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*Palm Sunday* 

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April 5, 2020

# Welcome to Midtown's Online Worship Service!

## A Message From the Pastor

Welcome to Midtown Community Church. Wherever you are worshiping from geographically, emotionally, or spiritually, we are glad you can join us as we turn our hearts and minds towards God in worship.

## Connect With Us!

If you want to stay connected to Midtown Community Church during this season, we highly recommend joining us on our instant messaging platform, [Slack](#). This is a great place to chat with other people, share prayer requests, find resources and receive updates about the life of our church. Slack is definitely the place to be on Sunday mornings during the broadcast of our online worship service! Just follow this link: [Join Midtown on Slack](#).

Midtown Community Church now also has an online meeting platform called [Zoom](#). Zoom is great for Community Groups, Bible Studies and virtual socials! If you need to schedule a meeting with a group of people within the church, reach out to our administrator, Erin Wright, and she would be glad to schedule a meeting for you. Erin: [erin@midtown-church.org](mailto:erin@midtown-church.org).

## Find Us Online



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# Call to Worship

## Based on Psalm 118

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: Out of our distress We called on the LORD;  
the LORD answered us and set us free.

**All: The LORD is on our side; We will not fear.  
What can man do to us?**

Leader: The LORD is on our side as our helper;  
We shall look in triumph on those who hate us.

**All: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.**

Leader: It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

**All: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

# Song of Adoration

## Hosanna

I see the King of glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes  
The whole earth shakes  
I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing

(chorus)

Hosanna Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith  
I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees  
We're on our knees

(chorus)

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love  
Like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am  
For Your kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

(chorus)

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How Deep the Father's Love for Us  
How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

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 powr's, 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

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# Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## [Midtown News](#)

Please see details on pages 10 and 11 of the bulletin.

## Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Lindsey Williams

## Scripture Reading

[John 18:28-40](#)

# Sermon

## Personal Truth

Reverend Duane Davis

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# Sermon Outline

## Personal Truth

[John 18:28-40](#)

I. Malleable Truth?

II. Precise Truth?

III. Personal Truth

# Song of Response

## Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

(chorus)  
Christ alone, cornerstone  
Weak made strong in the Savior's love  
Through the storm He is Lord  
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil (chorus)

When He shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh may I then in Him be found  
Dressed in His righteousness alone  
Faultless stand before the throne (chorus)

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# Benediction

# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 4.5.2020	Cary Community Group Women's Online Social	4:30pm   Zoom
Sunday 4.5.2020	Midtown Youth Online Meeting	6:30pm   Zoom
Sunday 4.5.2020	Durant Trails Community Group Online Meeting	8pm   Zoom
Monday 4.6.2020	Online Staff Meeting	8pm   Zoom
Tuesday 4.7.2020	Apex Community Group Online Meeting	6:30pm   Zoom
Tuesday 4.7.2020	Women's Bible Study Online Social	8-9:30pm   Zoom
Wednesday 4.8.2020	North Raleigh Community Group Online Meeting	7pm   Zoom
Wednesday 4.8.2020	Anderson Drive Community Group Online Meeting	7:30pm   Zoom
Wednesday 4.8.2020	Greywinds Community Group Online Meeting	7:30pm   Zoom
Friday 4.10.2020	Online Good Friday Service	12pm   <a href="#">YouTube</a>

## Midtown News

### Good Friday Service: Friday, April 10th at 12pm

Join us for a contemplative Good Friday homily and worship service this Friday at noon. Subscribe here: [Midtown's on YouTube!](#)

### Day of Prayer and Fasting: Friday, April 10th

Our denomination ([PCA](#)) along with the [ACNA](#) and [EPC](#) will join together for a National Day of Prayer and Fasting on Good Friday, April 10th. We encourage everyone in our church and the surrounding community to gather together for this purpose, that we might collectively pray for the healing of our land. For further explanation and resources to help you make the most of this day, please read this article: [A Call for a Day of Prayer and Fasting](#).

### Stimulus Tithe?

In [2 Corinthians 8:4](#), Paul describes how a suffering church "gave according to their means, as I

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can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints". In a few weeks, many of us will receive a stimulus check from the government. For some of you, the right thing to do is to accept and use all of this money because you face an imminent financial loss due to the pandemic. If that is you, receive this check as a gift from the Lord for your provision. For others, God has provided more than sufficiently for your needs. And if that is you, the leadership of Midtown Church encourages you to consider tithing your stimulus money (or consider tithing more than normal) specifically for the purpose of providing relief for the saints, and our community at large, who will be financially impacted during the months ahead. We plan to accept designated gifts from stimulus checks for "Coronavirus Relief" and will seek to use these funds to directly benefit individuals impacted by this virus, as well as to support local agencies who seek to do the same. Please prayerfully consider if this is an opportunity for you to "excel in this grace of giving" ([2 Corinthians 8:6](#)).

### **Pastoral Resources for Covid-19**

Using our Slack messaging platform (see [Connect With Us!](#) for how to join), Pastor Lindsey will periodically provide resources for our consideration as we engage our faith during this particular season. Join the #pastors-resources channel on Slack and feel free to read and comment as you like. Contact Pastor Lindsey at [lindsey@midtown-church.org](mailto:lindsey@midtown-church.org) for more information.

### **Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 17th at 11am**

The Session of Midtown Community Church is calling a brief congregational meeting for Sunday, May 17th, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of holding an election for the office of Elder. The Session recommends that Wally Tinsley be considered for this office of elder. Please read [Wally's bio](#) in order to get to know him and why he feels called to this office. For an understanding of how we raise up elders in our church, please read the following document: [Core Leadership Positions for MCC](#). In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Lindsey at [lindsey@midtown-church.org](mailto:lindsey@midtown-church.org).



Want more information about today's announcements?

Head on over to the website: [midtown-church.org/events](https://midtown-church.org/events)

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