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*Psalm 37:8-11*

*<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!*

*Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.*

*<sup>9</sup> For the evildoers shall be cut off,*

*but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.*

*<sup>10</sup> In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;*

*though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.*

*<sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land*

*and delight themselves in abundant peace.*

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July 26, 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).

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# Call to Worship

## 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

**All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty.**

Leader: For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.  
Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

**All: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.  
In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.**

Leader: And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

# Song of Adoration

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A Bulwark never failing;  
Our Helper He amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient Foe  
Doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing;  
Dost ask who that may be:  
Christ Jesus it is He;  
Lord Sabbaoth His name,  
From age to age the same,  
And He must win the battle.

Words and Music: Martin Luther (1529)  
Translator: Frederick H. Hedge (1852)  
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And though this world with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed,  
His truth to triumph through us  
The Prince of Darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly pow'r,  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever!

# Song of Thanksgiving

## Lead Me to the Cross

Savior I come  
Quiet my soul, remember  
Redemptions hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom  
Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as lost

(chorus)

Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Lead me  
Lead me to the cross

You were as I  
Tempted and tried, human  
The word became flesh  
Bore my sin and death  
Now You're risen  
Everything I once held dear  
I count it all as lost (chorus)

(bridge)

To your heart  
To your heart  
Lead me to your heart  
Lead me to your heart

(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.

## [Midtown News](#)

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

## Congregational Prayer

Reverend Lindsey Williams

## Scripture Reading

[Daniel 8](#)

# Sermon

## Count on God

Reverend Chuck Askew

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# Sermon Notes

## Count on God

[Daniel 8](#)

# Song of Response

## There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains,  
Lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day;  
And there have I, though vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away:  
Washed all my sins away,  
Washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, though vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away.

Words: William Cowper (1772)  
Music: Early American Melody

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more:  
Be saved, to sin no more,  
Be saved, to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed Church of God  
Be saved, to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Thy flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die,  
And shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

# Benediction

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# This Week at Midtown

| DATE              | EVENT                               | TIME & PLACE             |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday 7.27.2020  | Elder Meeting                       | 7:30pm   Zoom            |
| Tuesday 7.28.2020 | Church-Wide Book Club: Women's Week | 8pm   Williams' Backyard |

## Midtown News

### Church-Wide Book Club: Tuesday, July 28th at 8pm

#### *Women's Week*

The women's group will discuss chapters 6, 7 and 8 this coming Tuesday, July 28th. 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

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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.



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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