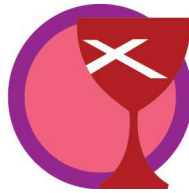


Midway Hills
Christian Church



September 22, 2024

11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

“Jesus was commending and performing an economy that was sure to collide with established economic patterns and with those who presided over and benefited from such patterns. His term for the alternative economy was ‘kingdom of God,’ that is, a social practice and a set of social relationships that are congruent with the God of the covenantal Torah of ancient Israel.” - Brueggemann, Walter. Money and Possessions.

Order of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

More Love to Thee, O Christ

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Joan Holland

One: May we remember

All: That God created.

One: May we remember

All: That God liberated.

One: May we remember

All: That God fed.

One: May we remember

**All: That God is still creating,
God is still liberating,
And God is still feeding us.**

One: Let this be our story.

All: Let this be where we begin.

One: Let us worship holy God.

*Opening Hymn 606

*God, Whose Giving
Knows No Ending*

NETTLETON

Children's Church on break

Children's Church takes a break today, the fourth Sunday of the month; the nursery remains open. Children are welcome to remain in the sanctuary with their parents. An activity table is also available at the back of the sanctuary.

The Community Responds

Prayers of the People

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

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.

Offering Moment

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:1-23

Joan Holland

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this. (NRSVUE)

Se aproximaba la fiesta de los Panes sin levadura, llamada la Pascua. Los jefes de los sacerdotes y los maestros de la Ley buscaban algún modo de acabar con Jesús, porque temían al pueblo. Entonces entró Satanás en Judas, uno de los doce, al que llamaban Iscariote. Este fue a los jefes de los sacerdotes y a los capitanes del Templo para tratar con ellos cómo les entregaría a Jesús. Ellos se alegraron y acordaron darle dinero. Él aceptó y comenzó a buscar una oportunidad para entregarles a Jesús cuando no hubiera gente. Cuando llegó el día de la fiesta de los Panes sin levadura, en que debía sacrificarse el cordero de la Pascua, Jesús envió a Pedro y a Juan, diciéndoles: —Vayan a hacer los preparativos para que comamos la Pascua. —¿Dónde quieres que la preparemos? —le preguntaron. —Miren —contestó él—, al entrar ustedes en la ciudad les saldrá al encuentro un hombre que lleva un cántaro de agua. Síganlo hasta la casa en que entre y díganle al dueño de la casa: "El Maestro pregunta: ¿dónde está la sala en la que voy a comer la Pascua con mis discípulos?". Él les mostrará en la planta alta una sala amplia y amueblada. Preparen allí la cena. Ellos se fueron y encontraron todo tal

como les había dicho Jesús. Así que prepararon la Pascua. Cuando llegó la hora, Jesús y sus apóstoles se sentaron a la mesa. Entonces les dijo: —He tenido muchísimos deseos de comer esta Pascua con ustedes antes de padecer, pues les digo que no volveré a comerla hasta que tenga su pleno cumplimiento en el reino de Dios. Luego tomó la copa, dio gracias y dijo: —Tomen esto y repártanlo entre ustedes. 18 Les digo que no volveré a beber del fruto de la vid hasta que venga el reino de Dios. También tomó pan y, después de dar gracias, lo partió, se lo dio a ellos y dijo: —Esto es mi cuerpo, entregado por ustedes; hagan esto en memoria de mí. De la misma manera, tomó la copa después de cenar y dijo: —Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, que es derramada por ustedes. Pero sepan que la mano del que va a traicionarme está con la mía sobre la mesa. El Hijo del hombre se irá según está determinado, pero ¡ay de aquel que lo traiciona! Entonces comenzaron a preguntarse unos a otros quién de ellos haría esto. (NVI)

Anthem

In Remembrance of Me
MHCC Choir

Buryl Red and
Ragan Courtney

Scripture Reading

Exodus 16:1-18

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim and came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' " In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: Gather as much of it as each of you

needs, an omer per person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.” The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed. (NRSVUE)

Toda la comunidad israelita partió de Elim y llegó al desierto de Sin, que está entre Elim y el Sinaí. Esto ocurrió a los quince días del mes segundo, después de su salida de Egipto. Allí, en el desierto, toda la comunidad murmuró contra Moisés y Aarón: —¡Cómo quisiéramos que el Señor nos hubiera quitado la vida en Egipto! —les decían los israelitas—. Allí nos sentábamos en torno a las ollas de carne y comíamos pan hasta saciarnos. ¡Ustedes nos han traído a este desierto para matar de hambre a toda la comunidad! Entonces el Señor dijo a Moisés: «Voy a hacer que llueva pan del cielo. El pueblo deberá salir todos los días a recoger su ración diaria. Voy a ponerlos a prueba, para ver si cumplen o no mis instrucciones. El día sexto recogerán una doble porción y todo esto lo dejarán preparado». Moisés y Aarón dijeron a todos los israelitas: —Esta tarde sabrán que fue el Señor quien los sacó de Egipto y mañana por la mañana verán la gloria del Señor. Ya él sabe que ustedes andan murmurando contra él. No somos nadie para que ustedes murmuren contra nosotros. Y añadió Moisés: —Esta tarde el Señor les dará a comer carne, y mañana los saciará de pan, pues ya los oyó murmurar contra él. Porque ¿quiénes somos nosotros? ¡Ustedes no están murmurando contra nosotros, sino contra el Señor! Luego se dirigió Moisés a Aarón: —Dile a toda la comunidad israelita que se acerque al Señor, pues los ha oído murmurar contra él. Mientras Aarón hablaba con toda la comunidad israelita, volvieron la mirada hacia el desierto, y vieron que la gloria del Señor se hacía presente en una nube. El Señor habló con Moisés y le dijo: «Han llegado a mis oídos las murmuraciones de los israelitas. Diles que antes de que caiga la noche comerán carne, y que mañana por la mañana se hartarán de pan. Así sabrán que yo soy el Señor su Dios». Esa misma tarde el campamento se llenó de codornices, y por la mañana una capa de rocío rodeaba el campamento. Al desaparecer el rocío, sobre el desierto quedaron unos copos muy finos, semejantes a la escarcha que cae sobre la tierra. Como los israelitas no sabían lo que era, al verlo se preguntaban unos a otros: «¿Y esto qué es?». Moisés les respondió: —Es el pan que el Señor les da para comer. Y estas son las órdenes que el Señor me ha dado: “Recoja cada uno de ustedes la cantidad que necesite para toda la familia; un gómer por persona”. Así lo hicieron los israelitas. Algunos recogieron mucho; otros recogieron poco. Pero cuando lo midieron según el gómer, ni al que recogió mucho le sobraba ni al que recogió poco le faltaba: cada uno recogió la cantidad necesaria. (NVI)

Sermon

“Remember”

Rev. Laurie Anderson

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Deborah Morgan-Stokes

Institution of the Table

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Communion Prayer

Rev. Jan Sullivan

Communion

Please eat the "bread" as it comes to you, recognizing your connection with Christ.
Please hold the "cup" until prompted by the minister. We will drink in unison.
Place empty cups in the receptacle on the left side of the hymnbook rack.

Passing of the Peace

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

***Hymn 400** *When You Do This Remember Me* LORETTO

***Benediction** Rev. Laurie Anderson

***Benediction Hymn 433** *Blest Be the Tie
That Binds* DENNIS

Postlude *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* arr. Jerry van der Pol

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

(See The Echo newsletter for details and more.)

A new sermon series, Our Money Story, begins today.

We all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame. Or a story that the church is dying and no longer relevant. Or a story that our actions won't have an impact. Or a story that we don't have enough. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the limited ones we have told ourselves? We are invited to discover and tell our money stories in light of God's money story of liberation and justice.

A new Monday Book Study starts Sept. 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us in person or online for a discussion of "The Making of Biblical Womanhood" by Beth Allison Barr.

Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering received Sept. 29 and Oct. 6.

Look for more information in The Echo and next Sunday's worship bulletin.

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.

Every Thursday on Zoom – All Church Prayer, 8:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting – September 25, 12:00 p.m.

BreakThrough Task Force – September 25, October 2, 16, 30, 7:00 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Study – September 30, 7:00 p.m. (through Nov. 4)

MIDWAY HILLS STAFF

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Jan Sullivan

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Adriana Escalante
Leisha Celiz, John Nation

JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

John Wyatt

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Christy Horn's father-in-law, David Horn; Jojo Sessay, Berkner HS senior; Christy Horn's friend Kate Ryer; Frank & Millie Martin's son Carl & daughter-in-law Darryll; Megan Mercer's friends the Walters family; asylum guests past and present

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Cathy Parker

Peggy Dowdey

Robin Swindle

Jayne & Chris Sparrer

David Hammons' father, Don

Mary Ann Viola

Jeryl Crawford

Emily Adams

Elaine Manworren

Sympathy:

❖ Family and friends of MHCC member Jack Viola, who passed away September 3, 2024. A memorial service will take place September 28 at 11:00 a.m. at MHCC, followed by a meal in community hall. Please hold Mary Ann and all of the family in love and prayers.

Let's celebrate with joy:

- Affordable housing especially for incoming refugees
- Hosting asylum seekers at MHCC
- Our guests/visitors in worship in sanctuary and online

Please pray for our city and state:

- Threat to the work of Annunciation House in El Paso
- Steps that erode our civil rights and safety
- Food scarcity

Please pray for our nation and world:

- 2024 Election
- All affected by upheaval in Venezuela from their recent election
- Peace for Israel and Palestine – cease fire
- Peace and safety for the people of Ukraine
- People in Louisiana, Mississippi, et al in the path of hurricane Francine and all who are suffering from climate disasters worldwide.
- All who need mental health services.
- End gun violence, those impacted by mass shootings.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Sunday

September 22

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Class
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Tuesday

September 24

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners (until 4:00) exterior gardens
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Wednesday

September 25

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Group (until 11:30) conference room
- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, conference room
- 7:00 p.m. BreathThrough Task Force

Thursday

September 26

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer (until 9:00) online via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG, community hall

Saturday

September 28

- 11:00 a.m. Jack Viola Memorial Service (meal following in community hall)

Sunday

September 29

- 9:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Class
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

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