



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

05.12.2024

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

## Reflection

God only knows, God makes his plans, the informations is unavailable to the mortal man. We work our jobs, collect our pay, believe we're gliding down the highway when in fact we're slip sliding away.

—Paul Simon

The trick is to start at the ending when you write a play. Get a good strong ending and then write backwards.

—Woody Allen in God (A Play)

# 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.

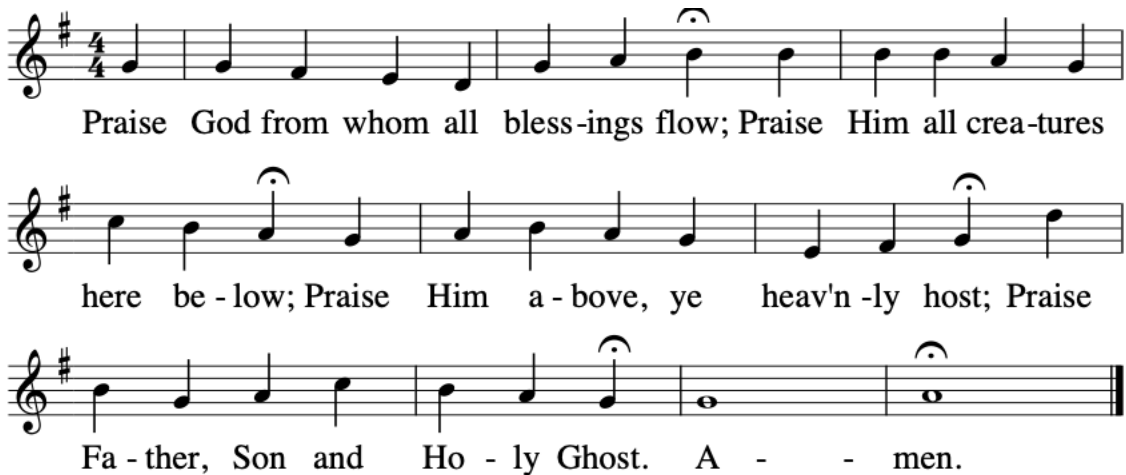
## Call to Worship

Psalm 34:3

Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

## 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.

# All Creatures of our God and King

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'All Creatures of our God and King'. It consists of four staves of music in 3/2 time, written in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us'. The second staff continues with 'sing, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en'. The third staff continues with 'beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, O - praise him, O -'. The fourth staff concludes with 'praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia!'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

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

[Led by Ryan Jankowski]

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

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.

## Confession of Sin

[Please pray aloud together]

**God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. We confess that we have sinned against you, and have clung to evil rather than to Christ. Have mercy on us, and forgive our sin. Restore us to newness of life, and seat us at your table of grace, that we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## Before the Throne of God Above

Lyrics: Charitie Lee Bancroft; Music: Vikki Cook

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Be-fore the throne of God a-bove, I have a strong and per-fect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who-ev-er lives and pleads for me.  
My name is gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tounge can bid me  
thence de-part, no tounge can bid me thence de-part.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;  
Upward I look, and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
for God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! the risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable "I AM," The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself, I cannot die; My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.

## **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.

Father, we pray for your holy, catholic, and apostolic Church,

**That we all may be one.**

(Please pray silently for the unity of the church.)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that every member of the church may joyfully and humbly serve you.

**That your Name would be honored by all people.**

(Please pray silently for the mission of the church.)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

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 all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

(Please pray silently for the nations of the world.)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake

**That we may know the joy of living for you.**

(Please pray silently that we would follow God in our lives.)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from grief or trouble

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us join together in praying as Jesus taught us to 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: Stephanie Bowyer]

Exodus 5

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 en - dures 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]

## **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 6:1-13

But the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."

<sup>2</sup>God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the Lord. <sup>3</sup>I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them. <sup>4</sup>I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they lived as sojourners. <sup>5</sup>Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the people of Israel whom the Egyptians hold as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. <sup>6</sup>Say therefore to the people of Israel, 'I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup>I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup>I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord.”<sup>9</sup> Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.

<sup>10</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, <sup>11</sup>“Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.” <sup>12</sup>But Moses said to the Lord, “Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?” <sup>13</sup>But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

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.]

# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

# 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 five lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score includes various rhythmic values such as quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and a fermata. There is a key signature change from 4/4 to 2/4 and back to 4/4 in the third line. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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 con-  
sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tect-ed, ga - thered 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 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)). —>>



2024 Budget through April:	\$94,951.	2023 Comparison:
2024 Giving through April:	\$70,597	\$105,021

**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](mailto:charles@mpctucson.org)) to get on the list.

**Men's Book group:** Tuesday May 14 at the McReynolds' at 7pm ([1241 E Sobre Lomas](#)). The book for April is C.S. Lewis' [Miracles](#). Any men are welcome to come.

**Nursery Update:** There are big changes coming at the beginning of August for our Children's Ministry and now we have a full slate of volunteers--thanks you!!

**Women's Book Group:** For May we are reading [Lucy by the Sea](#) by Elizabeth Strout, hosted by Julie Garland (1324 N Norton Ave). Please mark your calendars for May 31 at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

## Places to Get Involved:

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