

Midway Hills
Christian Church



March 24, 2024
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"When God makes known His presence, where there are no words, no outward song, only the Divine Movement. This is the joy that the world cannot give. This is the joy that keeps watch against all the emissaries of sadness of mind and weariness of soul. This is the joy that comforts and is the companion, as we walk even through the valley of the shadow of death."

– Howard Thurman, *Deep is the Hunger*

Order of Worship

Palm Sunday

Chiming the Hour

Let us take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Gathers

Prelude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Cindy Berry

*Call to Worship

Amanda Hendrickson

One: Out of the fullness of the lives God has given us
we have come to worship and to praise.

**Many: With thanks we offer to God the creativity of our minds,
the warmth of our hearts, and the joy of our spirits.**

One: We love because God has first loved us,
freeing us from the power of sin and death.

**Many: With glad hearts let us join together in singing praise to God:
Creator, Word, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Hymn 191

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

CANONBURY

[Wave your palm branches as we sing.]

Dismissal for Children's Church

Children ages five through fifth grade may leave with the adult leaders for Children's Worship. They are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents.

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Hymn 305

*Lord Listen to
Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

Call to Giving

Amanda Hendrickson

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:32-38

Rev. Don Manworren

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (NRSVUE)

Fueron a un lugar llamado Getsemaní y Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: «Siéntense aquí mientras yo oro». Se llevó a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, y comenzó a sentir temor y angustia. «Es tal la angustia que me invade que me siento morir —dijo—. Quédense aquí y manténganse despiertos». Yendo un poco más allá, se postró en tierra y empezó a orar que, de ser posible, no tuviera él que pasar por aquella hora. Decía: «Abba, Padre, todo es posible para ti. No me hagas beber este trago amargo; pero no sea lo que yo quiero, sino lo que quieres tú». Luego volvió a sus discípulos y los encontró dormidos. «Simón —dijo a Pedro—, ¿estás dormido? ¿No pudiste mantenerte despierto ni una hora? Permanezcan despiertos y oren para que no caigan en tentación. El espíritu está dispuesto, pero el cuerpo es débil». (NVI)

Anthem

Jerusalem, Behold Your King

Michael Barrett
and David Angerman

Sermon

"Deep is the Hunger
for Presence"

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Moment of Silence

[Please join in singing the response below as the choir leads us.]

**Deep the hunger in the human heart, deep the thirsting in the soul.
Deep the longing for a fellowship, here to feast and be made whole.**

**Deep the well-spring of amazing grace,
here where health and hope can grow.
Deep the healing for the hungry heart, deep the love we
seek to know, love that will not let us go.**

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Don Manworren

Institution of the Table

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Communion Prayer

Lynne Stokes

Communion Hymn 409

I Hunger and I Thirst

IBSTONE

Communion

Please hold the “bread” until prompted by the minister. We will eat in unison.

Please hold the “cup” until prompted by the minister. We will drink in unison

Passing of the Peace

The Community is Sent to Restore God’s World

***Benediction**

Rev. Laurie Anderson

***Hymn 630**

We Shall Overcome

MARTIN

[During verses 5 and 6 prepare to exit through the narthex doors to go outside for our protest march along Midway Road.]

**1. We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome some day!**

2. The Lord will see us through.

5. The truth shall make us free.

3. We’ll walk hand in hand.

6. We shall live in peace.

4. We are not afraid (today).

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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Postlude: *Lift High the Lord Our Banner*, arr. Mark Hayes. ©1998 Word Music.

INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet with the ministers after the service in the gathering area, or contact the church office any time.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

“Reaffirming our own faith in Jesus Christ, we welcome you into this expression of God’s universal church. We meet you with love, we commit ourselves to your care, and we celebrate your presence in our congregation. Through the power of God’s spirit, let us together do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, who strengthens us to serve one another.”

VISION STATEMENT

Midway Hills Christian Church seeks to be inclusive, do justice and embrace diversity. We are an **Open and Affirming** congregation, unified in our love for Jesus Christ and his teachings. We understand biblical shalom as a call to act for justice and to respect God's creation. We cherish the gift of life and support each other in our spiritual journey. Grounded in worship, Bible study, and prayer, we seek to be instruments of God's healing through efforts to eliminate poverty, injustice, hunger, and social issues that afflict our community locally and globally. We seek to transform our world as we build bridges across all barriers that divide God's people.

MIDWAY HILLS STAFF

Rev. Laurie Anderson
Senior Minister

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Minister of Church Life

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

March against SB4 today at 2:00 p.m.

Join us at Civic Garden Park, 1014 Main Street, Dallas. Let us all stand together as we call for an end to SB4 and to the discriminatory violence it causes.

RSVP for Maundy Thursday meal, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Our worship will be in community much as Jesus was with his disciples. We will eat supper and together re-enliven communion and aspire to the table of community as Jesus did. A \$15 donation is suggested.

Plan now to attend the Good Friday Combined Choir and Worship service.

On March 29 at 7:00 p.m. we will worship together with the congregations of Northway Christian Church and Royal Lane Baptist Church, at 6707 Royal Lane, Dallas.

Easter Sunday, March 31, at Midway Hills Christian Church:

Son-Rose Service, 9:00 a.m. at the pavilion.

Breakfast served, 9:30–10:30 a.m. in community hall.

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Lenten Bible Study offered through March 27.

In both morning (10:30 a.m.) and evening (7:00 p.m.) Wednesday Bible Studies we are using the book: "What Makes You Come Alive - A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman," by Lerita Coleman Brown. Adult Sunday School will not meet March 24 & 31.

Children's Church will meet March 24 and March 31.

Interpretación en español proporcionada por el Colectivo Comal.

Si desea usar la interpretación simultánea, consulte al equipo de la mesa de sonido. O use este enlace para unirse al grupo de Whatsapp para escuchar. Por favor, silénciate.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JRxSth4JgjX0shCBm3gGo2>

Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings.

March 28 – Elders Prayer, 8:30 a.m. *Open to any MHCC member who would like to join. Our emphasis is prayers for MHCC, local, state, national and global issues.*

April 1 – Elders Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 2 – Refugee Resettlement Meeting, 1:00 p.m.

April 3 & 17 – Staff Meeting, 12:00 p.m.

April 6 – Executive Committee Retreat, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

April 8 – Justice Committee, 7:00 p.m.

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JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Emily Adams, Tinker Miller, Bryen Lackey

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Megan Mercer's father, Richard Richarson, her mother, Sue, and her siblings; Megan Mercer's friends the Walters family; Jim Gilmore's daughter, Annette Melton; Christy Horn's mother, Nancy Glover; Christy Horn's mother-in-law; Christy Horn's father-in-law, David Horn; Christy Horn's family friend, Lydia Bailey; Jeryl Crawford's family member Tony Olexa; David Hammons' wife, Joan; asylum guests past and present

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Cathy Parker	Jeryl Crawford	Jayne & Chris Sparrer
Peggy Dowdey	Christy, Fletcher and Cameron Horn	
Frank & Millie Martin	Chris Holland	

Sympathy:



Let's celebrate with joy:

- The work of Annunciation House in El Paso
- Deacons and Elders serving at MHCC
- Hosting asylum seekers at MHCC
- Our guests/visitors in worship

Please pray for our city and state:

- Repeal of SB4
- School redistricting in Texas
- Steps that erode our civil rights and safety
- Food scarcity
- Metro school boundaries being changed

Please pray for our nation and world:

- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine.
- Peace for Israel and Palestine – cease fire
- All who are suffering from climate disasters worldwide.
- End to gun violence, and those impacted by it.
- Anti LGBTQ legislation
- All who struggle with mental health.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

March 24

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Palms Parade
- 2:00 p.m. March Against SB4, Civic Garden Park, 1014 Main Street, Dallas

Tuesday

March 26

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior grounds
- 7:30 p.m. Primary Purpose Group & PPG-AAFG, community hall, room 1

Wednesday

March 27

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study (until 11:30) conference room
- 12:00 p.m. Christian Adult Fellowship (CAF) Lunch, community hall
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening Bible Study

Maundy Thursday

March 28

- 8:30 a.m. Elders Prayer
- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Meal and Service, community hall
- 7:30 p.m. Primary Purpose Group & PPG-AAFG, community hall, room 1

Good Friday

March 29

- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Combined Choir and Worship, Royal Lane Baptist Church, 6707 Royal Lane, Dallas

Easter Sunday

March 31

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| 9:00 a.m. Son-Rose Service, pavilion | 9:30 a.m. Breakfast (until 10:30) |
| 9:30 a.m. Choir practice | 10:00 a.m. Egg Hunt |
| 11:00 a.m. Children's Church | 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship |

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