



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2016 at 9 and 11:15 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

Please silence your cellular telephones.

We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.

Prayer of Preparation

Lord, tireless guardian of your people, ever prepared to hear the cries of your chosen ones, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Support our prayer, lest we grow weary. Drive us to seek your enduring justice and your ever-present help. Grant this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Voluntary in G major

*William Walond
(1719-1768)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: O Lord, give me life according to your word!

Pastor: Your decrees are my heritage forever;

People: They are the joy of my heart.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

CONFESSON OF SIN (*unison*)

William A Jordan

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins, and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

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.

*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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Music: Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1825

*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."*

ANTHEM

(11:15 am)

Get On Board, Little Children

arr. Greg Gilpin

(b. 1964)

The Gospel Train's a-comin', I hear it just at hand, I hear the wheels rumblin'
and rollin' through the land.

Get on board, little children, there's room for many and more!

I hear that train a-comin', she's comin' round the curve. She's loosened all her
steam and breaks and strainin' every nerve.

The fare is cheap and all can go. The rich and poor are there. No second class
aboard this train, no difference in the fare. *(African-American Spiritual)*

Children's Choir & Cherub Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christopher N. De La Cruz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:27-34

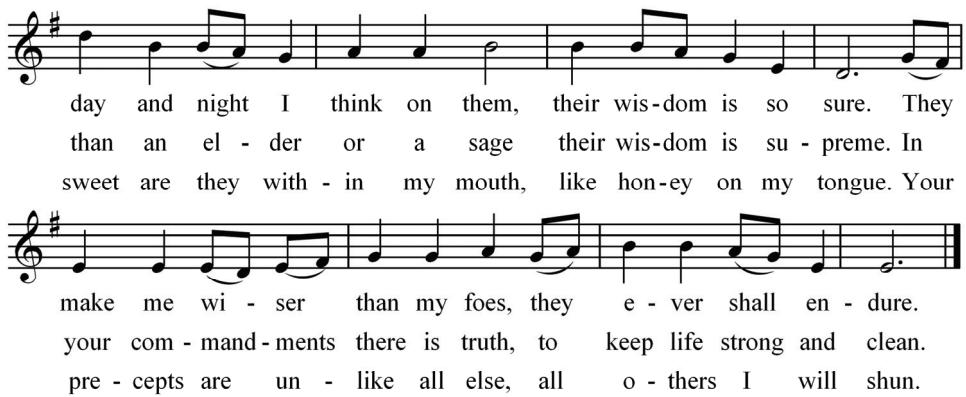
(nrsv, page 691 OT)

*PSALM 119:97-104

Kingsfold

1. Lord, your com-mand-ment makes me wise; O how I love your law! I
2. My teach-ers' wis - dom is sur-passed by these your fine de - crees, My
3. I keep my step from e - vil's way to hold fast to your word. I

med - i - tate u - pon your words; In them there is no flaw. Both
un - der - stand - ing is far more in kind and in de - gree. More
turn not from your or - di - nance, your teach - ings I have heard. How



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Music: English Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

(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 Timothy 3:14–4:5
(nrsv, page 201 NT)

Beverly A. Bartlett

GRADUAL (11:15 am) May the Words of My Mouth *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

Luke 18:1-8
(nrsv, page 76 NT)

Andrew D. Smothers

SERMON

“Bugging God”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 390 (11:15 am)

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

St. Stephen

*THE NICENE CREED

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

Ms. Bartlett

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WORD IN ACTION

“Stewardship”

Elder Meme Peponis

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Thy Word is a Lantern

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet, and a light unto my paths. I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed to keep thy righteous judgments. I am troubled above measure, quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word. The ungodly have laid a snare for me: but yet I have swerved not from thy commandments. Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever: and why? They are the very joy of my heart. Hallelujah.
(Psalm 119:105-107, 110-111)

Matthew Deming, alto; Joshua Blue, tenor
Rod Gomez, bass

*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. 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

Weaver

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are
 full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is
 He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You (1900) Peter C. Lutkin
 (1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Church Choir & Children's Choir

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 538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **Weaver**



*POSTLUDE Rondeau
(from *Abdelazer*) **Henry Purcell**

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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