



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in B minor, BWV 544
(11:15 am)

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

(9 & 11:15 am) Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord who makes heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot be moved; he will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 488

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O merciful Savior, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Deutsche Messe*)

Franz Schubert

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Wondrous Love

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Text: American Folk Hymn, c. 1811

Music: Anonymous, from Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835)

*THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pastor: The Psalmist reminds us that in keeping God's law there is great reward. Let us recount for our benefit these words of God's instruction for life:

**People: You shall have no other gods before me.
You shall make no idols nor worship or serve them.
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
Honor your father and mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Lord, give us grace to walk in this, your way.**

*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

David P. Smith

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 12:1-4a

(nrsv, page 9 OT)



1. Un - to the hills a - round do I lift up my long - ing
2. He will not suf - fer that thy foot be moved: safe shalt thou
3. Je - ho - vah is him - self thy keep - er true, thy change - less
4. From eve - ry e - vil shall he keep thy soul, from eve - ry



eyes: oh whence for me shall my sal - va - tion come, from
 be. No care - less slum - ber shall his eye - lids close, who
 shade; Je - ho - vah thy de - fence on thy right hand him -
 sin: Je - ho - vah shall pre - serve thy go - ing out, thy



whence a - rise? From God the Lord doth come my cer - tain
 keep - eth thee. Be - hold, he sleep - eth not, he slum - bereth
 self hath made, and thee no sun by day shall ev - er
 com - ing in. A - bove thee watch - ing, he whom we a -



aid, from God the Lord who heav'n and earth hath made.
 ne'er, who keep - eth Is - rael in his ho - ly care.
 smite; no moon shall harm thee in the si - lent night.
 dore shall keep thee hence - forth, yea, for - ev - er - more.

Text: Psalm 121, paraphrased by John Campbell, Duke of Argyll (1845-1914)

Music: Charles Henry Purday (1799-1885)

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(After the singing 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

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
(nrsv, page 144 NT)

Andrew D. Smothers

GRADUAL (11:15 am)

Andrew Henderson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

(Psalm 19:14)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17
(nrsv, page 88 NT)

Tyler W. Orem

SERMON

“How Can These Things Be?”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 76

(11:15 am)

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

***THE NICENE CREED**

Mr. Smith

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

Mr. Orem

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes (1920)

*Leo Sowerby
(1895-1968)*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper; thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for ever more. Amen.

(Psalm 121)

Helen Karloski, mezzo-soprano

***DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures
 here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full, of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the
high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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

ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE 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.

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.

