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*The church is the only body on earth that confesses sins. Where the confession of sin dies out, the church is no longer church. • Herman Veldkamp*

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August 2, 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 103

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;**

Leader: Who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases;

**All: Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.

**All: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

# Song of Adoration

## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all;  
hail Him who saves you by His grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to Him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown Him Lord of all;  
to Him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at His feet may fall;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all;  
we'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

Words: Edward Perronet (1780)

Tune: Coronation - Oliver Holden (1793)

# Song of Thanksgiving

## Abide With Me

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head, in early youth didst smile;  
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left Thee,  
On to the close Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence, ev'ry 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.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1847) - Verses 1, 3, 4

Words: Justin Smith - Verses 2 & 5

Music: Justin Smith | © 2007 Justin Smith Music

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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 9:1-23](#)

# Sermon

## You Had Me at Hello

Reverend Lindsey Williams

# Sermon Notes

## You Had Me at Hello

[Daniel 9:1-23](#)

# Song of Response

## Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all."

(refrain)

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone. (refrain)

For nothing good have I  
Where-by Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (refrain)

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
I'll lay my trophies down,  
All down at Jesus' feet. (refrain)

Words: Elvina M. Hall (1865)  
Music: John Thomas Grape (1868)  
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# Benediction

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# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Tuesday 8.4.2020	Church-Wide Book Club: Men's Week	8pm   Williams' Backyard

## Midtown News

### OUTDOOR Congregational Meeting: Sunday, August 16th

#### Directly Following Worship Service

Our long-awaited congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 16th, directly following the worship service. Voting will be done digitally and, **per PCA rules, only Midtown Community Church members in attendance may vote.**

The Session of Midtown Community Church is calling a brief congregational meeting in the near future - most likely this summer - for the purpose of holding an election for the offices of Deacon and Elder. The Session recommends that Rand Williams and Adam Wright be considered for the office of Deacon, as well as continue to recommend Wally Tinsley be considered for the office of Elder. Please read Rand, Adam and Wally's bios below in order to get to know them and why they feel called to each respective office.

- Office of Deacon: [Rand Williams Testimony & Call](#)
- Office of Deacon: [Adam Wright Testimony & Call](#)
- Office of Elder: [Wally Tinsley Testimony & Call](#)

For an understanding of how we raise up deacons and 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).

### Church-Wide Book Club: Tuesday, August 4th at 8pm

#### *Men's Week*

The men's group will discuss chapters 9, 10 and 11 this coming Tuesday, August 4th. Meeting location is the Williams' backyard (2417 Basil Drive, Raleigh), with a Zoom option available. It's

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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](#).

### **Women's Hangout: Saturday, August 15th at 9:30am**

The Women's Shepherding Team is planning a get-together for all the Midtown ladies on Saturday, August 15th. We will meet on the Ridge Road Lawn and ask that you bring your own chair, food, coffee, etc. Please contact the Women's Shepherding Team at [womensshepherding@midtown-church.org](mailto:womensshepherding@midtown-church.org) for more information.

### **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.

### **August Prayer Calendar**

In case you missed this month's prayer calendar, you can find it here: [Midtown August 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 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://www.midtown-church.org/events)

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of **drawing** people into community, **growing**  
as an authentic worshipping community,  
and **sending** them out to renew and create  
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