



MIDWAY HILLS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
be inclusive. do justice. honor diversity.

*...he will
swallow up
death
forever.*

Isaiah 25:8

October 11, 2026
11 A.M. Worship Service

Gathering Meditation

"But if by some miracle and all our struggle, the Earth is spared, only justice to every living thing (and everything alive) will save humankind.... Only justice can stop a curse." - Alice Walker in *Black Liturgies* by C. A. Riley, 2024

Order of Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Chiming the Hour

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

Welcome

James Lackey

The Community Gathers

Prelude

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

arr. Howard Helvey

*Call to Worship

Kathy Leslie

Leader: O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

People: Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

Leader: For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in their distress, a refuge from the storm and a shade from the heat.

People: You wipe away tears from all faces and bring your people lasting comfort.

Leader: In that day we will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us."

All: "This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!"

*Opening Hymn 67

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Michael Yandell

Musical Response 576

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

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 Proclaims God's Word

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

Kathy Leslie

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines

strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (NRSVUE)

Señor, tú eres mi Dios; te exaltaré y alabaré tu nombre porque has hecho maravillas. Desde tiempos antiguos tus planes son fieles y seguros. Has convertido la ciudad en un montón de escombros, la ciudad fortificada en una ruina. Ya no existe la ciudad, la fortaleza de extranjeros; nunca más volverá a ser reconstruida. Por eso te glorifica un pueblo poderoso; te honrarán las ciudades de las naciones violentas. Porque tú has sido en su angustia un baluarte para el desvalido, un refugio para el necesitado, un resguardo contra la tormenta, una sombra en el calor. Porque el aliento de los violentos es como una tormenta contra un muro, como el calor en el desierto. Tú aplacas el tumulto de los extranjeros, como se aplaca el calor bajo la sombra de una nube y ahogas el alboroto de los violentos. Sobre este monte el Señor de los Ejércitos preparará para todos los pueblos un banquete de manjares especiales. Un banquete de vinos añejos, las mejores carnes y vinos selectos. Sobre este monte rasgará el velo que cubre a todos los pueblos, el manto que envuelve a todas las naciones. Devorará a la muerte para siempre. El Señor y Dios enjugará las lágrimas de todo rostro y quitará de toda la tierra la deshonra de su pueblo. El Señor mismo lo ha dicho. En aquel día se dirá: «¡Sí, este es nuestro Dios; en él confiamos y él nos salvó! ¡Este es el Señor, en él hemos confiado; regocijémonos y alegrémonos en su salvación!». (NVI)

Special Music

Sermon

"The Song of the Ruthless"

Rev. Dr. Michael Yandell

Musical Response 16

*Come, Thou Fount
of Every Blessing*
(verse 1)

NETTLETON

Prayers of the People

Tinker Miller

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.

Call to Giving

Responsive Hymn 20

I'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH

The Community Is Empowered at the Table

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Michael Yandell

Communion Hymn 542

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

Invitation to the Table

Carol Hargis-Nation

Prayer over the Elements

Carol Hargis-Nation

Words of Institution

Rev. Dr. Michael Yandell

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the Cup

Those who are able are invited to come forward down the center aisle, receive the elements and partake by intinction. Those serving will tear a piece of bread. You will dip it in the cup. You may return to your seat via the side aisles. The Table of the Lord is open to all. Christ invites us into communion.

The Community is Sent to Restore God's World

Invitation to Join

Carol Hargis-Nation

***Invitation Hymn 618**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Michael Yandell

Postlude

Thine Be the Glory

arr. Lloyd Larson

*Please rise in either body or spirit.

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."

BIENVENIDA CONGREGACIONAL

"Reafirmando nuestra propia fe en Jesucristo, les damos la bienvenida a esta expresión de la iglesia universal de Dios. Los recibimos con amor, nos comprometemos a su cuidado y celebramos su presencia en nuestra congregación. Mediante el poder del espíritu de Dios, hagamos juntos justicia, amemos la misericordia y caminemos humildemente con Dios, quien nos fortalece para servirnos unos a otros."

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 affect 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 and Friday Flash emails for details and more.)

We welcome Rev. Dr. Michael Yandell as our guest preacher today.

Michael serves as the Director of the Soul Repair Center and the Doctor of Ministry program at Brite Divinity School. He spent four years in the U.S. Army as an enlisted explosive ordnance disposal (E.O.D.) technician before earning his Bachelor of Music at the University of Tennessee at Martin; a Master of Divinity at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas; and a Ph.D. in religious studies with a concentration in religion, conflict, and peace building at Emory University. Michael lives in the DFW area with his spouse Amy and their two pups, Elsie and Snow. He enjoys running, listening to metal music, and reading X-Men comic books.

Christian Adult Fellowship Lunch is Oct. 21 at noon in community hall.

Join the Adult Sunday School Class.

We are discussing John Pavlovitz's writings about a Christian response to current U.S. events. Mary will email the exact column each week. Sundays at 10:00 AM.

Mark your calendar:

Mission & Outreach Committee - October 11, 12:00 p.m.

Board Meeting - October 18, 12:15 p.m.

Elders Meeting - October 25, 12:30 p.m.

Cabinet Meeting - November 5, 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - November 12, 7:00 p.m.

All Church Prayer - Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. on Zoom

Prayer Alcove - Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Adult Book Discussion - Sundays, 10:00 a.m., room 1

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JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Please pray for these in our church family:

Dan Gaylord, Johnny Mercer, James Lackey

Please pray for our extended church family concerns:

Mary Ludwick's sisters, Diana Costello and Alice Collins; Robin Copeland's brother Wade Keller; Rev. Robert Schomp; Joan Hammons

Please pray for those with ongoing concerns:

Nina Boothe	Gay and Jim Gilmore	Bryen Lackey
Frank and Millie Martin	Jeryl Crawford	Lynne Stokes
Judy Mank	Chris & Jayne Sparrer	Elaine & Don Manworren

Sympathy to:



Let's celebrate with joy:

- John O'Neal & Lowery Ferguson on beginning a new life in Mexico
- Our guests/visitors in worship in the sanctuary and online

Please pray for our city and state:

- Those facing the difficulties of losing their employment
- Muslim community
- Texas faith-based non-profits serving immigrants and refugees

Please pray for our nation and world:

- **Being inclusive, pursuing justice, embracing diversity**
- For our city, state, and nation, prayerful engagement & participation in our democratic process
- Those working for peace in places of conflict and those caught in the cycles of violence
- Justice for the people of Ukraine and others struggling against oppression
- Justice for the Palestinian people
- Those who have limited access to health care and those working to expand access
- Those experiencing discrimination and oppression because of their gender identity, sexual orientation or gender expression
- Those struggling with food insecurity and those working to overcome it
- Those who work to create a larger Welcome Table

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11

- 9:45 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 12:00 p.m. Mission & Outreach Committee, conference room

Tuesday

October 13

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

Thursday

October 15

- 8:30 a.m. All Church Prayer, on Zoom
- 11:30 a.m. Men's Lunch Group
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Alcove
- 7:30 p.m. AA-PPG & Al-Anon, community hall & classroom 1

Friday

October 16

- 9:00 a.m. Master Gardeners Yoga Class back-up location (until 10:30) comm. hall

Saturday

October 17

- 10:00 a.m. Magdalen House meal prep (until 2:00) kitchen

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18

- 9:45 a.m. Choir practice
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Book Discussion, room 1
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church
- 12:15 p.m. Board Meeting, community hall

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INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to meet after worship with the Elder offering the invitation,
or contact the church office any time.

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