



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true faith; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Pastorale, BWV 590  
(movements 1-3)

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685-1750)

**Nancianne Parrella, guest organist**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Andrew D. Smothers**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Sing aloud to God our strength;

**People: Shout with joy to the God of Jacob.**

Pastor: I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart,

**People: I will glorify your name forever.**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

*Foundation*

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

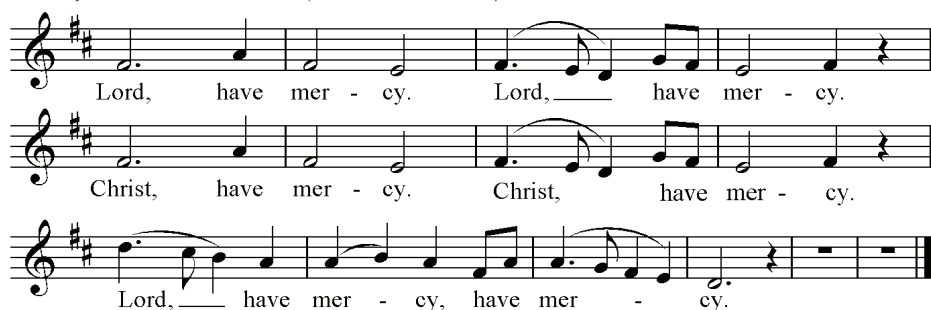
**Mr. Smothers**

**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*



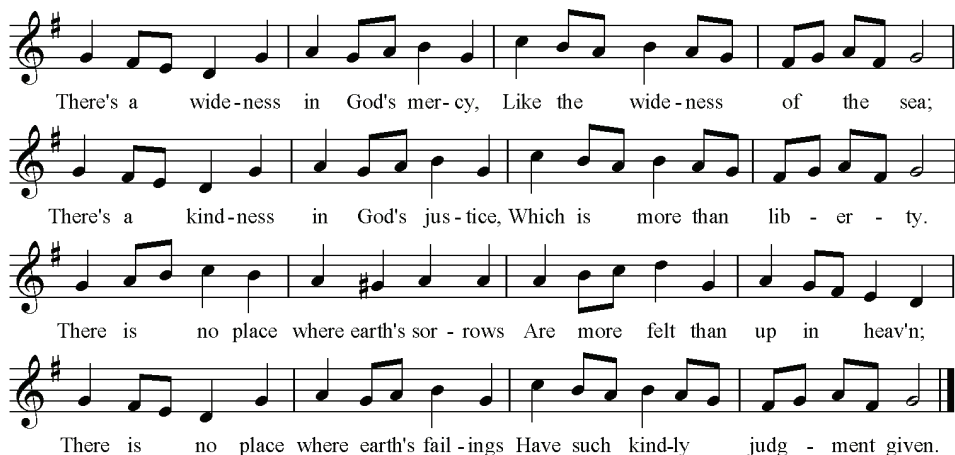
## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**Elder Nancy N. Ost**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 2:4-13

*(nrsv, page 657 OT)*

### \*PSALM 81:1, 10-16

*Forest Green*



1. Sing out with joy to God our strength, The God of Ja - cob praise,  
2. But we your peo - ple would not hear, Nor lis - ten to your voice.  
3. You plead for us to hear your voice, To hear - ken and o - bey.  
Who brought us forth from E - gypt's grip, From slav - 'ry did us save.  
Our self - ish wills would not sub - mit, Nor make your way our choice.  
You prom - ise to sub - due our foes And sweep them all a - way.  
Who prom - ised to pro - vide for us; To nur - ture and to feed,  
You gave us to our stub - born hearts; Their coun - cil to o - bey,  
You pledge to give us all — we — need, With fin - est wheat sup - ply,



To fill our mouths with all good things, To give us all we need.  
 We turned from all your prom - is - es, To walk in our own way.  
 And give us hon - ey from the — rock, Rich food to sat - is - fy.

Text: Fred R. Anderson © 2010, all rights reserved  
 Music: English Folk Melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*(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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
*(nrsv, page 213 NT)*

**Ms. Ost**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1, 7-14  
*(nrsv, page 72 NT)*

**Mr. Smothers**

## SERMON

***“Radical Fellowship”***

**Mr. Smothers**

## \*HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

*Canonbury*

## \*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

Teach Me, O Lord (1959)

Gershon Kingsley  
(b. 1922)

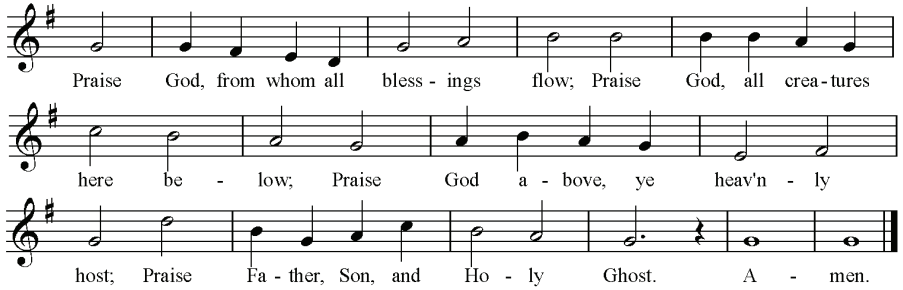
Teach me, O Lord, thy way, that I may walk in thy truth.  
Make one my heart to fear thy name,  
And I will thank thee, O Lord, with all my heart.  
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.  
Great is thy mercy toward me, O Lord.

(Psalm 86:11-13)

**Marc Molomot, tenor**

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*



# 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.

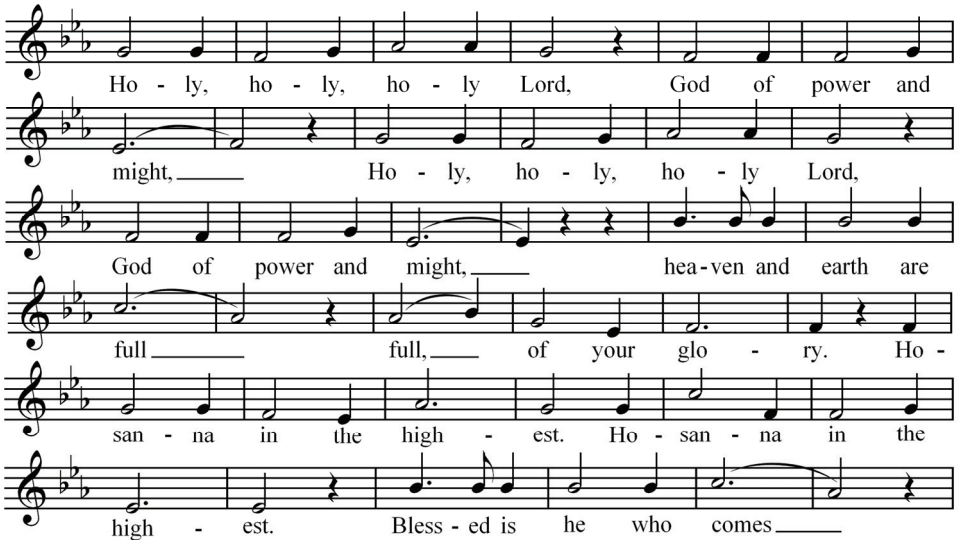
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## COMMUNION PRAYER

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

## SANCTUS

*Schubert*





*(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

If With All Your Hearts  
(from *Elijah*, Op. 70)

*Felix Mendelssohn*  
(1809-1847)

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence.

*(Deuteronomy 4:29; Jeremiah 29:13; Job 23:3)*

**Marc Molomot, tenor**

## CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Nyland*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Mr. Smothers**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Weaver*



\*POSTLUDE

Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, BWV 680

*J. S. Bach*

## ***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.

#### **Pastoral Staff**

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

**Christopher N. De La Cruz**, *Director of Christian Formation*

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

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

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

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

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

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