

Midway Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

May 2, 2021

Roll Down, Justice!

A worship series inspiring us
to let justice roll down like waters,
to reach out across divides
to alleviate suffering in all its forms.

The warmth that balances the frigid air of a winters morn.
The light that pierces the darkness of a thousand starless nights.
The love that permeates a broken heart.
The presence that consumes and overcomes the emptiness.

You are there, Holy God, you are there.
You are Here, Holy God, you are Here.

The assurance that casts out the fear.
The joy that overwhelms all sadness.
The voice that silences the madness.
The peace that withstands the storm.

You are there, Holy God, you are there.
You are Here, Holy God, you are Here.

The forgiveness that washes clean all stains.
The healing that overcomes life's deepest pains.
The Word when there are no words.
The melody that lingers long after the chords have faded.

You are there, Holy God, you are there.
You are Here, Holy God, You are Here! Amen.

By Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:55 a.m.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Welcome

Call to Worship:

One: There are days when it is harder to pray than others; days when the disappointments of yesterday still linger in the memory as the weight of the day ahead feels too heavy to bear.

All: And yet, these are the days we need prayer the most.

One: There are seasons in a relationship where it is harder to love than others; seasons where the unbridled joy and endless hope have been harnessed by the realities of careers, parenting, debt, aging, disappointments, and growing apart.

All: And yet, these are the seasons we need to love one another the most.

One: There are times in our lives of faith when it is harder to remain faith-filled than others; times when the dark night of the soul remains through sunrises too numerous to count, and the hope of relief seems afar off.

All: And yet, these are the times when we need our faith the most.

One: Come, for a time such as this, God is speaking to us, calling the waters of life to flow down like living streams. Come, for a time such as this, God is speaking to us, calling us to choose the way of justice and mercy, calling us to choose the way of God.

All: For a time such as this, as we wade through the uncertain waters related to the future, we remember that Christ is our way, our Truth and our Life. Let us worship our God!

Opening Hymn

*“For the Healing of the Nations”
Chalice #668, Verses 1-3*

Invocation

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)*

Prayer Hymn

*“Come and Fill Our Hearts”
The Faith We Sing #2157, Three times*

Prayer of the Congregation

Anthem: "River of Mercy" Melody Small, solo

Scripture: Amos 5: 21-24
(Common English Bible)
This is the word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title: "Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters"

Prayer of Confession:

We confess, O God, that we have had other gods before you. We have worshiped our own image; how we look to other people. We have sought worldly idols of success and wealth. We have followed the commandments of the world to put ourselves first and to help others only if it benefits us. Forgive us for following the false idols of the world, O God. Forgive us for worshiping our own image. Forgive us for not coming before You in humility, knowing that we have done wrong. Help us to repent, to turn away from the ways of the world, and to seek You and Your ways. In the name of Christ, who will come again into our lives and into our world in a new way, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Hymn "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"
Insert, All Verses

Words of Institution

Prayer

Communion Taking the bread and the cup you have prepared

Prayer for the Offertory

Offertory

Doxology Chalice #46

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn "Amazing Grace"
Chalice #546, Verses 1,2,4

Benediction



Participating in the service today:

Ministers: All of us

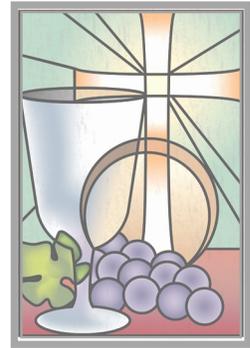
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Worship Leader: Jill Giles Damron

Lead Elder: Shirley Eckels



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.

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