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The evil habit of seeking 'God-and' effectively prevents us from finding God in full revelation. In the 'and' lies our great woe. If we omit the 'and' we shall soon find God, and in Him we shall find that for which we have all our lives been secretly longing. • A.W. Tozer

September 13, 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

Based on Psalm 111

Reverend Duane Davis

Leader: Praise the LORD! We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart

All: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Leader: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

Leader: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Song of Adoration

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

(chorus)

Bless the Lord oh my soul,

Oh my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

Oh my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes (chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

10,000 Reasons for my heart to find (chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

10,000 Years and then forever more (chorus)

Words & Music: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

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Song of Thanksgiving

From the Depths of Woe

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,

O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,

And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)

What though I wait the live-long night,
And 'til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;

And wait 'til God appeareth
(Wait 'til God appeareth)
And wait 'til God appeareth
(Wait 'til God appeareth)

Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)

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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.

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

Congregational Prayer

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Scripture Reading

[James 1:5-11](#)

Sermon

Wisdom Personified

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Sermon Notes

Wisdom Personified

[James 1:5-11](#)

Song of Response

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art

High King of Heaven, my victory won
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

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Benediction

This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 9.13.2020	Midtown Students Meeting	6:30pm Ridge Road Campus
Monday 9.14.2020	Women's MORNING Prayer Time	6:30am Zoom
Monday 9.14.2020	Women's EVENING Prayer time	8pm Zoom
Monday 9.14.2020	Staff Meeting	7:30pm Williams' Backyard
Tuesday 9.15.2020	Women's Bible Study	8:30am Zoom
Tuesday 9.15.2020	Apex Community Group Kickoff	5:45pm W. & B. Wright Back Deck
Wednesday 9.16.2020	Cameron Village Community Group	8pm R. & K. Williams' Home

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Women's Morning and Evening Prayer: Monday, September 14th at 6:30am and 8pm

Ladies, please join us via Zoom for a sweet time of prayer and fellowship on the morning or evening of Monday, September 14th. Contact Meredith Schauer at WomensShepherding@midtown-church.org for more information.

Midtown 101: October 2nd & 3rd

This gathering is for people who want to know more about our church and/or are interested in becoming a member of Midtown. If you are looking for an opportunity to interact with Midtown leadership and ask questions about the church, join us over this Friday night and Saturday morning. We will meet Fri., Oct. 2nd from 7-9pm and Sat., Oct. 3rd from 9am-12pm. Contact Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org for more information or if you would like to attend.

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](#).

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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.

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. 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](https://www.midtown-church.org/events)

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