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It's supposed to be hard. If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. The 'hard' is what makes it great.

• *Jimmy Dugan in A League Of Their Own*

October 4, 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 119

Reverend Duane Davis

Leader: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

All: Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,

Leader: Blessed are those who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

All: Oh that our ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

Leader: Then we shall not be put to shame, having our eyes fixed on all your commandments.
We will praise you with an upright heart.

Song of Adoration

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of Thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

Words: Samuel Trevor Francis (1834-1925)

Music: Thomas J. Williams (1890)

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread His praise from shore to shore;
how He loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how He watches o'er His loved ones,
died to call them all His own;
how for them He intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to Thee.

Song of Thanksgiving

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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 Duane Davis

Scripture Reading

[James 1:22-27](#)

Sermon Notes

Give Me Liberty

Reverend Lindsey Williams

[James 1:22-27](#)

Ordination & Installation of Officers

Ruling Elder: Wally Tinsley

Deacon: Rand Williams & Adam Wright

Song of Response

All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
All the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

Words & Music: David Leonard and Leslie Jordan
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(chorus)

All will sing out, Hallelujah
We will cry out, Hallelujah

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothing left
Will know that You are holy (chorus)

Shout it
Go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God

We will sing out, Hallelujah
We will cry out, Hallelujah
We will sing out, Hallelujah God

Benediction

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This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Sunday 10.4.2020	Elder & Deacon Ordination	9:15am RRBC
Sunday 10.4.2020	Cary Community Group - WOMENS Meeting	4:30pm Ask Charity Cleary
Sunday 10.4.2020	Ridge Road Community Group	Ask Lindsey
Monday 10.5.2020	Staff Meeting	7:30 Williams Home
Tuesday 10.6.2020	Apex Community Group	5:45pm W. & B. Wright Back Deck
Tuesday 10.6.2020	Midtown Men's Mutual Benefit Society	7pm Lynwood Brewing Concern
Wednesday 10.7.2020	Midtown Students: Double C K	2pm Sola Coffee
Wednesday 10.7.2020	North Raleigh Community Group	7pm Merritts' Home
Wednesday 10.7.2020	Cameron Village Community Group	8pm R. & K. Williams' Home
Thursday 10.8.2020	Men's Cornhole Tournament	7pm Ask Matt Watts
Thursday 10.8.2020	Durant Trails Community Group - MENS Meeting	7:30pm Watt's Home

Midtown News

Midtown Men's Mutual Benefit Society: Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm

Midtown Men's Mutual Benefit Society will meet every other Tuesday this fall from 7-11pm at Lynwood Brewing Concern (1053 E Whitaker Mill Rd). These largely informal gatherings have been designed to give guys an opportunity to catch up, meet new people, and encourage one another. Come when you can, and stay as long as you'd like. Our first meeting will take place this Tuesday, October 6th. Email Duane at duane@midtown-church.org for more information.

Midtown Students Double C K: Wednesday, October 7th at 2pm

Midtown Students will enjoy a cup of joe, or tea or whatever else they desire from the menu, with Youth Director Kyle Doss at Sola Coffee on October 7th. Students are welcome to bring homework or just hang out. If you'd like to know more about our youth program, or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Kyle at kyle@midtown-church.org.

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Men's World Cup Cornhole Tournament: Continues October 8 at 7pm

Looking for a chance to connect socially with other men while enjoying some friendly competition? Join us for a multi-week cornhole tournament taking place in small groups (max of eight people) all over the Raleigh area beginning Thursday, October 1st. No prior experience is required, and this is a great opportunity to include a friend from outside of our church. We will adhere to all current NC Covid-19 restrictions. REGISTER HERE: [Cornhole Signup](#). **Deadline to register is October 5th.** If you are interested in serving as a "host site" or have further questions, reach out to Matt Watts at mowatts@gmail.com.

Men's Lunch Ladder: Beginning in October

Would you like to have an opportunity to connect with another man at Midtown Community Church? Fill out the survey below, and Midtown will pair you up with a different guy each month. You can decide how you want to connect, whether it be over coffee, lunch, beer or a sporting activity, etc. SIGNUP HERE: [Men's Lunch Ladder Sign-Up](#). If you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to James Stephens at jestephensnc@gmail.com.

SPROUTS Children's Ministry Seeking Volunteers

Sprouts is looking for some volunteers to help organize, clean, and decorate (anyone have hidden art skills?) the new children's building, which was previously a preschool. If you have any interest or questions please contact Charity Cleary at charity@midtown-church.org, or Laura Bullard at admin@midtown-church.org.

October Prayer Calendar

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



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

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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.

Pastor's Resources

[Prioritize Church, Even When There's No Childcare](#) by Kirsten Black

Whether or not you are a parent, this article is applicable to the season we find ourselves in. It is a joy to see all the children at our outdoor services and I hope more of you will join us as time goes on. Contact Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org for more information.

Women's Fall Bible Study

The women of Midtown Community Church are studying Jen Wilkin's new study on the book of Psalms. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Katherine Williams at womensshepherding@midtown-church.org.

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