



MIDTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

### 07.07.2024

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. All of our kiddos will meet in the Hamilton House. Check in is at the west end of the courtyard. Children's Ministry will only be ages 0-3 for the summer. August 4th we will kick off Children's Ministry for ages 0-6th grade. Please be patient with the extra wiggles and noise as we have younger children joining us for the summer.

#### **Reflection**

Jesus came in the flesh not to bring the judgment, but to bear it; not to slay with the sword of his lips, but to receive the nails in his hands and the spear-thrust in his side. In no other way could his kingdom come and God's will be done in earth as in heaven. The kingdom established by grace must be advanced in grace, then consummated in glory. Not by political power, but by the power of the Spirit, is the gospel carried to the nations.

— Edmund P. Clowney

# 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

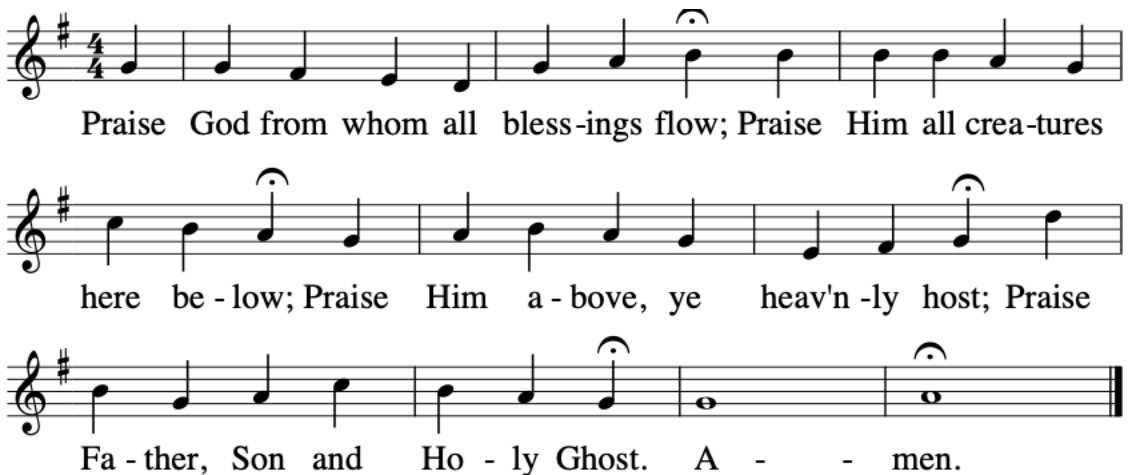
Psalm 62:5-8

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.

## 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.



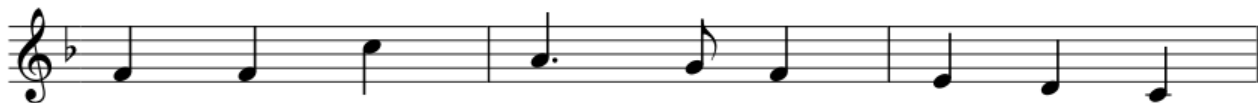
Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him all crea-tures  
here be-low; Praise Him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise  
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - - men.

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lyrics: Joachim Neander; Music: 17th Century German Tune



1.Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty the king of cre - a - tion!  
2.Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign - eth.  
3.Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee.  
4.Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
Shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea so  
Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
All that hath life and breath, come now with



help and sal - - va - - - tion!  
gent - - ly sus - - tain eth!  
dai - - ly at - - tend thee.  
prai - - ses be - - fore him.



All you who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw  
Hast thou not seen how all your long - ings hath  
Pon - der a new what the Al - migh - ty can  
Let the a men sound from his peo - ple a -



near. Praise him in glad a - dor - a - tion!  
been, gran - ted in in what he or - dain - eth?  
do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
gain, Glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

## Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

## Confession of Sin

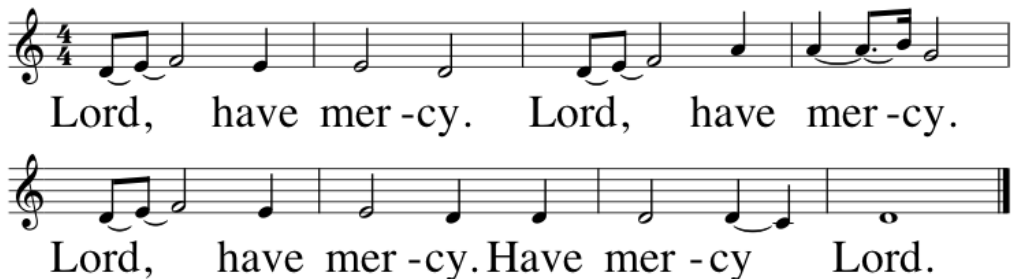
[Please pray aloud together]

**Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

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.

## 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.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## 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**

[Led by Matt McReynolds]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Father, you rule over the nations of the earth in justice and mercy.

**We pray for the President of the United States, and our representatives in Congress. We pray for peace between the nations of the world. We plead for your mercy on our nation.**

(Pray for justice and peace in the world.)

Holy Spirit you are the Lord and giver of life.

**We pray for Midtown Presbyterian Church and the churches of our Presbytery. We pray for the spread of your gospel in Tucson. We ask for protection and prosperity for our city.**

(Pray for friends who do not yet know Christ.)

Jesus you are full of compassion.

**We pray for the relief of the poor and oppressed in our city.  
We pray for those who are ill or facing imminent death, and  
for those who care for them.**

(Please pray for all who suffer.)

Our Father, you have set us here to cultivate and develop your creation.

**Please give us delight and diligence in our callings. Please  
provide for those seeking work. Please make us a blessing  
to our city through our work.**

(Pray for God's help to you in your calling.)

And teach us to pray as you taught your disciples, saying:

**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: Nikki Smith]

Philippians 2:12-13

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 8:22-25

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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



# You Hold It All

Music & Lyrics: Leslie Jordan, Matthew Kaemingk, Gustavo Santos, Laura Fanucci



1. God, we bring you the work of our hands now, lay it  
2. Wor-ried hearts, wea-ry hands, weakened bod - ies, lay it  
3. All our plans, all our dreams, our am - bi - tions, lay them



down, lay it at your feet; — what we've done, what we've  
down, lay it at your feet; — what we've used, what we've  
down, lay them at your feet; — and e - ven if no - thing



built, what we've bro - ken, lay it down, lay it at your feet.  
lost, what we've wast - ed, lay it down, lay it at your feet.  
comes to fru - i - tion, lay them down, lay them at your feet.



You hold it all, Je - sus you hold it all.



You hold it all, Je - sus you hold it all. \_\_\_\_\_

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:8-16

Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup>So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." <sup>10</sup>So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup>Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup>But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. <sup>13</sup>And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

<sup>14</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." <sup>15</sup>And Moses built an altar and called the name of it, The Lord Is My Banner, <sup>16</sup>saying, "A hand upon the throne of the Lord! The Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

## Confession of Faith

--The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

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.

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.]

## **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 one of the aisles. 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 same aisle.]

# Like a Wideness of the Sea

Music & Lyrics: Fredrich Faber, Ian Cron, Anthony Skinner

There's a wide-ness in — God's mer - cy like the  
wide-ness of — the sea; there's a kind-ness in — his jus-tice that can  
set the pris - oner free. There's no place where — our sor-rows are more  
felt than on — the throne; no fail-ure is — too great — that it

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can-not be — a-toned. — There's wel-come for the sin-ner so there's  
room for you and me. There's a wide-ness in — God's mer-cy like the  
wide - ness of — the sea.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of 18 measures. The first four measures are the main body of the verse. The chorus begins at measure 5 and ends at measure 18. The score includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes), rests, and dynamic markings. The time signature changes from 4/4 to 2/4 at the end of the chorus.

For the love of God is broader than our minds can understand  
And the heart of the eternal won't refuse a broken man  
Was there ever a kinder Shepherd, half so gentle half so sweet  
Why would anybody wander from a love so true, so deep? [Chorus]

[Bridge] Oh we make His love so narrow by the limits of our own,  
And we magnify His strictness with a zeal He will not own. [Chorus]

# We Will Say In That Day (Isaiah 12)

Music & Lyrics: Wendell Kimbrough



1.You will see there a high-way from God's own hand that will  
2.You will call back our ar-mies, "Re - turn from war!" and we'll  
3.You will see there a ban-quet for sin - ners spread where we'll  
4.When the rem-nant re-tur-n to the pro-mised land, when the



lead back the lost to the pro - mised land, and the  
make in - to plow-shares our use - less swords, ver - y  
sit with the Lord at the tab - le's head, and the  
high-way of God brings us home to him, we'll be



voice of the Sav-ior will call us friends, say - ing,  
soon to for - get what they once were for, when we  
Shep-herd him-self is our wine and bread, and we'll  
wel-comed with love by our Sav - ior Friend and we'll



"Join in the song of the Lord!" *to v.2*  
join in the song of the Lord. We will say in that day to the  
join in the song of the Lord.  
join in the song of the Lord.



Lord give thanks! We will not be a-fraid for he comes to save. We will



shout, we will call, "Ev - 'ry tribe and race: Come and



join in the song of the Lord!"

## Benediction

# Victory Over the Amekelites



## 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](http://www.mpctucson.org/donate)). —>>



**Email List:** We send out the bulletin and announcements every wee worship and would love to include you. You can email Charles ([charles@mpctucson.org](mailto:charles@mpctucson.org)) to get on the list.

**Joining Midtown:** If you're interested in becoming a member of Midtown, either coming from a different church or becoming a new Christian, please let Charles know ([charles@mpctucson.org](mailto:charles@mpctucson.org)). We'll schedule an intro class to get you prepared when we see people's availability.

**Midtown Summer Bash:** Jack & Jackie Satterfield are going to host a big party for us at their home next Saturday night, July 13th (7902 N. Tuscany Drive Tucson, AZ 85742). We'll have brisket and chicken fajitas and other great food (we'll make some assignments closer to time) and swimming and a movie (reportedly Top Gun Maverick) on the lawn.

**Men's Book Group:** For July we are reading C.S. Lewis's The Great Divorce. We'll meet at the McReynold's home (1241 E Sobre Lomas) on Tuesday July 16, at 7pm.

**Women's Book Group:** We're reading Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck. Well meet on July 26th @ 7pm at Melissa McRae's home (409 E Lester St.).

**Pastor:** Charles Garland  
**Music Director:** Sarah Lewis  
**Children's Director:** Annalyse Rash  
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