



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

09.15.2019

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

## Reflection

[He] didn't like that point of view. Again, it wasn't according to his script. It wasn't what he had been taught. According to all his teachers, if a person wasn't healed, it had to be a problem with him, with his faith. Faith, however, is not the focus. The focus is always on Jesus Christ and His will for those who suffer. To possess great faith is to believe in a great Savior, and Scripture welcomes the faith of anyone who believes in Jesus' will to heal.

--Joni Eareckson Tada

# The Word

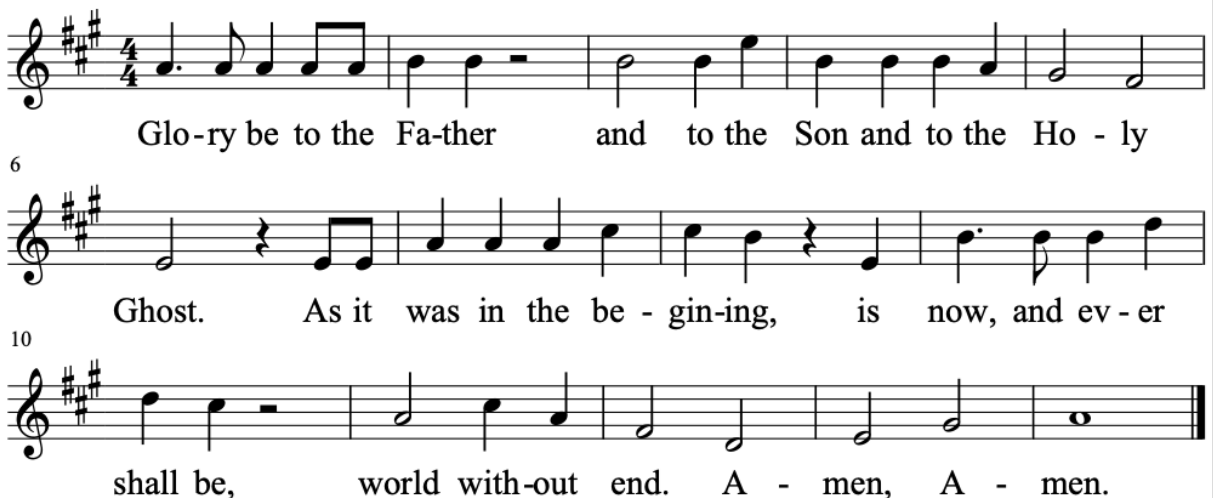
## Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!  
For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## The Gloria Patri

Music: Charles Meineke



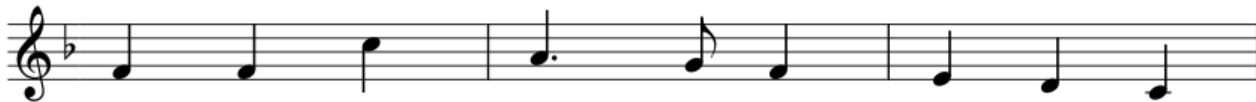
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly  
6 Ghost. As it was in the be - gin-ing, is now, and ev - er  
10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

# 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 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

John 3:19-20

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

## Confession of Sin

[Pray aloud together]

**Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son. And, O most holy and loving Father, help us, we plead with you, to live in your light and walk in your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Music and Lyrics by Stuart Townsend

5 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea -

9 sure, that he should give his on-ly Son to make a wretch his trea -

13 sure. How great the pain of sear-ing loss, the Fa-ther turns his face a -

15 way; as wounds which mar the Cho - sen

One bring ma - ny sons to glo - - ry.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with line numbers 5, 9, 13, and 15 indicating the start of each line of text. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some rests. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ransom.

## **The Prayers of the People**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord, you built your church and promised to dwell with her forever.

**Bless all who guard and feed your sheep, those who shepherd souls, those who care for the poor, those who minister praise, as well as those who teach your Word, that as you are lifted up, men and women will be drawn to you.**

(Please pray silently for the ministry of the church.) Amen.

Lord, likewise, you rule over all the nations of the earth.

**We pray for peace in every corner of the world: in Afghanistan and Syria, as well as every nation where there is suffering, that you will be glorified among the nations.**

(Please pray silently for our world.) Amen.

Lord, you offer comfort to those who are in need.

**We commend to you all who are afflicted: those who are ill, those who suffer in poverty, those who wrestle with all sorts of addictions, as well as those who sorrow, that they will be comforted in their time of tribulation.**

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

Lord, out of the depths of eternity you moved in our history in the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. We pray now in the words he 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**

Isaiah 53:1-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 8:49-56

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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



# Lord I Need You

Music & Lyrics: Carson, Nockels, Maher, Reeves, & Stanfill



Lord, I come, I con - fess. Bow-ing here, I find my



rest. And with-out you, I fall a - part. You're the

## *Chorus*



one that guides my heart. Lord, I need you, Oh, I need you.



Ev - 'ry hour I need you. My one de-fense,



my right - eous-ness, Oh, God, how I need - you.

## *Bridge*



So, teach my song to rise to you, When temp - ta-tion comes my way.



When I can-not stand, I'll fall on you, Je-sus, you're my hope and stay.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.

Where grace is found is where You are.

Where You are, Lord, I am free! Holiness is Christ in me.

## New Testament Reading

### Acts 9:32-43

<sup>32</sup> Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. <sup>33</sup> There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. <sup>34</sup> And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. <sup>35</sup> And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

<sup>36</sup> Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. <sup>42</sup> And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.]

## 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.]

# What Wondrous Love is This

Music & Lyrics: American Folk Hymn

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'What Wondrous Love is This'. It consists of five staves of music in 4/4 time, written in treble clef. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined. The score ends with a double bar line.

What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
soul! What won-dous love is this, O my soul. — What  
won-dous love is this that caused the Lord — of bliss to  
bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my soul, to  
bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on!

# Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Music: Leigh Nash; Lyrics: Charles Wesley



Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove \_ and keeps his courts be - low!



Praise the ho - ly God of love \_ and all his great - ness show!



Praise him for his no - ble deeds! \_ Praise him for his match - less pow'r!



Him from whom all good pro - ceeds, let earth and hea - ven a - dore, let

## *Chorus*



earth and hea - ven a - dore! Praise the name \_ of Christ, cel - e -



brate \_ and lift him up high! Praise the Lord \_ of life!



We'll sing the sto - ry of hon - or and glo - ry and praise the name of Christ.

God in whom they move and live, let every creature sing;  
Glory to their maker give, and homage to their king!  
Hallowed be Thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;  
Praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord,  
Let all things praise the Lord! [Chorus]

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah  
We'll sing the story of honor and glory, and praise the name! [Chorus]

## **Benediction**

# Notes

**Offering:** We have placed an offering box at the back of the sanctuary that you can use as you enter or leave. You can also give online at our website [www.mpctucson.org](http://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.

**Women's Bible Study:** Wednesday @ the Garland's (1324 N Norton Ave) @ 7:00pm. The study will be on the Compassion of Jesus as seen in the Gospels. All women are welcome—contact Julie Garland with questions ([julie.garland@gmail.com](mailto:julie.garland@gmail.com) / 678-849-8401).

**Book Groups:** Men—reading *The Fall* by Camus, meet on 10/8 at 7:00pm at the McReynold's home (4779 E. Avenida del Cazador). Women (men also invited to this one)—reading *Co-Laborers, Co-Heirs*; meet on 10/11 at 7:00pm at Brittany Smith's home (3202 E Pima St.).

**TableTalk:** Dinner and Sermon discussion. First Sundays. October 6 will be the inaugural one. If you want to host that day at your place, let Sara Edgar know ([saraclements54@gmail.com](mailto:saraclements54@gmail.com)). Sign up lists will be available on 9/29.

**Pizza in the Plaza:** We are having a pizza party after church on 9/29 in the outside courtyard at the church. We'll provide the pizza and some drinks. Come and invite people!

**Pastor:** Charles Garland  
**Music Director:** Sarah Lewis  
**RUF Ministers:** Dan & Brittany Smith

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