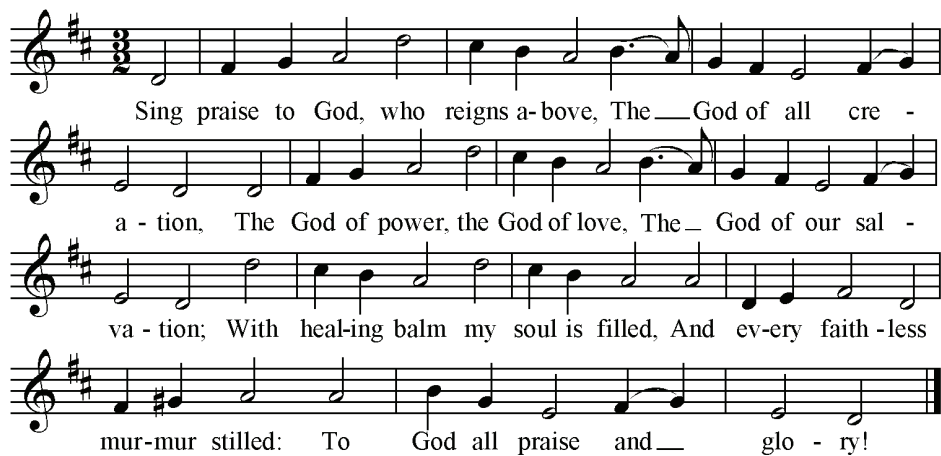


*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Mit Freuden zart



Sing praise to God, who reigns a-bove, The— God of all cre -
a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The— God of our sal -
va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And ev-ery faith -less
mur-mur stilled: To God all praise and— glo - ry!

*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

Christopher N. De La Cruz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(nrsv, page 310 OT)

1 Kings 18:20-21, 30-39

*PSALM 96 (Hymn 216)

Gonfalon Royal

(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

Galatians 1:1-12
(nrsv, page 176 NT)

Ms. Bartlett

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 7:1-10
(nrsv, page 61 NT)

Dr. Springsted

SERMON

"How Can We Be So Sure?"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Elders for Session, *Class of 2019*

For a first three year term:

Laura Burg
Carolyn Clark

Elder for Session, *Class of 2018*

Dorothy Kleinert*

**Installed to office, already ordained.*

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE OFFICERS-ELECT

Dr. Springsted

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church Universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(Elders) Will you be a faithful Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION

**William H. Hinrichs
Clerk of Session**

Do you, the members of the church, accept these new officers chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

ORDINATION PRAYER

Dr. Springsted

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ms. Bartlett

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead arr. William L. Dawson (1899-1990)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

(African-American spiritual)

Katherine Wessinger, soprano

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Musical notation for the Doxology, including lyrics: 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

Weaver

Musical notation for the Sanctus, including lyrics: 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.

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, *Parish Associate for Global Ministry (2014-2016)*

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

The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music & Organist Emeritus*

Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*

The Rev. Dr. Richard W. Shoup, *Pastoral Counselor (212-628-1812)*