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*We were prepared for everything. But not for candles  
and prayers. • Horst Sindemann*

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July 12, 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

## Taken From Psalm 40

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

**All: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

Leader: Blessed is the one who makes the LORD their trust,  
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!

**All: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

# Song of Adoration

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish - but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Lyrics: Walter Chalmers Smith (1867)

Music: Welsh hymn melody

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# Song of Thanksgiving

## I Will Trust My Saviour Jesus

I will trust my saviour Jesus,  
When my darkest doubts befall  
Trust Him when to simply trust Him  
Seems the hardest thing of all

I will trust my saviour Jesus  
Trust Him when my strength is small  
For I know the shield of Jesus,  
Is the safest place of all

(chorus)

Jesus, only Jesus  
Help me trust you more and more  
Jesus, only Jesus  
May my heart be ever yours

I will trust my saviour Jesus  
He has said His way is best  
And I know the path He's chosen  
Leads to everlasting rest

(chorus)

(bridge)

Oh on that cross, how it was seen  
I can go now ever trusting in the one who  
died for me  
What could I bring, for your gift is complete  
So I trust You, simply trust You, Lord with  
every part of me

(chorus)

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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.

# Sacrament of Baptism

Wylie David Killinger

*Son of Courtney and Catie Killinger*  
(Outdoor Worship Service Only)

## [Midtown News](#)

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

## Congregational Prayer

Reverend Lindsey Williams

## Scripture Reading

[Daniel 6:1-10; 16-23](#)

# Sermon

## Shutting the Mouths of Lions

Reverend Lindsey Williams

# Sermon Outline

## Shutting the Mouths of Lions

[Daniel 6:1-10](#); [16-23](#)



# Song of Response

## God Is For Us

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night (bridge)  
We will walk the valley with You by our side Neither height nor depth can separate us  
You will go before us, You will lead the way Hell and death will not defeat us  
We have found a refuge, only You can save He who gave His son to free us  
Holds me in His love

(chorus)

Sing with joy now: our God is for us (chorus)  
The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress  
Raise your voice now, no love is greater  
Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall  
Even when I turn back, still Your love is sure  
You will not abandon, You will not forsake  
You will cheer me onward with never-ending grace

(chorus)

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# Benediction

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# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Tuesday 7.14.2020	Apex Community Group Online Meeting	6:30pm   Zoom
Tuesday 7.14.2020	Church-Wide Book Club: Women's Week	8pm   Williams' Backyard

## Midtown News

### Church-Wide Book Club: Tuesday, July 14th at 8pm

#### *Women's Week*

The women's group will discuss chapters 3, 4 and 5 this coming Tuesday, July 14th. Meeting location is the Williams' backyard (2417 Basil Drive, Raleigh), with a Zoom option available. It's not too late to join! Contact [Sarah Mehalic](#) (women) or [Pastor Lindsey](#) (men) if you are interested. For a sneak peak of the first two chapters, please see here: [The Color of Compromise Sneak Peak](#).

### Ladies Ladder Interest?

Even though social interaction continues to look different, the WST has decided to re-institute the Ladies Ladder as a way to allow Midtown women to safely connect and interact with each other. Each month you will be assigned one woman to meet with, and you and that person can choose whatever way you feel comfortable to meet (walk, coffee, phone call, Zoom, etc). If you are interested in being a part of the Ladies Ladder, please let [Karen Howell](#) know, as she has graciously offered to assist in organizing this over the summer.

### July Prayer Calendar

In case you missed this month's prayer calendar, you can find it here: [Midtown July Prayer Calendar](#). If you have suggestions for our next prayer calendar, please send them to [Erin Wright](#).

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## Pastor's Resources

Pastor Lindsey continues to post spiritual resources during this season on the Midtown slack channel. In our sermon series on the book of Daniel, one of the major topics has been that of idolatry. Check out this article recommended by Pastor Lindsey on what idols of the heart are, and how to address them in our lives: [Idols of the Heart and "Vanity Fair"](#). Contact [Pastor Lindsey](#) for more information.

## House Church Host Sites

Midtown Church has moved into the "house church" phase of corporate worship, during which we will gather in homes/backyards to watch the online service in a manner that is consistent with phase 2 guidelines issued by Gov. Cooper (Please see Pastor Lindsey's recent email for the details of this). The current host sites are listed below and are open to a limited number of people. We'll keep you updated each week as this list fluctuates. If you would like to worship in-person with other Midtowners, please reach out to the host to see if they have space available. If you would like to serve as a future host site, reach out to [Pastor Lindsey](#) for details.

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Want more information about today's announcements?

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

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