



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017 at 10:30 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.
We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and live according to it, that we may grow in faith, hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

A Fancie

William Byrd

(from *My Ladye Nevells Booke*)

(1543-1623)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet,

People: And a light to our path.

Pastor: Accept, O Lord, this offering of praise,

People: And teach us by your commandments.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 325

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Nun danket all'

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burden of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins, and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in F*)

John Weaver



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blaenwern

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 heav'n to earth come down, Fix in us Thy
 hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
 Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev' - ry trem - bling heart.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: William Rowlands (1860-1937)

*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

Christina A. Cosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 25:19-34

(nrsv, page 20 OT)

*PSALM 119:105-112

Toulon

*(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.)*

1. Your word, O Lord, is light up - on my path,
 2. Though I'm af - flict - ed and worn down with pain,
 3. Though life is fra - gile and with - in my hands,
 4. Your laws are my e - ter - nal her - it - age,
 A lan - tern shin - ing truth to guide my ways,
 As you have pro - mised, give me life a - new.
 Your law re - mains my con - stant trust and stay.
 They are pure joy, their words my heart's de - light.



An oath I've sworn, this vow I now con - firm:
 Re - ceive this off - 'ring of my thanks and praise!
 Though man - y snares the wi - cked lay for me,
 I am re - solved to fol - low your com - mands,



To keep your right - eous stat - utes all my days.
 Teach me your way and keep my foot - steps true.
 I have not turned a - side from your own way.
 To walk for - ev - er by your word's true light.

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 Music: adapted from the Genevan Psalter, 1551

**LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS &
 DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

Dr. Springsted

Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge. The children return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:1-11
(nrsv, page 147 NT)

Paula V. Cooper

GRADUAL

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)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-11, 17-23
(nrsv, page 13 NT)

Ms. Bartlett

SERMON

"Valuing Your Heritage"

Dr. Springsted

***HYMN 324**

Open My Eyes That I May See

Open My Eyes

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elder Kate Baier, Clerk of Session

Vivienne Josephine Burgher, infant daughter of Joshua and Robin Burgher

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

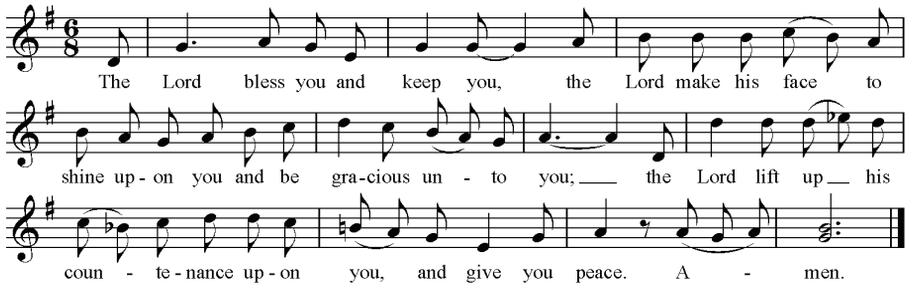
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us pray: Holy God: Source, Goal and Guide, remind us of the promises given in our own baptisms and renew our trust in you. Bind us to your Word and fill us with your Spirit, that together we may love one another and serve you with joy, that others may see Christ in us and embrace him as Lord and Savior as well. Amen.

AARONIC BENEDICTION

Weaver



The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to
shine up-on you and be gra-cious un-to you; the Lord lift up his
coun- te-nance up-on you, and give you peace. A-men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ms. Cooper

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MOTET

Teach me, O Lord

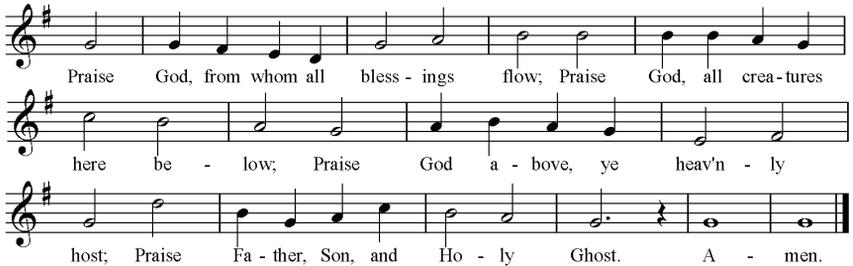
Byrd

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. *(Psalm 119:33-38)*

Eliza Bagg, soprano

*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

Weaver

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(Communion Prayer continues) "... 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.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.
 Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

Forest Green



1. A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good seed a - broad:
 2. A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery - where he trod,
 3. The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a blood - red sky,
 4. O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er and the Seed.



his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his seed, the word of God.
 he sowed his life be - cause he was him - self the Seed of God.
 and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for those who watched him die.
 As once you sowed the truth of God in glow - ing word and deed,



And some who lis - tened would not hear, and some who heard for - got.
 But then, a - top a bar - ren hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky,
 But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den fair, as dawn broke o'er the land,
 im - plant your Word in wait - ing hearts, and let it there take hold,



But some re - ceived in fer - tile soil the trust the Sow - er taught.
 they threw God's Seed on ston - y ground and left it there to die.
 the Seed, from three days' si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!
 un - til it bears in fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.

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 Music: English Folk Melody, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Cortège

Louis Vierne

(from 24 Pièces en Style Libre, Op. 31, No. 1)

(1870-1937)

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