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We tend to project our natural expectations about who God is onto him instead of fighting to let the Bible surprise us into what God himself says.

• *Dane Ortland, Gentle & Lowly*

August 15, 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

Adapted from Psalm 51

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.

All: Wash away all our transgressions, and our sin is always before us.

Leader: Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

**All: Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean, wash us,
and we will be whiter than snow.**

Leader: Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

All: Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

Leader: Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.

**All: Restore unto us the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit,
to sustain us.**

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

All Things New

Come broken and weary
Come battered and bruised
My Jesus makes all things new
All things new

Come lost and abandoned
Come blown by the wind
He'll bring you back home again
Home again

(chorus)

Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake,
The light of the dawn is upon you
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake,
He makes all things new
(All things new)

Words & Music: Andrew Peterson, Ben Shive, and
Andy Gullahorn

Come burning with shame
Come frozen with guilt
My Jesus, he loves you still
Loves you still
(chorus)

(bridge)

The world was good, the world is fallen
The world will be redeemed
The world was good, the world is fallen
The world will be redeemed

So hold on to the promise
The stories are true
That Jesus makes all things new
All things new
(chorus)

Song of Thanksgiving

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom; My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine; Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken; For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing; For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me; Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome; Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven; The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon; And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free; Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus; For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me; Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat; Yet not I but through Christ in me

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat; Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me; Yet not I but through Christ in me

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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 Wally Tinsley

Scripture Reading

Julie Davis

[2 Samuel 12:1-15](#)

Sermon

What to Do in Case of Implosion

Reverend Lindsey Williams

Sermon Outline

What to Do in Case of Implosion

[2 Samuel 12:1-15](#)

I. How to Prepare for Implosions:

A. Step One: Anticipate Implosions

B. Step Two: Expect Grace

C. Step Three: Own Sin

Song of Response

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

(refrain)

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.

(refrain)

When from my dying bed, My ransomed soul shall rise
"Jesus died my soul to save", Shall rend the vaulted skies.

(refrain)

And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
I'll lay my trophies down, All down at Jesus' feet.

(refrain)

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Benediction

This Week at Midtown

DATE	EVENT	TIME & PLACE
8/15/21 - 8/21/21	It's a quiet week at Midtown.	

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MIDTOWN SPROUTS

Today at Sprouts

This Sunday we have a classroom open for walking one-year-olds and two-year-olds and a second classroom for 3 and 4-year-olds.

We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are needed for August 22nd, 29th and September 5th for our walking 1's & 2's class. Contact Sarah Breazeale at sarah@midtown-church.org, use the [Volunteer Sign-Up](#) or the accompanying QR code to sign up for a spot. Thank you!



Back to School Movie Night: September 10TH at 6:00PM

Midtown Sprouts & Kids will host a family movie night on Friday, September 10th. Please join us for pizza, popcorn, drinks, and fun! We will accept donations to offset the cost of the pizza.

Fall Volunteer Training

Sunday, August 22nd at 9:15AM – Training for Midtown Kids and Sprouts Acorns Teachers

Sunday, August 29th at 9:15AM – Training for Sprouts Sunshine and Oaks Teachers

Fall Classes for Children's Ministry

Starting September 12th, Children's Ministry will have four classes to serve our Midtown children

who are 9-months through 5th grade.

CLASS	AGE/ GRADE	LOCATION
Sprouts Acorns	9-24 months	Room 5
Sprouts Sunshine	2 & 3-year-olds	Room 1
Sprouts Oaks	4-year-olds – 1 st Graders	Room 2
Midtown Kids	2 nd -5 th Graders	Room 4

Volunteer Survey

We currently have enough volunteers to staff our four classrooms, but we need additional volunteers to serve as substitute teachers and/or 5th Sunday-of-the-month teachers. We could also use a few more once-a-month teachers. Click here: [Volunteer Survey](#) or use the QR code to complete the survey. ***We ask that all members complete the survey as soon as possible.***



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 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

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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.

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](#).

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.

FREE COPIES OF GENTLE & LOWLY IN THE FOYER

Crossway Publishers has given Midtown Community Church 150 free copies of the book [Gentle & Lowly](#) by Dane Ortland. The Gospel Coalition named it one of the best books of 2020, and the staff of Midtown has been reading through it this year. Feel free to pick up a free copy in the foyer (by the front doors to the sanctuary). Our encouragement is that you consider reading and discussing this book with one or two other people at Midtown Church this fall. If you need ideas, please reach out to Pastor Lindsey at lindsey@midtown-church.org.

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.



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 15th

AV Team

Jayson Cleary

Mike Reese

Welcome Team

Coming Soon

Worship Leader

Jason Harrod: vocals, guitar

Worship Team

Steven Hillerman: piano

Andrew Perry: cajon

Kara Williams: vocals



Week of August 15th

RAINDROPS

Walkers - 2s

Joseph and Julie Schlosser

with Ashlyn and Madison

SUNSHINE

3s and 4s

Joe and Mo Wilbur

Week of August 22nd

RAINDROPS

Walkers - 2s

Lacy Perry

NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER

SUNSHINE

3s and 4s

Craig and Meredith Schauer

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Kara Williams

Katherine Williams

Renewed by Jesus Christ for the purpose
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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