



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 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

Loving and gracious God, you have called us to serve you, yet without your grace we are unable to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. In this time of worship, grasp us more fully to make us your own; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Sketch in D-flat

Robert Schumann

(from *4 Skizzen für den Pedalflugel*, Op. 58)

(1873-1953)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Incline your ear to me, O Lord; rescue me speedily.

People: You are my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.

Pastor: Let your face shine upon your servant;

People: Save me in your steadfast love.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Andrew D. Smothers

Almighty God, by your power you have raised Jesus Christ from the grave to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in him but have remained captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, our constant desire to live for ourselves alone. Set us free in the victory of Jesus Christ, to live our lives in joy and service, that we may share his good news to all in need, and live as your glad and faithful people.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY

James MacMillan

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

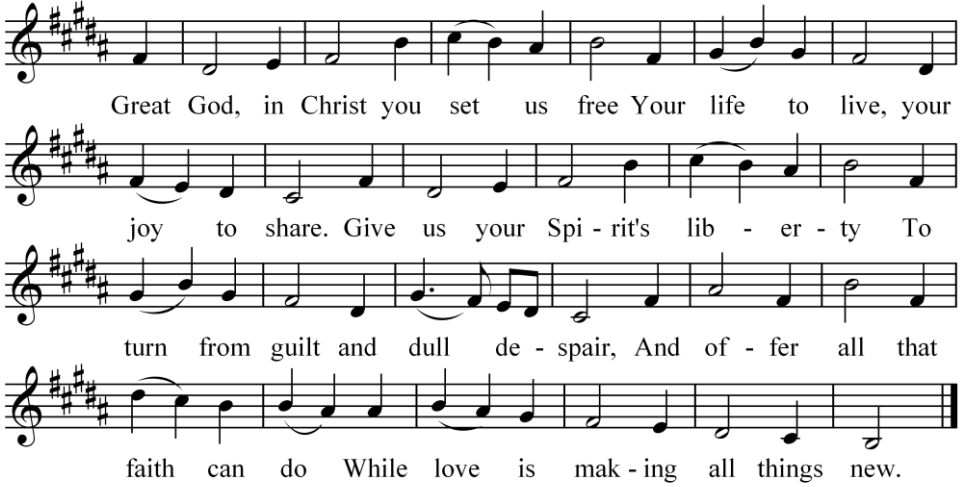
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

St. Petersburg



Great God, in Christ you set us free Your life to live, your
joy to share. Give us your Spi - rit's lib - er - ty To
turn from guilt and dull de - spair, And of - fer all that
faith can do While love is mak - ing all things new.

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*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

FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

(nrsv, page 118 NT)

*PSALM 31 (Hymn 183)

In dich hab' ich gehoffet

(During the last 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.

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
 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

MacMillan

(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
 Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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(Communion Prayer continues) "... 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Peace I Leave With You (1891)

Amy Beach
(1867-1944)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled.
(John 14:27)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 307

Fight the Good Fight

Duke Street

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

John Weaver

(Organ) A - men, A - men, A - men.

*POSTLUDE

Hymne d'actions de grâces—"Te Deum"
(from 3 Paraphrases Grégoriennes, Op. 5, No. 3)

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

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.

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