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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.

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Call to Worship

Take from Isaiah 12

Elder Wally Tinsley

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord. Though you were angry with us,
your anger has been turned away, and you have comforted us.

**All: The Lord is our strength and our song; he has become our salvation.
We will trust and not be afraid. With joy we will draw water from the
wells of salvation.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations
what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

**All: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known
in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great
in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

Song of Adoration

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My gracious, omnipotent hand."

In every condition, in sickness, in health;
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As thy days may demand, shall thy strength ever be.

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go,
The rivers of grief shall not thee overflow.
For He will be with thee, in trouble to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

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Song of Thanksgiving

I Will Trust My Savior 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)

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

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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

Elder Wally Tinsley

Scripture Reading

[1 Peter 2:9-12](#)

Homily

The Riches of Christ Enable Grace Under Fire

Elder Warren Wright

Homily Notes

The Riches of Christ Enable Grace Under Fire

[1 Peter 2:9-12](#)

Sacrament of Communion

Reverend Duane Davis

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Song of Response

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

(refrain)

It is well (It is well)
With my soul (With my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. (refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul. (refrain)

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Benediction

Reverend Duane Davis

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This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 8:30:2020	Midtown Studentsf Meeting	6:30pm Ridge Road Campus

Midtown News

Communion: Beginning TODAY, Sunday, August 30th

After months of not partaking of the Lord's Supper together, we will reinstate Communion during today's service. Individual, prepackaged and sealed cups of juice, with a wafer included, will be used for the foreseeable future and proper precautions will be followed in distributing them to congregation. Should you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org.

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 for more information.

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Women's Fellowship Need

The Women's Shepherding Team is looking for a lady or two who would be interested in helping plan social events for the women of Midtown. While this will look different during the season we're in, we are confident there are still many options available. If you feel lead to this, or know someone you think would be great at it, please contact the Women's Shepherding Team at womensshepherding@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](#).



Want more information about today's announcements?

Head on over to the website: midtown-church.org/events

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