



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Transfiguration of the Lord February 26, 2017 at 9 and 11:15 am

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.  
We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

#### Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Andante  
(from *Symphonie No. 1*, Op. 14)

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: The Lord is king; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**People: Let them praise your great and awesome name.**

Pastor: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**People: For the Lord our God is holy.**

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 75

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

Deo Gracias

#### CONFESSON OF SIN (*unison*)

Andrew D. Smothers

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in F*)

John Weaver

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver

(Cantor)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

(Congregation)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our

prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

## \*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,  
let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
responding, "And also with you."*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beverly A. Bartlett

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 24:12-18

(nrsv, page 68 OT)

## \*PSALM 99

(Please See Insert)

Ellacombe

*(During the final stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)*

## LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Dr. Springsted

## DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORSHIP

*Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge.*

*Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.*

*The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

### EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21  
(*nrsv, page 222 NT*)

**William A. Jordan**

### GRADUAL (11:15 am)

*Andrew Henderson*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.  
*(John 1:14)*

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9  
(*nrsv, page 17 NT*)

**Tyler W. Orem**

### SERMON

**"Mountain Top Experiences"**

**Dr. Springsted**

\*HYMN 74  
(11:15 am)

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

*Mowsley*

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF AN ELDER (9 am)

François de Paul Silatchom, *Class of 2017*

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE OFFICER-ELECT

**Dr. Springsted**

### QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

**William H. Hinrichs**  
**Clerk of Session**

Do you, the members of the church, accept this new officer chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do you agree to encourage this officer, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

### ORDINATION PRAYER (9 am)

**Dr. Springsted**

### DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION (9 am)

\*THE NICENE CREED (11:15 am)

**Mr. Jordan**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Springsted

*...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Christ is the Morning Star (2015)

Cecilia McDowall

(b. 1951)

Christ is the morning star, who, when the night of this world is past, brings to his saints the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day.

— *The Venerable Bede (673-735)*

## \*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)*

## INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## COMMUNION PRAYER

*“...who forever sing to the glory of your name:”*

## SANCTUS

Weaver

Ho-ly, ho- ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

(Communion Prayer continues) "...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:"

## ACCLAMATION

Weaver



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-gain.

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Weaver



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your  
king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us to-day our  
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.  
Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the  
king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours now and for-ev-er. A-men.

## BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Pastor: Gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Let us keep the feast.

## DISTRIBUTION

*When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.*

## COMMUNION MOTET (11:15 am)

O Nata Lux de Lumine

Thomas Tallis

(c. 1505-1585)

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contigi  
Dignatus es pro perditis.  
Nos membra confer effici,  
Tui beati corporis.

O Light of light, by love inclined,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
With loving-kindness deign to hear  
From suppliant voices praise and prayer.  
You, who to raise our souls from hell  
Didst deign in fleshly form to dwell,  
Vouchsafe for us, when our race is run,  
In your fair Body to be one.

— Office Hymn for the Feast of the Transfiguration

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev-'ry heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!**

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## CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 73

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Geneva

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



\*POSTLUDE

Final  
(from *Symphonie No. 1*)

Vierne

**Welcome!** We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it.

**Have children?** Children and families are always welcome in the Sanctuary to worship. Children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th Floor or remain with their parents. The Narthex or the Children's Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary, are also available for families and have speakers that provide audio of the service.

### MAPC Mission Statement

The mission of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, our members are striving to build a community of God's love, justice and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

### Pastoral Staff

**The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett**, Associate Pastor

**Dr. Andrew E. Henderson**, Director of Music & Organist

**Mary W. Huff**, Associate Director of Music

**William A. Jordan**, Seminarian

**The Rev. Tyler W. Orem**, Phillips Talbot Global Ministry Fellow (2015-2017)

**David P. Smith**, Seminarian

**The Rev. Andrew D. Smothers**, Interim Associate Pastor

**The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted**, Interim Pastor

**The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson**, Pastor Emeritus

**Dr. John B. Weaver**, Director of Music & Organist Emeritus

**Laura Graham**, Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School

**The Rev. Dr. Richard W. Shoup**, Pastoral Counselor (212-628-1812)