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What the world does not see is that love that truly loves is willing to bind itself, is willing to promise, willingly and gladly obligates itself so that the other may stand securely in that love.

• *Dale Ralph Davis*

August 1, 2021

Welcome to Midtown's Worship Service!

A Message From the Pastor

Welcome to Midtown Community Church. Wherever you are worshipping from geographically, emotionally, or spiritually, we are glad you can join us as we turn our hearts and minds towards God in worship.

Connect and Prayer Card

New to Midtown? Need Prayer? We'd love to hear from you! Our QR code will bring you to our [Connect & Prayer Card Form](#). To scan, simply open the camera app or download a QR scanner onto your phone and hover over the QR barcode. If you have any additional questions or need assistance, please contact Erin Wright at erin@midtown-church.org.



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Call to Worship

From Psalm 103

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**All: as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting
to everlasting on those who fear him.

**All: Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The word "catholic" refers not to the Roman Catholic Church, but to the universal, or "catholic", church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Adoration

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is your faithfulness oh God
You wrestle with the sinners heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(chorus)

So remember your people
Remember your children
Remember your promise
Oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of your salvation
And all your people sing along

(chorus)

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Song of Thanksgiving

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
A Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient Foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side,
The Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be:
Christ Jesus it is He;
Lord Sabbaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed,
His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly pow'r,
No thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!

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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 11-13 of the bulletin.

Congregational Prayer

Elder Jayson Cleary

Scripture Reading

Nick Gibson

[2 Samuel 9](#)

Sermon

Cultivating Kindness

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Sermon Outline

Cultivating Kindness

[2 Samuel 9](#)

I. The Need for Kindness

II. How to Cultivate Kindness

A. The Courage to Receive

B. The Courage to Commit

C. The Courage to Lavish

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Song of Response

Jesus Cast a Look on Me

Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!
And hosannas ever cry!

Words: John Berridge
Music: Matthew Perryman Jones
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Benediction

This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
Wednesday 8.4.2021	Summer Book Club	7:30pm Pastor Lindsey's Backyard

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MIDTOWN SPROUTS

Location for August 1ST - TODAY!

The AC is fixed and Midtown Sprouts is back in the preschool building!

Volunteer Survey - We Need 25 More Teachers!!

Midtown Sprouts & Kids will return to its full strength on September 12th! We will serve Midtown's children from birth through 5th grade and are eager to build our team of teachers. Click here: [Volunteer Survey](#) or use the QR code below to complete the survey. ***We request that all members complete the survey by today, August 1st. If you are not a member, but are interested in teaching, please contact Sarah Breazeale at sarah@midtown-church.org.***



We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are desperately needed for August 8, 22 and 29 for our walking 1s & 2s class. Contact Sarah Breazeale at sarah@midtown-church.org, use the [Volunteer Sign-Up](#) or QR code below to sign up for a spot. Thank you!



Back to School Movie Night - September 10TH

Save the date! Midtown Sprouts & Kids will be hosting a family movie night on Friday, September 10th. The final question of the [Volunteer Survey](#) allows you to vote for the movie your family would most like to watch. Vote today!

MIDTOWN 101: August 13TH & 14TH

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. Contact Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org for more information or if you would like to attend. We will meet Friday, August 13th from 7-9PM and Saturday, August 14th from 9AM-12PM.

MIDTOWN WOMEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT: August 14TH • 7:45PM

Save the date! Midtown's women will gather for their next social event in the Lake Boone Shopping Center Courtyard (behind Guasaca) on Saturday, August 14th. The courtyard offers food from a variety of restaurants, ice cream from Two Roosters, and fun drinks from Bottle Revolution. It will be a casual event, so just bring yourself for a great time! Contact Catie Killinger and Katherine Dysart at womensministry@midtown-church.org with questions.

YOUTH DIRECTOR OPENING

We are looking to hire a new youth director to work with our growing youth ministry (grades 6th-12th) at Midtown Community Church. This is a great opportunity for someone who loves teenagers and/or feels a potential call to long-term ministry down the road. This is a part-time paid position. If you, or someone you know, is interested in this position, please send all inquiries to Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org.

DEACON NOMINATIONS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1ST

For the month of September, we will receive nominations for the office of deacon at Midtown Community Church. As a quick refresher, Deacons are the chief servants of the church who are responsible for oversight of finances, mercy, and the church building primarily through the ministry of deed and prayer ([Acts 6:1-7](#) & [1 Timothy 3:8-13](#)). We will provide more details on the nomination process as we get closer to September 1st, but for now, we encourage you to

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begin praying about whom you might consider nominating for deacon. For more details on the officers of the church and the nomination process, please see the document linked here: [Core Leadership Positions for MCC](#).

SABBATICAL FOR DEACON SETH PETERSON

The Session (elders) of Midtown Community Church have granted Seth Peterson a one-year sabbatical from his role as a deacon at the church beginning August 1st. For those who are newer to the church, Seth is our longest standing officer at Midtown, having served as a deacon since 2015. His sabbatical is well-deserved and much needed. Broadly speaking, we hope this continues to set a precedent of caring for the overall health of our church leaders. The Petersons aren't going anywhere, but let's make sure to pray for them during this season of rest from his official duties as deacon.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT STRUGGLING FAMILIES IN THE RALEIGH AREA?

If you have a desire for you or your family to be a blessing to struggling families in the Raleigh area, we have just learned about an awesome ministry that could be a perfect opportunity to leverage our resources for the greater good. It's called [Safe Families for Children](#); to learn more, watch this video: [Re-Thinking Foster Care](#). If you are interested in this opportunity for yourself or our church, please reach out to Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org.

PASTORAL RESOURCE: SUNDAYS MATTER

As we start to get on the other side of the pandemic, some of us find ourselves wrestling with what it means to "do church". Pastor Lindsey found this article to be an insightful consideration: [Sunday Mornings at the #Church of Instagram](#).



Want more information about today's announcements?

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

Serving at Midtown

If you are interested in serving, please contact erin@midtown-church.org.

Week of August 1st

AV Team

Tim Dement
Brian Neal

Greeters

Coming Soon

Coffee

Coming Soon

Worship Leader

Jason Harrod:
vocals, guitar, harmonica

Worship Team

Mike Harrigan: electric guitar
Steven Hillerman: piano
Andrew Perry: cajon
Mike Reese: bass guitar



Point Person

Coming in September

ACORNS

Nursery

Coming in September

RAINDROPS

Walkers - 2s

Heather Steele
Kara Williams

SUNSHINE

3s and 4s

Taylor & Kayla Beucke

SEEDLINGS

4s and Kindergarten

Coming in September

OAKS

1st-5th Grade

Coming in September

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Katherine Williams

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of **drawing** people into community, **growing**
as an authentic worshipping community,
and **sending** them out to renew and create
communities locally and globally.



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