



**MIDTOWN**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
10.02.2022

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**

Do not think me gentle  
because I speak in praise  
of gentleness, or elegant  
because I honor the grace  
that keeps this world. I am  
a man crude as any,  
gross of speech, intolerant,  
stubborn, angry, full  
of fits and furies. That I  
may have spoken well  
at times, is not natural.  
A wonder is what it is.

--Wendell Berry

# 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 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

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.

# Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Lyrics: James Montgomery; Music: Sandra McCracken

*Chorus*



Hail to the Lord's an - oint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!



Hail in - the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!



His reign on earth be - gun! He comes to break



op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive - free; to take a - way



trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.

He comes, with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for singing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers spring in his path to birth;  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand for ever: his name alone is love.

## Prayer of Invocation



## Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 3:23-24

For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## Abide With Me

Lyrics: Henry Lytle; Music: Justin Smith

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Abide With Me'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven tide; The dark-ness deep-ens; Lord with me a - bide. When o - ther help - ers, fail and com - forts flee. Help of the help - less, a - bide with me.'

A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven tide;  
The dark-ness deep-ens; Lord with me a - bide.  
When o - ther help - ers, fail and com - forts flee.  
Help of the help - less, a - bide with me.

I need Thy presence, every passing hour.

What but Thy grace, can foil the tempter's power?

Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness  
Where is thy sting death? Where grave thy victory?  
I triumph still, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross, before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

## **The Prayers of the People**

[Pray the bold portions aloud together]

[Led by Dave Adams]

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty God who is from everlasting to everlasting, grant us, amid the conflicts of this passing world, the comfort of a perfect trust in you:

**Save and help us, O Lord.**

From pride, selfishness, greed and anger; from passions that lead to war among brothers and sisters in Christ as well as war among nations:

**Save and help us, O Lord.**

Let us pray for peace (silence). Amen.

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.

As you have blessed our nation so richly, we pray for the President and all in authority over us, that they would lead with wisdom and truth:

**Save and help us, O Lord.**

Let us pray for those who lead (silence). Amen.

For all who are afflicted by war within themselves, by the conflicts of doubt, a rebellious will, and the darkness of despair:

**Save and help us, O Lord.**

Let us pray for all who struggle with the gospel (silence). Amen.

For all who suffer: the sick, the poor, and the prisoner, that they would be touched by your compassion in their time of need:

**Save and help us, O Lord.**

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: Alli Hazrati]

Psalm 118:19-27

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**



## New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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



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.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 11:27-12:12

<sup>27</sup> And they came again to Jerusalem. And as he was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to him, <sup>28</sup> and they said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, or who gave you this authority to do them?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question; answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>30</sup> Was the baptism of John from heaven or from man? Answer me." <sup>31</sup> And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" <sup>32</sup> But shall we say, 'From man?'"—they were afraid of the people, for they all held that John really was a prophet. <sup>33</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

12 And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. <sup>2</sup> When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup> And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. <sup>6</sup> He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>7</sup> But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' <sup>8</sup> And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup> What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come

and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup> Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

<sup>11</sup> this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes?”

<sup>12</sup> And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

## Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Question 60

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.

Minister: How are you right with God?

**All: Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. 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.]

# Trinity Song

Music & Lyrics: Sandra McCracken



Ho - ly - Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it,



Ho - ly Com - mun - ion, Three in One.



Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion,



bind us to - get - her in ho - ly - love.

# They Will Know We Are Christians

Lyrics and Music: Peter Scholtes

5 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
9 Lord; We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the  
13 Lord. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -  
17 Refrain  
17 stored. And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our  
21 love, yes they'll know - we are Chris-tians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

## 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](http://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](mailto:charles@mpctucson.org)) to get on the list.

**Women's Fall Bible Study:** On Seeing Jesus in the Prophets, based on Nancy Guthrie's book. Wednesday nights at 7:00 at [really this time] Shelly Gauger's home ([525 S 4th Ave](#)). The bulk order of books still hasn't come, so just get one on your own, please.

**Refugee Ministry:** Please join us after church next Sunday for a meeting to debrief our experiences with the Jamshidis and discuss plans and needs for sponsoring another family. For questions or comments, please talk to Stephanie Bowyer.

**RUF Fall Conference:** Pray for our students and Matt & Sarah this weekend as they travel West to the RUF fall conference.

**Pastor:** Charles Garland  
**Music Director:** Sarah Lewis  
**Nursery Director:** Sami Byker  
**Church Planting Resident:** Nick Davis  
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