

# Midway Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

Midway, Kentucky

## HOLY VESSELS



A LENTEN SEASON OF RECOVERY

*“It is time for me  
to see the flaws  
of myself  
and stop  
being alarmed...”*

Excerpt from “The Perfect Cup” by Joyce Rupp

**February 21, 2021**

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First Sunday in Lent

10:55 a.m.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Welcome and Announcements

### Moment for Creation

*Video from Week of Compassion*

### Call to Worship:

One: Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love.

All: **We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent.**

One: Our sense of wholeness is shattered—body, mind and spirit.

All: **Like a glass vessel fractured into pieces, we enter into a Lenten season of recovery.**

One: As we gather for worship this morning, we focus on Jesus, the Healer of our every ill.

All: **When pain comes and brokenness enters our lives, Jesus reaches out to us.**

One: Jesus reminds us of the Treasure that we all are—worthy of new life in the midst of hopelessness.

All: **In a year when pandemic has wreaked havoc on our world, we begin by affirming our journey to healing and wholeness. Let us worship our God.**

### Opening Hymn

*“Healer of Our Every Ill”  
Chalice #506, Verses 1, 2, 4*

### Lord’s Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### Gloria Patri

*Chalice #36*

### Passing of the Peace

*The peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.  
(Greet one another in the spirit of Christ)*

### Lenten Liturgy:

### Meditation (Moment of Silence)

Unison Prayer: Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, may we be open to your presence. Give us the strength to make the changes that are needed in our lives and the courage to take on the work of transforming the world. Amen.

### Lenten Hymn:

*“Holy Vessels” - Three times*

Extinguish the Light: As we extinguish this light, we acknowledge the darkness and pain caused by the lack of basic needs—lack of food, of shelter, of education, of healthcare, of love.

Prayer Hymn

*“O, Christ, the Healer”  
Chalice #503, Verses 1,2,4,5*

Prayer of the Congregation

Anthem: *“Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy”* Shirley Eckels, solo

Scripture: Matthew 8: 1-4, 16-17  
This is the word of God, for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title: *“Treasure: Physical Health”*

Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, We are bodies fashioned by your hand in your own image, shapes and colors of diverse and immense beauty. And yet, too often, we have ignored the sacred nature of our physical lives. The Holy Vessels you have fashioned are tired and suffering, ravaged by months of disrupted rhythms and ailment. Our fragility has come into full view and we are frightened. We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from our own needs. Help us, Healer. Show us our strength. Forgive our inertia. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care, acknowledging our yearning for wholeness.

Words of Assurance

## SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Hymn *“Sacred the Body”  
FS #2228, All Verses*

Words of Institution

Prayer

Communion *Taking the bread and the cup you have prepared*

Prayer for the Offertory

Offertory *“Skeleton March”* Wyatt Walker, piano

Doxology

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn *“A Wilderness Wandering People”  
Chalice Praise #127, All Verses*

Benediction

## Participating in the service today:

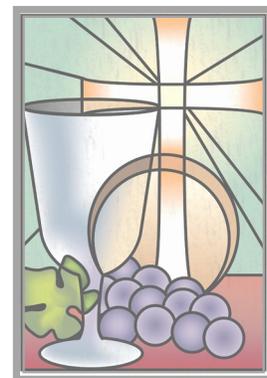
Ministers: All of us

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Heather McColl

Music Director & Accompanist : Teena Chinn

Communion Prepared By: You!

Worship Leader: Ouita Michel



## ***Midway Christian Church's Vision Statement***

*The vision of Midway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to be a Christ-centered, welcoming community of faith, building on its historical mission of loving God and one another, in an atmosphere of spiritual growth, witness, and worship.*

### Midway Christian Church Staff

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