



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Distancing & Safety Plan

So we can more safely meet together for worship we ask you to help us observe the following:

1. We will space out the chairs as much as we can.
2. Wear masks so we can sing.
3. Communion will involve coming forward without crowding, and picking up a cup and wafer from the altar rail in front of the pulpit. The separate table of cups will have grape juice if you prefer that. The wafers are gluten free.
4. Try to go outside for visiting with each other after the service.
5. We will disinfect surfaces in the sanctuary and bathrooms before the service.

# Evening Worship

All Saints Day

11.01.2020

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.

## **Reflection**

The modern church fails desperately in this area. We have gotten caught up in the abusive language of the culture war. How often do we make jokes about the people around us who are not Believers? How often do we ridicule, curse and abuse our political leaders? Is this the way God wants us to speak to and about our contemporaries? God calls us to speak with the graciousness and compassion of Jesus Christ. These people are harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd (Mt. 9:36). They are in desperate need of the truth. In Luke 6:27- 28, Jesus says, "I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

—Jerram Barrs

# 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.

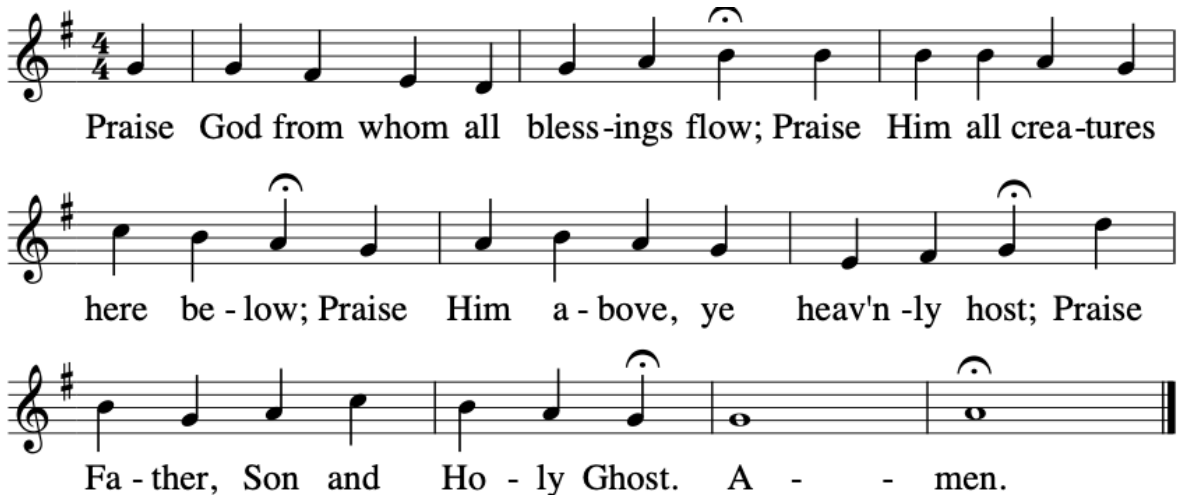
## Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live.

## 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.

# A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Lyrics & Music: Martin Luther



A migh-ty for-tress is our God, a bul-wark ne-ver fail — ing;



Our help-er He — a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail — ing; For



still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are



great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e — qual.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus it is He;  
Lord Sabbaoth His name, from age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed, his truth to triumph through us  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure,  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'r, no thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever!

## Prayer of Invocation

### Call to Confession of Sin

[Led by Dan Smith]

1 John 1:5-8

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

[Pray aloud together]

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His holy 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.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

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.



# Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Lyrics & Music: Kimbrough , Zach, Wardell, Keyes

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Your Labor Is Not In Vain'. It consists of seven staves of music in a treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music is: 'Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the'. The second line: 'ground un - der - neath you is cursed and - stained. Your'. The third line: 'plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your'. The fourth line: 'la - bor is not \_\_\_ in vain. For I am'. The fifth line: 'with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am'. The sixth line: 'with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your'. The seventh line: 'la - bor is not \_\_\_ in vain.' There is a 'Chorus' label above the fourth line and '- to verse 2' above the fifth line.

Your la - bor - is not in - vain though the  
ground un - der - neath you is cursed and - stained. Your  
plant - ing and reap - ing are ne - ver the same, - but your  
la - bor is not \_\_\_ in vain. For I am  
with you. I am with you. I am with you. I am  
with you. For I have called you, called you by name. - your  
la - bor is not \_\_\_ in vain.

Your labor is not unknown,  
Though the rocks they cry out and the sea it may groan.  
The place of your toil may not seem like a home,  
But your labor is not unknown [chorus]

The vineyards you plant will bear fruit;  
The fields will sing out and rejoice with the truth;  
For all that is old will at last be made new,  
The vineyards you plant will bear fruit [chorus]

The houses you labor to build  
Will finally with laughter and joy be filled;  
The serpent that hurts and destroys will be killed  
And all that is broken be healed [chorus]

## 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.

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.

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.

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: Alicia Morris]

Proverbs 25:21-22

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:38-48

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

--Lyrics: George Matheson; Music: Kevin Twit

Voice

The image shows a musical score for a voice part. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics are: "O love that will not let me go I rest". The second staff continues: "my wear - y soul in Thee. I give Thee back". The third staff: "the life I owe that in Thine o - cean depths". The fourth staff: "its flow may rich - er ful - ler be." The piece ends with a double bar line.

O love that will not let me go I rest  
my wear - y soul in Thee. I give Thee back  
the life I owe that in Thine o - cean depths  
its flow may rich - er ful - ler be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day, may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

## New Testament Reading

### Romans 12:14-21

**14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

**15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. **17** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

**19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **20** To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Charles Garland

Sermons are God's appointed means to communicate his Good News to a particular group of people in a particular local context. Sermons, by design, aren't impressive, so that God will get credit when he uses them in your life, rather than the preacher.

# The Table

## **Confession of Faith**

Profession of Faith

Penelope Smith

## **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 Sursum Corda and the Mystery of Faith are used by Christians the world over to prepare their hearts and minds for Holy Communion.

## **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 to receive the bread and the cup. We are using individual cups and wafers as a concession to the virus. The cups on the taller table have wine and the ones in the silver tray have grape juice.]

## May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Lyrics: Kate Wilkinson; Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gold



The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with a few slurs and a sharp sign. The lyrics are written below the notes.

May the mind of Christ my Sa-vior, live in me from day to day,  
by his love and pow'r con-troll-ing all I do or say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;  
Him exalting, self abasing: this is victory.


May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,  
and may they forget the channel, seeing only him.



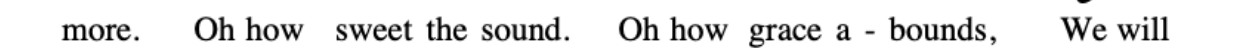
# Rescuer (Good News)

Music & Lyrics: Ben Hastings, Bryan Fowler and the Rend Collective

*Chorus*



He's our res-cu-er! He's our res-cu\_er! We are free from sin for-ev-er-



more. Oh how sweet the sound. Oh how grace a - bounds, We will

*Verse*



praise the Lord, our res-cu-er! There is good news for the cap-tive;

good news for the shamed. There is good news for the one who walked a -

way. There is good news for the doubt-er; the one re-li-gion failed, for the

good Lord has come to seek and save. \_ *to Chorus*

He is beauty for the blind man; riches for the poor;  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores.  
He is pasture for the weary; rest for those who strive,  
For the good Lord is the way, the truth, the life

*Bridge*  
to Chorus

So come and be chain - less. Come and be  
fear - less. Come to the foot of Cal - va -  
ry. There is re - demp - tion, for ev - 'ry af -  
flic - tion. Here at the foot of Cal - va - ry.

## Benediction

# Notes

**Offering:** We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. (Note that the Midtown box is separate from the Vineyard ones—ours cleverly says “Midtown”!) You can also give online at our website [www.mpctucson.org](http://www.mpctucson.org).

**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.

**November Joint Book Group:** We will have our annual joint book club (men and women) dinner to discuss The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde on Tuesday, November 10th at 6:00 PM. Location is the McReynolds patio (4779 E. Avenida del Cazador). Please RSVP to Matt or Dana McReynolds if you plan to attend so they know how much food to prepare.

**Monday Soccer in the Mall:** Monday evenings at 5:30 a group is meeting on the U of A mall to play soccer. Everyone is welcome.

**Website Church Photo Directory:** Nancy Price has been keeping our photo directory up to date, which helps immensely with new people and getting to know each other. If you have edits (better pictures) or need to be added let her know ([nancylynnprice@msn.com](mailto:nancylynnprice@msn.com)). The password on the website page is “dryheat”.

**Hymn Sing:** Esther Lewis & Morgan Zylstra are hosting a weekly hymn sing at our apartment for young adults starting this Thursday night. Anyone who wants to participate should contact us for the address and gate code at 575.520.0239.

**Blanket Drive:** Bikers For Christ is having a blanket/sleeping bag drive for the homeless. The plan is to collect as many blankets/sleeping bags as possible and provide them to the homeless on Saturday November 14. You can bring items on Sunday the 7th or you can contact Tim Davis ([tdavisua74@gmail.com](mailto:tdavisua74@gmail.com); 520.481.9894) and he will come pick them up from you or you can deliver the items to the park on the 14th @ 9am.



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