



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2016 at 10:30 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

Grant your servants, O God, to be set on fire with your Spirit, strengthened by your power, illuminated by your splendor, filled with your grace, and go forward by your aid. Give us, O Lord, a right faith, perfect love, true humility. Grant, O Lord, that there may be in us simple affection, brave patience, preserving obedience, perpetual peace, a pure mind, a right and honest heart, a good will, a holy conscience, spiritual strength, a life unspotted and unblameable, and after having bravely finished our course, may we be enabled happily to enter your kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — *Gallican Sacramentary*

#### PRELUDE

Petit Prélude, W. 319 (1937)

*Joseph Jongen*  
(1873-1953)

Prelude on 'Slane' (1966)

*Healey Willan*  
(1880-1968)

**Nancianne Parrella, guest organist**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Andrew D. Smothers**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lord, you have searched me and known me,

**People: You knit me together in my mother's womb,**

Pastor: I will praise you because I am wonderfully made,

**People: Your works are wonderful and your ways are true.**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

\*HYMN 456

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

*Morning Hymn*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Mr. Smothers**

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, 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.



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*In Babilone*

There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heav'n;  
 There is no place where earth's fail - ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.

Text: Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Music: Dutch Melody, arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

## \*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

**Colin T. Kleinert**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 18:1-11

*(nrsv, page 677 OT)*

## \*PSALM 139 (Hymn 248)

*Sursum Corda*

*(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

**Mr. Smothers**

## DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

*Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge, returning to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

Philemon 1-21  
*(nrsv, page 203 NT)*

**Mr. Kleinert**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:25-35  
*(nrsv, page 73 NT)*

**Mr. Smothers**

## SERMON

**"Journey in Costly Discipleship"**

**Mr. Smothers**

\*THE NICENE CREED

Mr. Smothers

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. Smothers

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Smothers

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

You Have Searched Me, Lord (2012)

Richard J. Clark  
(b. 1969)

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You know my thoughts from afar. Where can I flee from your presence? If I fall to the depths, you are there; If I rise up on the wings of the dawn, or if darkness hides me, Your right hand holds me fast. The night will shine like day, The dark is light to you. For you created my inmost being; You knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that fully well. Your eyes saw my unformed body; Before I was made, all of my days were ordained before one came to be.

(Psalm 139: 1-3, 7-16)

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.

## COMMUNION SOLO

In deine Hände  
(from *Cantata 106*)

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

In deine Hände befehl ich meinen  
Geist; du hast mich erlöset,  
Herr, du getreuer Gott.

*Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
for you have redeemed me,  
Lord, faithful God.*

(*Psalm 31:6*)

**Helen Karloski, mezzo-soprano**

## CLOSING PRAYER

### \*HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

*Slane*



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: Irish Ballad

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mr. Smothers

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

John Weaver



\*POSTLUDE

Präludium & Fuga in F, LubWV 8

Vincent Lübeck  
(1654-1740)

**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. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

**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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