



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
02.17.2019

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

The Word

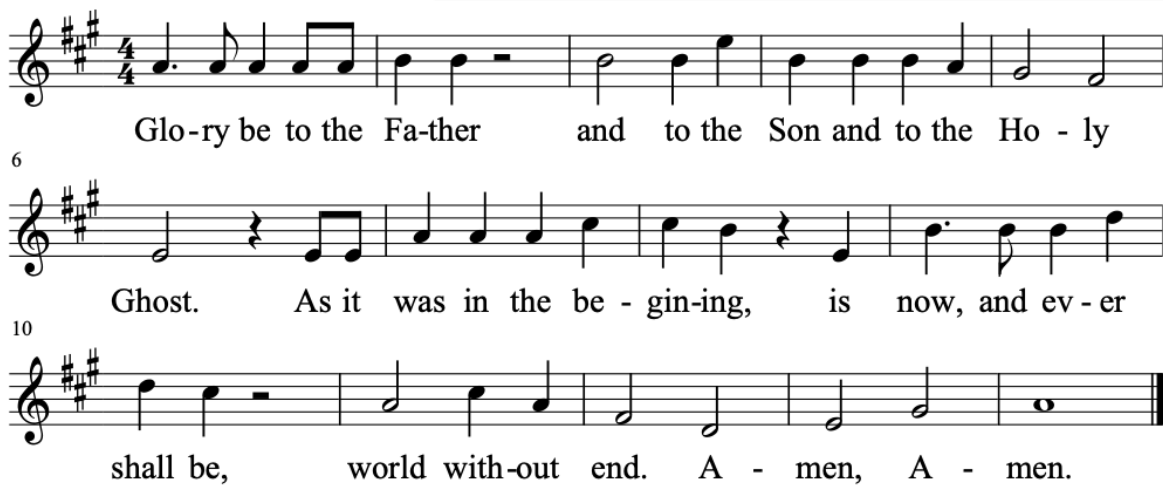
Call to Worship

Psalm 117:1-2

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly

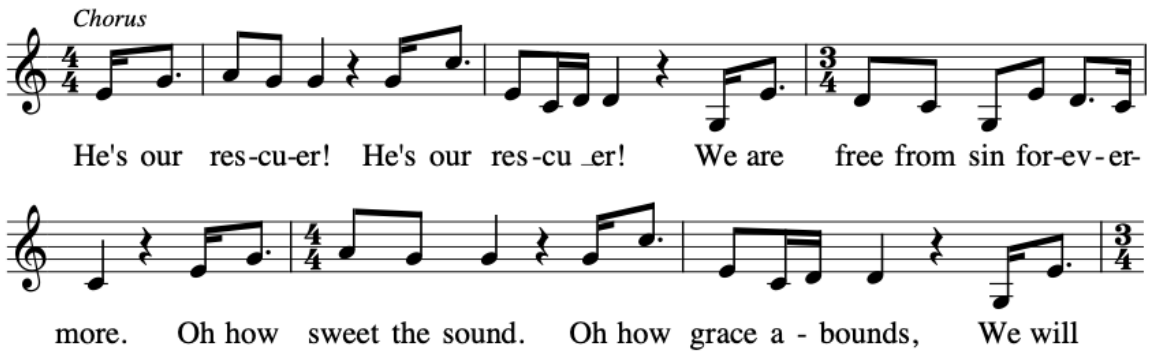
6 Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

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

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.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 43:22,24

You have not called upon me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel...You have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses.

Confession of Sin

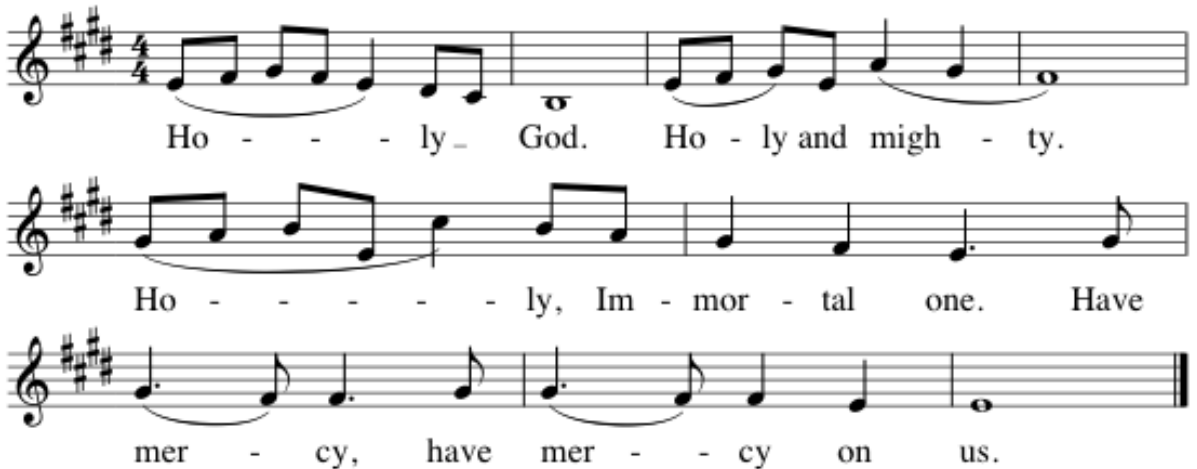
[Pray aloud together]

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. 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 43:25

I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Your Labor Is Not In Vain

Lyrics & Music: Kimbrough , Zach, Wardell, Keyes

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." There are some blank lines in the lyrics corresponding to rests in the music. A "Chorus" label is placed above the sixth staff, and a "- to verse 2" label is placed below the seventh staff.

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
Chorus
la - bor is not in vain. For I am
- to verse 2
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

(Please pray aloud together.)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Let us pray to the Lord, for the mission of the church,
that in faithful witness
it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth,
we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for the church throughout the world.)

Amen.

For those who do not yet believe and those struggling with their faith:

that they may receive the light of the gospel,
we pray to You, O Lord.

(Please pray silently for those yet to believe.) Amen.

For the peace of the world,
**that a spirit of respect and forbearance
may grow among nations and peoples,
according to Your will,
we pray to You, O Lord.**

(Please pray silently for the world.) Amen.

For the poor, the persecuted, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners,
and all who are in danger;

**that they may be relieved and protected,
we pray to You, O Lord.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.) Amen.

And hear us as we pray as our Savior 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

Psalm 8

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

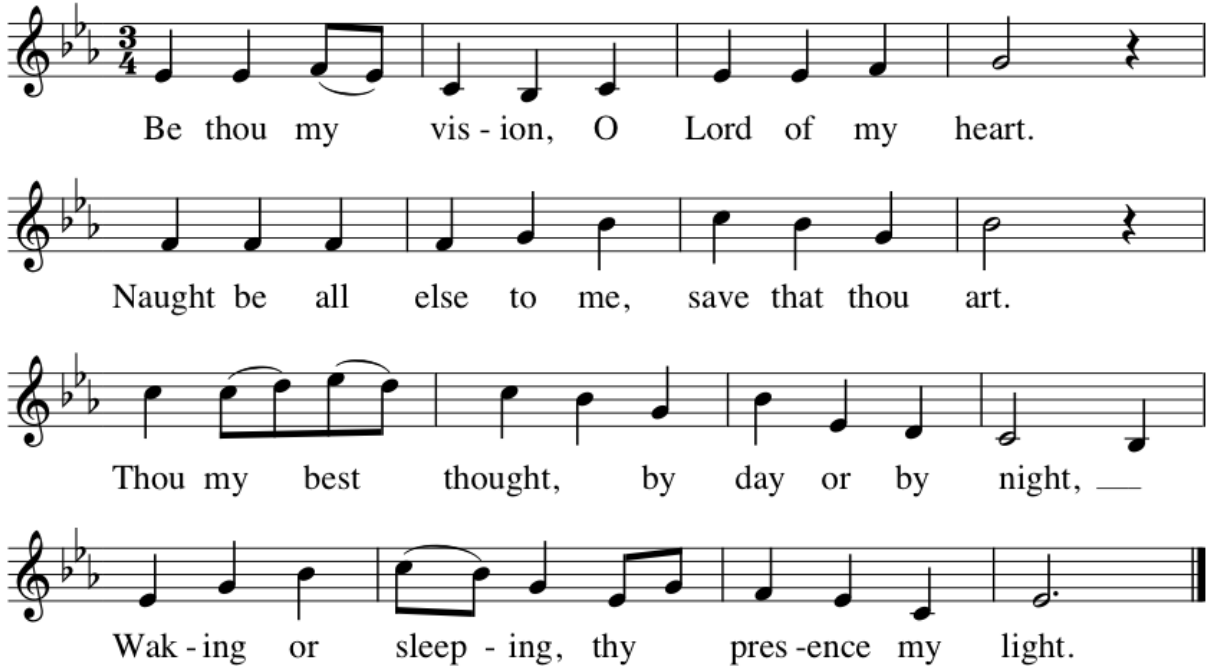
Ephesians 2:4-10

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

Be Thou My Vision

Music & Lyrics: Traditional Irish Hymn



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, —
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou
with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my
delight; Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now
and always: Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:4-17

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dan Smith

The Table

Confession of Faith

--The Heidelberg Catechism, Question #1

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.]

Sursum Corda

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.**

Words of Institution

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 provide individual cups of grape juice and gluten-free wafers in the tray at the front. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup. Children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ nor been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing.]

Father Long Before Creation

Lyrics: Francis Jones; Music: Andrew Osenga

6 1. Fa - ther long be - fore cre - a - tion Thou hast cho sen
10 us in love. And that love so deep, so mov - ing Draws us close to
14 Christ a bove. Still it keeps us, still it keeps us Firm - ly fixed in
Chorus
19 Christ a lone. And the world will sing His love. Yes the world will sing His love. And we'll
21 all join hands eve - ry wo - man eve - ry man to sing His love
to sing His love.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us that His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee we will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb.

Chosen and Sent By The Father

Music: Trad. German Tune; Lyrics: Margaret Clarkson



Cho-sen and sent by the Fa-ther be - fore earth's cre - a - tion.



Christ came from hea-ven in mer-cy to bring us sal - va - tion.



Now he sends you; God's migh - ty plan to pur - sue.



Go in the strength of his Spir - - it.

He conquered death and the grave and our foe is defeated
Now to earth's end must the story of hope be repeated
So He sends you daily His conquest renew
Live in the strength of His Spirit.

He will be in you, before and behind and beside you
All that you need he has pledged by his blood to provide you
Thus he sends you, prove that his promise is true
Strong in the strength of his Spirit.

Savior and Lord of our lives for your call we adore you
All that we are, we would offer in worship before you
Ready to go, ready your fullness to know,
Ready to serve by Your Spirit.

Benediction

Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the front of the nave that you can use as you enter or leave, or as you come to communion. You can also give online at our website www.mpctucson.org.

Email List: Please sign up for our email list on the table in the back. We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you.

Women4Truth Conference: Aimee Byrd speaking at New Valley Church in Chandler, February 23rd. Sign up at www.women4truth.com

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