



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
02.13.2022

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

Fell into a life of crime, a life of misspent youth,
People became my enemies, or something else to use.
All the friends I know are just dying to be living,
A lot of apologies need to be spoken,
A lot of sins need to be forgiven.

Rebel, rogue and infidel, son of man, son of hell,
Bundle of lies and contradictions,
Bad intentions, skewed predilections;
I put my head into the noose, looking and feeling my best,
When will the bottom drop? Well its anybody's guess.

--Bill Mallonee

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 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!

In the Gloria Patri we join our voices with Christians around the world and through the centuries in this ancient (cf. 380 AD) song of praise to the Holy Trinity.

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.

To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: Samuel Stennent

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'To Christ the Lord Let Every Tongue'. It consists of five staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: 'To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, its nob - lest tri - bute'. The second staff continues: 'bring. When he's the sub - ject of the song, who'. The third staff: 'can re - fuse to sing? - Sur - vey the beau - ties'. The fourth staff: 'of his face, and on his glo - ries dwell; - think'. The fifth staff: 'of the won - der of his grace, and all his tri - umphs - tell.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are also rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

To Christ the Lord let ev - ery tongue, its nob - lest tri - bute
bring. When he's the sub - ject of the song, who
can re - fuse to sing? - Sur - vey the beau - ties
of his face, and on his glo - ries dwell; - think
of the won - der of his grace, and all his tri - umphs - tell.

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned upon his awful brow.
His head with radiant glories crowned, his lips with grace overflow.
No mortal can with him compare among the sons of men;
Fairer He is than all the fair that fill the heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress, he fled to my relief.
For me he bore the shameful cross and carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours and guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath and all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death and saves me from the grave
To Heaven the place of His abode he brings my weary feet
Shows me the glories of my God and makes my joy complete

Since from his bounty I receive such proofs of love divine.
Had I a thousand hearts to give, Lord they should all be thine.
A thousand men could not compose a worthy song to bring,
Yet your love is a melody our hearts can't help but sing!

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Isaiah 64:6-7

We have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds
are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities,
like the wind, take us away.

Confession of Sin

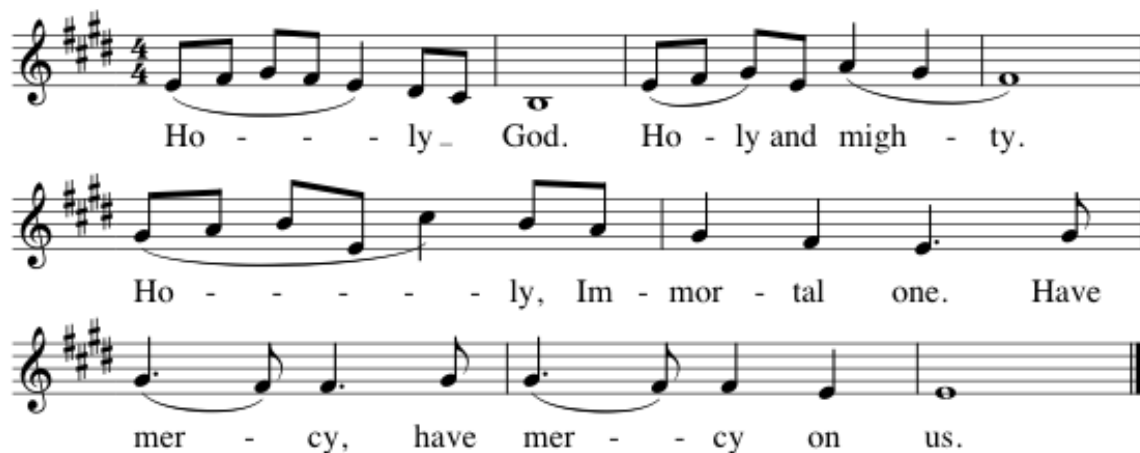
[Pray aloud together.]

Lord, I worry because I forget your wisdom.
I resent because I forget your mercy.
I covet because I forget your beauty.
I sin because I forget your holiness.
I fear because I forget your sovereignty.
You always remember me. Help me to remember you.
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 63:16

You, O Lord, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

His Mercy is More

Lyrics & Music: Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Verse



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
ni - scient, all know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; his

Chorus



mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord, - his mer - cy is more. ____
Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. - Our
sins, they are man - y; his mer - cy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more [Chorus]

What riches of kindness he lavished on us;
His blood was the payment His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more [Chorus]

The Prayers of the People

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Most gracious God, who has promised to reveal
His glory among all nations,

Hear us as we pray for Your church.

Bless all the ministers of Your word

and sacraments and unite all

Christians in the bonds of holy faith,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pray silently for the Church.). Amen.

Lord God of our fathers,

who has promised to take care of our every need,

Give us peaceful times and fruitful seasons.

Grant all in authority over us

wisdom and strength to do Your will

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pray silently for our world.). Amen.

Most merciful Father,

comfort all who believe the good news of Your grace.

We pray for all who are distressed:

the poor,

the homeless,

the sick,

the bereaved,

and those afflicted in body and mind.

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.

**Comfort and relieve them according to Your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Pray silently for all who suffer.). Amen.

And now, as our Savior taught us, let us humbly 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

Isaiah 61:1-4

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Music: William Runyan; Lyrics: Thomas Chisholm



Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fath - er;



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;



Thou chang - est not, thy comp - pas - sions they fail not;



as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid-ed. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Gospel Reading

Mark 2:1-12

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Sermon

Nick Davis

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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.

**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 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 red cups have wine and the grape juice is white/gold.]

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Music: Laura Taylor; Lyrics: John Newton

Let us love and sing _ and won-der, let us praise the Savior's _ name.
He has hushed the law's _ loud thun-der, He has quenched Mount Si -
nai's _ flame. He has washed us with his blood, _ He has
washed us with his blood, _ He has washed us with his blood .
_ He has brought us nigh to God. _

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down.
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood (3x)
soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood (3x)
has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us; now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

All I Have Is Christ

Music & Lyrics: Jordan Kauflin

The image shows a musical score for the song 'All I Have Is Christ'. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system starts with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'I once was lost in dark-est night yet thought I knew the way. The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a re-bel to your will, and if you had not loved me first I would re - fuse you still.' The second system is the chorus, starting with the word 'Chorus' above the first measure. The lyrics are: 'Hal - le - lu - - - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Je - sus is my life!' The score ends with a double bar line.

I once was lost in dark-est night yet thought I knew the
way. The sin that prom - ised joy and life had led me to the
grave. I had no hope that you would own a re-bel to your
will, and if you had not loved me first I would re - fuse you still.

Chorus
Hal - le - lu - - - jah! All I have is
Christ! Hal - le - lu - - - jah! Je - sus is my life!

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
And I beheld God's love displayed: you suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace! [Chorus]

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose
And let my song forever be: my only boast is you. [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. (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.

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.

New Nursery Director Search: We are looking for a new nursery director at Midtown Pres! We are looking for someone who is great with kids, proficient in leading a nursery setting and can provide peace of mind when parents drop off their little ones before the service. Ideally, this is someone you know who is a member of another like-minded church as they will not be able to participate in our service. Commitment is 3 hr/wk and paid. Please email Nick (nick@mpctucson.org) with any leads.

Women’s Bible Study: Begins Wednesday, 2/23 s at 7pm at Nancy Price’s home (6280 N Placita de Luis.). We’ll be studying Philipians this winter. All are welcome!

Men’s Bible Study: Also starts on Wednesday, 2/23. Noah Hamstra (noahhamstra@gmail.com) is the contact person for this.

Women’s Prayer Group: Meeting on the first and third Tuesdays at Shelly Gauger’s (525 S. 4th Avenue) at 1:30 pm.

Monday Soccer: On Hiatus for a few weeks.

Intro to Midtown: Class for people interested in joining Midtown. Grab and read the booklet beforehand. We’ll meet Sunday, 3/13 from 9:00-11:30.

Hootenanny! Music night on the McReynolds patio ([1241 E Sobre Lomas](http://1241E.com)).
March 5th @ 7:00.

Our Refugee Family Has Arrived!

We have finally received our Afghan family! The Jamshidi family has been placed with us. They are a family of 6 and speak Dari, a dialect of Farsi. They are already here in Tucson and awaiting permanent housing, so I will let you know when their apartment becomes available. We may be able to meet them in their temporary housing next week. We are awaiting more information and Julie will let you know when she hears.

Donations for refugee family: We anticipate receiving our Afghan family in February. We are collecting household donations to stock their apartment. Gently used items are welcome, as well as new. Kitchen supplies, towels, sheets, furniture, mattresses are all things they will need. Coats and clothes too, though, of course, we won't know sizes until we receive our family.

The Next Midtown Hike

The eighth hike in the MPC Tucson Hiking Tour will be on Saturday 2/19/22 in Tortolita Mountain (a City of Marana park). We'll meet at 8:45 am at Midtown Presbyterian Church (625 N 2nd Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705) and then be on the road by 9 am. (Please consider wearing a mask while in a vehicle if you carpool with others.) There is no fee at the trailhead. We'll hike the Alamo Springs Trail out and return on the Wild Burro Trail, which is about 8 miles and 1,500 feet of elevation gain. We'll stop at Dove Mountain Brewing Company on the way back. (It's not actually a brewery, but they've got lots of beers on tap and the food is excellent.) Please contact JD Doak at jd.doak0@gmail.com or 530-601-1960 if you have any questions.

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