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*In spite of present circumstances, God is in control  
and will win the day. • Tremper Longman*

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August 16, 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 5

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.  
Hear my cry for help, my King and my God.

**All: For you are not a God who takes pleasure in evil;  
with you the wicked cannot dwell.  
But I, by your great mercy, can come into your house.**

Leader: Let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy!

**All: Shelter them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.**

# Song of Adoration

## All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou, burning sun with golden beam  
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Then who shall fall on bended knee?  
All creatures of our God and King  
O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1225) | tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623 | arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

# Song of Thanksgiving

## 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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# 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 11:1-6, 29-35](#)

# Sermon

## **Living Above the Sun**

Reverend Lindsey Williams

# Sermon Notes

## Living Above the Sun

[Daniel 11:1-6, 29-35](#)



# Song of Response

## Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
And great are You, Lord

(chorus)

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

(bridge)

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord (repeat)

(chorus)

Words & Music: David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan

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# Benediction

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# This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 8.16.2020	Congregational Meeting	10:15am   Ridge Road Lawn
Friday 8.21.2020	Midtown Youth Outdoor Movie Night	7:45pm   Ridge Road Lawn

## Midtown News

### OUTDOOR Congregational Meeting: **TODAY**

#### 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).

### 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](#).

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### **Midtown Youth Outdoor Movie Night: Friday, August 21st at 7:45pm**

Midtown Youth will kick off their fall season with an outdoor movie night this Friday! Students are asked to bring lawn chairs and are welcome to bring their friends! Contact Kyle Doss at [kyle@midtown-church.org](mailto:kyle@midtown-church.org) for more information.

### **Women's Hangout: RESCHEDULED to Saturday, August 29th at 9:30am**

Due to inclement weather, the women's hangout has been rescheduled to Saturday, August 29th. Ladies, please join us on the Ridge Road Lawn for a time of fellowship, catching up and discussing the fall. We do 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.

### **Pastor's Resources**

[Are We Held Accountable for the Sins of Our Forefathers?](#) by Kyle Dillon

In our Daniel sermon series, we looked at the concept of corporate confession & generational sin in chapter nine. Linked above is a great article discussing the theology behind this concept. Additionally, our own denomination (PCA) provided an example of corporate confession in relation to the sin of racism back in 2016. You can see the statement of confession here: [Overture 55, "Confession of the Sin of Racism, and Commitment to Christian Unity"](#). Contact Pastor Lindsey at [lindsey@midtown-church.org](mailto:lindsey@midtown-church.org) 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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