happy to recite the General Confession in church and call myself a "miserable sinner." It causes me no great problem. I can take it in stride. But let someone else come up to me after church and call me a miserable sinner, and I want to punch him in the nose! In other words, I am not prepared to allow other people to think or speak of me what I have just acknowledged before God that I am. There is a basic hypocrisy here; there always is when meekness is absent.

—John R.W. Stott,

The Word

Call to Worship

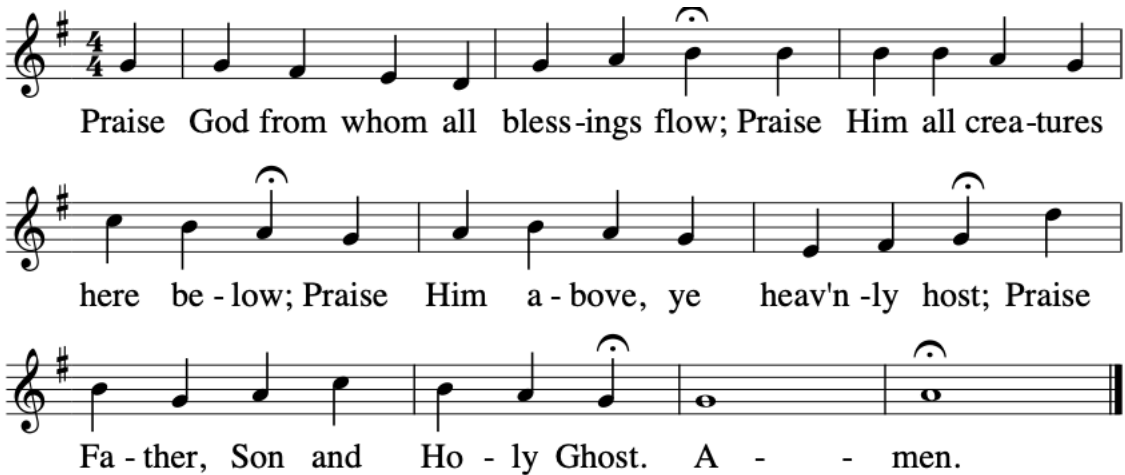
Psalm 95:6-7

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

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.

Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth

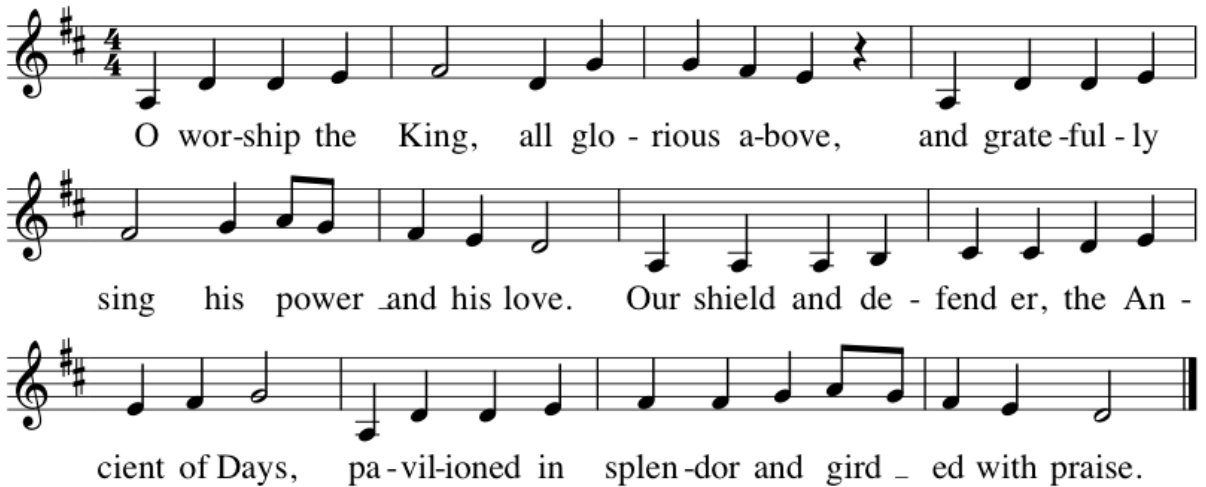


Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all crea-tures
here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n -ly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

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.

O Worship the King

Lyrics: Robert Grant; Music: Johann Haydn



O wor-ship the King, all glo - rious a-bove, and grate-ful - ly
sing his power and his love. Our shield and de - fend er, the An -
cient of Days, pa-vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Prayer of Invocation

The invocation is a prayer asking for God to come and be present with us in the worship service. We come with hope that God will come and speak to us, heal us, and stir up love for him in our minds and hearts.

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together.]

God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. 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

Isaiah 53:4-5

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

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!

Psalm 126

Music: Issac Wardell



1. Our mouths they were filled, filled with laugh - ter.
2. The na - tions will say: "He has done great things!"

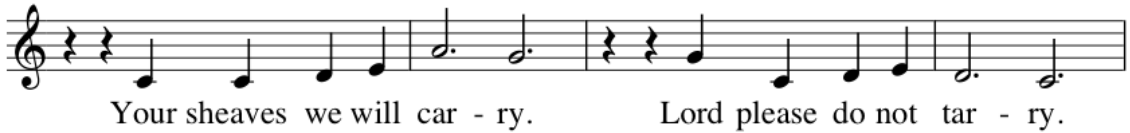
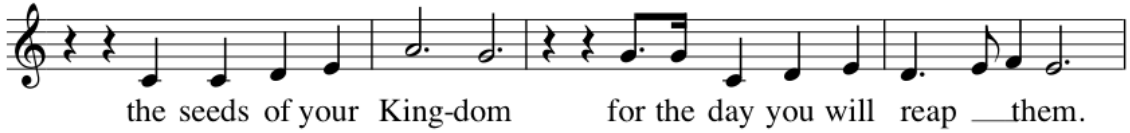
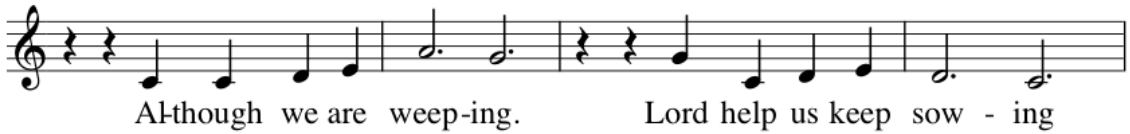


Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy.
the na - tions will sing songs of joy.



Re-store us, O Lord.

Re-store us O Lord.



The Prayers of the People

[Led by Ryan Jankowski]

[Pray the bold portions 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.

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 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

[Reader: Yunuen Jankowski]

Psalm 51:9-15

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-16

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Oh Give Thanks (Psalm 107)

Music & Lyrics: Wendell Kimbrough



1. We were wan - d'ring in the des - ert with our souls
2. We were locked out of the gar - den and our backs



so starved and weak; we were hun - gry for a home
bend down with pain in the sha - dow of death's dark -



- land we did not know how to seek, but we lift -
- ness we were slaves to sin and blame then we cried

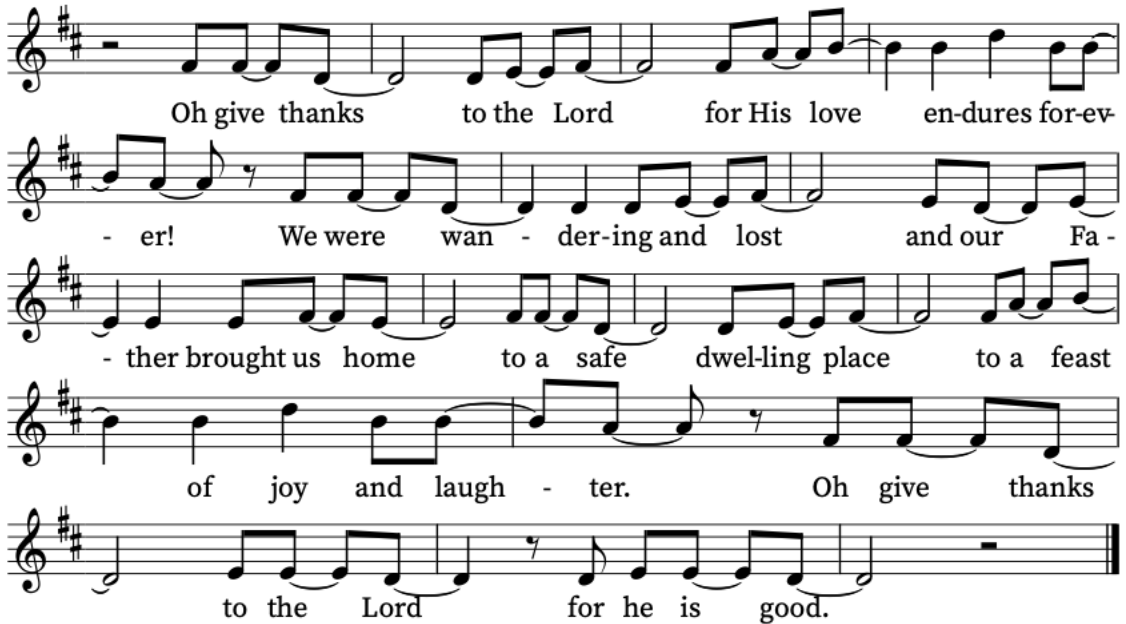


- ed up our voi - ces to the on - ly one who hears
out in our la - bor to the on - ly one who hears



and the God of mer - cy came and brought us near.
and the God of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.

Chorus



Oh give thanks to the Lord for His love endures for-ev-
- er! We were wan - der-ing and lost and our Fa -
- ther brought us home to a safe dwel-ling place to a feast
of joy and laugh - ter. Oh give thanks
to the Lord for he is good.

We were fools in our rebellion with our hunger strike of pride;
We were sick and growing closer to the death we should have died,
Then he heard of our condition, and he called us by our names,
And the God of glory took away our shame. [Chorus]

We were far out on the ocean making wealth and chasing dreams
But the waves of great destruction brought us
trembling to our knees,
Then we cried like drunken sailors to the only One who hears
And the God of comfort took away our tears. [Chorus]

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:27-31; 43-72

27 And Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' **28** But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." **29** Peter said to him, "Even though they all fall away, I will not." **30** And Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." **31** But he said emphatically, "If I must die with you, I will not deny you." And they all said the same.

43 And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. **44** Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." **45** And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. **46** And they laid hands on him and seized him. **47** But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. **48** And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? **49** Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." **50** And they all left him and fled.

51 And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, **52** but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

66 And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, **67** and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." **68** But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you

mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed.
⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon

Rev. Charles Garland

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 Love of God

Lyrics & Music: Matt Fredrich Martin Lehman

The love of God is great-er - far than tongue or pen can ev-er
tell. It goes be-yond the high-est star, and reach-es to - the low-est -
hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care. God gave his Son - to -
win. His err-ing child, he re-con - ciled, and pardoned from - his -
Refrain
sin. O love of God, how rich and - pure; how mea-sure - less - and
strong. It shall for - ev - more en - dure the saints and an - gels - song.

When years of time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men, who here, refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race, The saints' and angels' song.
[Refrain]

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
 And were the skies of parchment made;
 Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, and ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
 To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
 Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
 Tho' stretched from sky to sky. [Refrain]

We Will Feast In the House of Zion

Lyrics and Music: Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six 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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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 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](#)). If you have any questions, contact Cameron Ward at camward@gmail.com.

Nursery Changes: Beginning today we are going to be separating our nursery during the service between Ages 0-3 and Ages 3-6. We are working on adding a children's church for Ages 6-7 during the sermon, but aren't ready to roll that out just yet. Stay tuned!

Church Potluck: Today after church. Please bring your favorite dishes to share! The only request is to bring a serving utensil for your dish. We will have back up ones if need be! Talk to Cara Scott with any questions and sign up for food on the Google doc —>>



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