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*Christianity has not been tried and found wanting.
It has been found difficult and left untried. • GK
Chesteron*

September 6, 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.

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Call to Worship

Taken from Psalm 46

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Leader: though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**All: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns. "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

All: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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) | Godfrey
Thring, st. 2 (1871)

Music: George Elvey (1868)

Song of Thanksgiving

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powr's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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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.

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Scripture Reading

[James 1:1-4](#)

Sermon

Joy and Pain

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Sermon Notes

Joy and Pain

[James 1:1-4](#)

Song of Response

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

(chorus)

I am bound / I am bound
I am bound / I am bound
I am bound for promised land,
I am bound / I am bound
I am bound / I am bound
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more. (chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest? (chorus)

Words: Samuel Stennett (1787)

Music: Christopher Miner

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Benediction

This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Monday 9.7.2020	Midtown Students Double CK: Coffee Con Kyle	1-3pm Sola Coffee

Midtown News

September Prayer Calendar

In case you missed this month's prayer calendar, you can find it here: [Midtown September Prayer Calendar](#). If you have suggestions for our next prayer calendar, please send them to [Erin Wright](#).

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.

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 contact [Karen Howell](#).

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.

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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.



Want more information about today's announcements?
Head on over to the website: midtown-church.org/events

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