



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 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

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings, Op. 11

*Samuel Barber
(1910-1981)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: I was glad when they said unto me,

People: Let us go into the house of the Lord.

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always.

People: The Lord is near.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 292

All Beautiful the March of Days

Forest Green

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

O Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you, and against the law of love. We have not loved you with all of our heart, mind and soul, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Do not show us your anger. Be gracious to us, Lord, and heal our troubled souls. Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love that we may once again live to give you praise, to enjoy you and to glorify your goodness forever. As we grow weary and are beset by powers inside us and outside us, accept our prayers. Turn aside all that undoes us, and restore your image once again in us, even the image of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY

James MacMillan

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

*GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver

(Organ) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the organ, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final chord.

*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 416 OT)

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*PSALM 19 (Hymn 166)

Caithness

(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

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Christina A. Cosby

(nrsv, page 163 NT)

GRADUAL (11:15 am)

Andrew Henderson

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Give me understanding that I may live.

(Psalm 119:105, 107b)

SERMON

"The Life of a Book"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 330
(11:15 am)

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Shepherds' Pipes

*THE NICENE CREED

Andrew D. 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

Dr. Springsted

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WORD IN ACTION

Elder Laura Macdonald

"Deacon/CE Baby & Toddler Ministry"

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

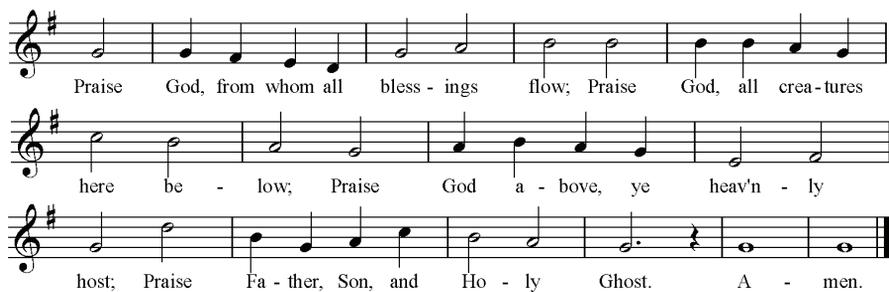
The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me
(from *The Apostles*, Op. 49)*Edward Elgar*
(1857-1934)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; To give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

(Isaiah 61:1-3, 11)

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
 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

MacMillan



(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
 Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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(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)

Silent Devotion & Response
(from *Sacred Service*, 1933)

Ernest Bloch
(1880-1959)

Yih'yu l'ratzon imrei fi, vehegon libi
l'fonecha, Adonai tzuri vegoali.
Amen.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen. (Psalm 19:14)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing
Oo we are march - ing in the light of God.

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Music: South African; arr. *Freedom is Coming*, © 1984 Walton Music
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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 450

O Day of Peace

Jerusalem

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



(Organ) A - men, A - men, A - men.

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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