



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Fourth Sunday in Lent March 6, 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

God of compassion, you are slow to anger, and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat us at your bountiful table of grace so that we may feast on all that satisfies our hungry hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Prelude in B minor, BWV 544

J. S. Bach

Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund, BWV 621

(1685-1750)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;

People: Shout with joy, all you upright in heart.

Pastor: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,

People: On those who hope in his 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 356

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

#### CONFession OF SIN (*unison*)

Andrew D. Smothers

**Remember not, O Lord, our offenses and sins against God and our neighbors, for we are truly sorry for all of them, and we would turn from them. In these coming days, we humbly pray that we might be always aware of what we have done and thought that is not loving or holy, and that we might sincerely sorrow over being that way. Forgive us, we pray, and then deliver us now and in the coming days from our spiritual blindness, our pride, envy, and anger, and from our self-concern. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to give us life, let us now in this Lent die to death with him, that we might be raised with him to share in your life. Amen.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY (from *Deutsche Messe*)

Franz Schubert

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

*Wondrous Love*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul;  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

Text: American Folk Hymn, c. 1811  
Music: Anonymous, from Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835)

## \*THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Pastor: The Psalmist reminds us that in keeping God's law there is great reward. Let us recount for our benefit these words of God's instruction for life:

**People: You shall have no other gods before me.  
You shall make no idols nor worship or serve them.  
You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.  
Honor your father and mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
Lord, give us grace to walk in this, your way.**

## \*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)

Sometimes I Feel  
Like a Motherless Child

arr. Ken Berg  
(b. 1956)

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child, a long way from home.  
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone, a long way from home.

Sometimes I feel God is calling me on, to make heaven my home.

*(African American spiritual)*

**Children's & Cherub Choirs; Hugo Murray, soloist**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christopher N. De La Cruz

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 5:9-12

(nrsv, page 188 OT)

## \*PSALM 32 (Hymn 184)

*Es flog eins klein Waldvögelein*

*(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.*

## EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Mr. Smothers

(nrsv, page 170 NT)

## 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 15:1-3, 11b-32

Beverly A. Bartlett

(nrsv, page 73 NT)

## SERMON

**"After Forgiveness, What Then?"**

Dr. Springsted

## \*HYMN 336 (11:15 am)

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

Inward Light

## \*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

Ms. Bartlett

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

## WORD IN ACTION      "Presbyterian Camp Holmes"

# PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Amazing Grace (1994)      *Virginia Harmony (1831)*  
arr. Peter Schickele (b. 1935)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

—John Newton (1725-1807)

**Rod Gomez, baritone**

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are as follows:

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

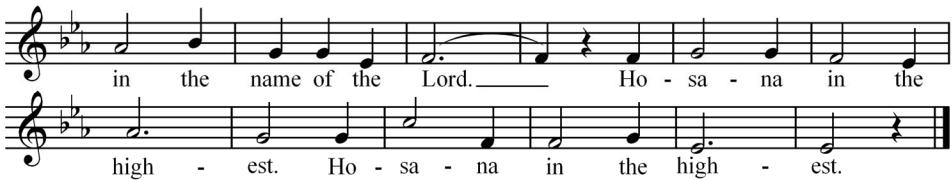
“...who forever sing to the glory of your name.”

## SANCTUS

*Schubert*

The musical notation consists of eight staves of music in common time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_ hea-ven and earth are 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 \_\_\_\_



(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.*

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

*Once you have communed, you may return to your pew, or you may join one of the pastors in the side transepts for anointing, laying on of hands and prayers for yourself or for another. Thereafter you may return to your pew.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus (1960)      *Southern Harmony*  
(1835)  
arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.

— Joseph Hart (1712-1768)

## Church Choir & Children's Choir

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

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## CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 507

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

*Dove of Peace*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Dr. Springsted**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*Danish Amen*



\*POSTLUDE

Fugue in B minor, BWV 544

*J. S. Bach*

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**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

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