



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Easter Sunday

04.09.2023

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

The scientists proved it, we're all gonna die
They've got charts, equations, the how, when, and why
You did not invite them and neither did I
But they're here, drink up, we're all gonna die
--Mieka Pauley

Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think
Enjoy yourself, while you're still in the pink
The years go by, as quickly as a wink
Enjoy yourself, enjoy yourself, it's later than you think
--Guy Lombardo

Let us eat, drink, and be merry,
for yesterday we were dead.
--Russell Moore

The Word

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Lyrics and Music: Charles Wesley



"Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," _ Al - - le - lu - ia!



Sons of men and an-gels say; _ Al - - - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri-umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!



Sing _ ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. _ Al - - le - lu - ia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise: Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Titus 2:14

He gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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

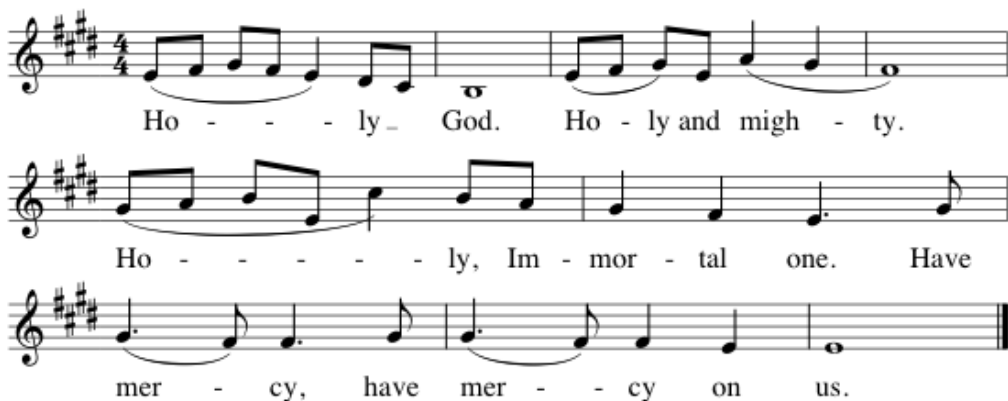
[Please pray aloud together]

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We confess that we have not bowed before Jesus or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give Him glory. We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. Forgive us, God of mercy! Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom that comes from the Holy Spirit. Amen.

[You are invited to confess your sins silently at this time.]

Trisagion

Music: Fernando Ortega



Ho - - - ly - God. Ho - ly and might - ty.

Ho - - - - ly, Im - mor - tal one. Have

mer - cy, have mer - - cy on us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 4:25

[Righteousness] will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

In Christ Alone

Lyrics & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

3 In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my
6 light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol-id
9 ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm. What heights of
12 love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
14 cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth, in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death! This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns, or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The Prayers of the People

[Led by Dave Adams]

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose from death as the Prince of peace:

**We pray for peace between nations in
Your world. We pray that our
congregation might live in your peace
together; We ask you to come again
soon to fully establish your peace on earth.**

(Pray silently for peace.)

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose from death to reconcile us to God:

We pray for our friends who do not yet know you;

We pray for the deepening of our faith in the gospel of grace.

(Pray silently for the spread of the gospel.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

You rose in victory over death and the grave, and you have brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

We pray for comfort for those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, in injustice.

(Pray silently for those who suffer.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

We pray now in the words you 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: Stephanie Bowyer]

Psalm 90:9-12

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

Lyrics: William Moore; Music: Bruce Benedict



Praise the Sav-ior now and ev-er; praise him, all be - neath the skies;



pros-trate ly-ing, suf-f'ring, dy-ing on the cross, a sac - ri - fice.



Vic'try gain-ing, life ob - tain-ing now in - glo-ry he doth rise.

Man's work faileth, Christ's availeth;

He is all our righteousness;

He, our Savior, has forever set us free from dire distress.

Through his merit we inherit light and peace and happiness.

Sin's bond severed, we're delivered;

Christ has bruised the serpent's head;

Death no longer is the stronger hell itself is captive led.

Christ has risen from death's prison; o'er the tomb he light has shed.

For his favor, praise forever Unto God the Father sing;

Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.

Praise the Spirit; through Christ's merit he doth us salvation bring.

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back —it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

**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

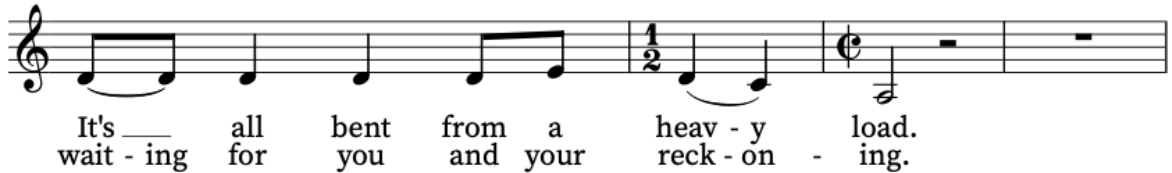
[As you are ready please come forward down the center aisle.. Take bread and eat it, then take a cup and drink. If you prefer grape juice and/or a gluten free wafer, they are available on the middle table. Please return down the outside aisles.]

Ain't No Grave

Music & Lyrics: Crowder, Bentley, Philpott, Matt & Dana McReynolds



1.0 my Lord, - it's a wind - ing road.
2.0 my Lord, - I can bare - ly sing,



It's ___ all bent from a heav - y load.
wait - ing for you and your reck - on - ing.



Feel the weight ___ bea - neath the ground;
Ang - gels hum - ming can you hear the sound?



Ain't no grave gon - na hold me down. *to verse 2*
Ain't no grave gon - na hold me down.

CHORUS



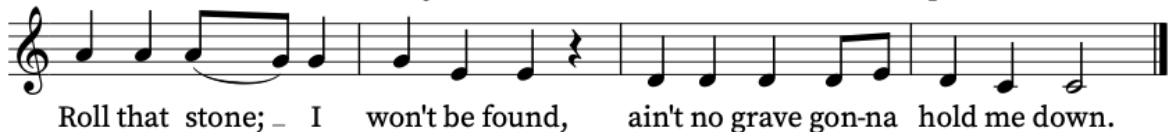
I will rise, _____ I will rise, _____



I will rise, _____ I will rise! _____



Trou - bles come for ev - 'ry - one. - Death has no re - spect for love.



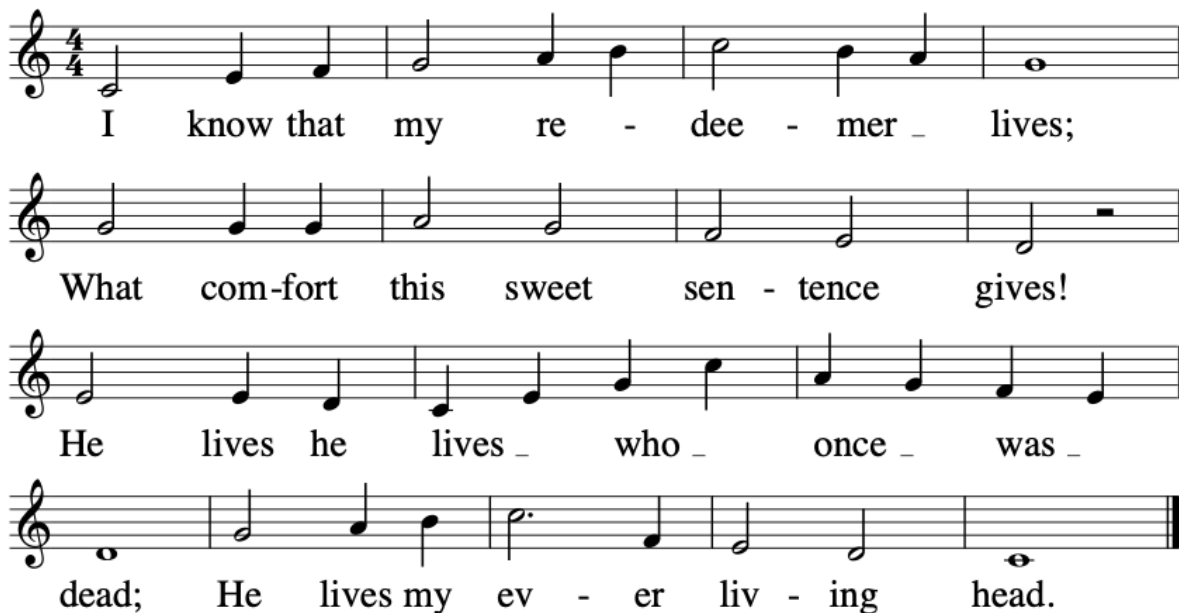
Roll that stone; - I won't be found, ain't no grave gon - na hold me down.

Lord I'm crooked from head to toe, Got dirty hands and a dirty soul.
I was lost but now am found;
Ain't no grave gonna hold me down,
Ain't no grave gonna hold me down. [Chorus]

When night has come and daylight fades,
It's time to see you face to face.
This old body's gonna leave the ground,
'Cause there ain't no grave that could hold you down,
Ain't no grave that could hold you down. [Chorus]

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Lyrics: Samuel Medley; Music: John Hatton



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below the notes. The melody is simple and uses a G-clef. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

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). —>>


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.

Men's Book Group: Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm at the McReynolds (1241 E Sobre Lomas). We re reading Living Life Backwards by David Gibson.

Quarterly Prayer Time: Next Sunday 4/16 at 10:30 -11:30 am at the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave). Everyone is welcome to come pray for our city and needs within our church.


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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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