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*Fairy tales do not tell children that dragons exist. Children already know that dragons exist. Fairy tales tell children that dragons can be killed. • GK Chesteron*

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July 19, 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 57

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.  
He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me;  
God sends his love and his faithfulness.

**All: I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts -  
men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.**

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.  
They spread a net for my feet - I was bowed down in distress.  
They dug a pit in my path - but they have fallen into it themselves.

**All: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and make music. Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre!  
I will awaken the dawn.**

Leader: I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples.

# Song of Adoration

## Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious to the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His wond'ring eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole; that wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou has died for me;  
Thy praise shall never never fail  
Throughout eternity.

Words: Matthew Bridges, sts. 1, 3, 4, 5 (1851) and  
Godfrey Thring, st. 2 (1871)  
Music: George Elvey (1868)  
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# Song of Thanksgiving

## Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is "Love,"  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me.  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb!  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die:  
my soul is purchased by His blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Words: Charitie Lees Bancroft (1863)

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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 10-11 of the bulletin.

## Congregational Prayer

Reverend Lindsey Williams

## Scripture Reading

[Daniel 7:1-14](#)

# Sermon

## Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Reverend Lindsey Williams

# Sermon Outline

## **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them**

[Daniel 7:1-14](#)

# Song of Response

## Our God

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

(chorus)

Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer  
Awesome in power our God our God

(bridge)

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against

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# Benediction

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# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Tuesday 7.21.2020	Church-Wide Book Club: Men's Week	8pm   Williams' Backyard

## Midtown News

### Church-Wide Book Club: Tuesday, July 21st at 8pm

#### *Men's Week*

The men's group will discuss chapters 6, 7 and 8 this coming Tuesday, July 21st. 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](#).

#### 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

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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://midtown-church.org/events)

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