



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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

O God, giver of life and health, your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing; for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach

(from *Cantata 156*)

(1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew D. Smothers

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times;

People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: Let us exalt God's name together.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Christina A. Cosby

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you and one another. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love, in failing to love others as we love ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*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

Lasst uns erfreuen

All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us
sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ingsun with golden
beam, Thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. William H. Draper, 1910
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*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

Ms. Cosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

(nrsv, page 29 OT)

*PSALM 63 (Hymn 198)

St. Bride

*(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 & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Mr. Smothers

*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 9:1-5
(nrsv, page 148 NT)

Paula V. Cooper

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21
(nrsv, page 15 NT)

Mr. Smothers

SERMON

"For the Sake of Others"

Mr. Smothers

*HYMN 329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Bread of Life

*THE NICENE CREED

Ms. Cosby

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. Cosby

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Smothers

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

From *Biblical Songs*, Op. 99, No. 6

Antonín Dvořák
(1841-1904)

Slyš, o Bože, volání mé,
pozoruj modlitby mé!
Nebo jsi býval útočiště mé
a pevná věže před tváří nepřítele.
Budu bydlet v stánku Tvém na věky,
schráním se v skrýši křídel Tvých.
Bože! Bůh silný můj Ty jsi,
tebe hned v jitře hledám,
tebe žízní duše má,
po Tobě touží tělo mé,
v zemi žiznivě a vyprahlé,
v níž není vody.
A tak, abych Tobě dobrořečil
a s radostným rtů
prozpěvováním
chválila by Tě ústa má.

*Hear my cry, O God;
Listen to my prayer.
For you are my refuge,
A strong tower against the enemy.
Let me abide in your tent forever,
Find refuge under the shelter of your wings.
O God, you are my God,
Early will I seek you,
My soul thirsts for you;
My flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.
So I will bless the Lord as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands
and call on your name.
And my mouth praises you forever*

(Psalm 61:1, 3, 4; Psalm 63:1, 4, 5)

Katherine Wessinger, 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

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, ——— Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, ——— hea - ven and earth are
full ——— 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 ———
in the name of the Lord. ——— Ho - sa - na in the
high - est. Ho - sa - 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.

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 SOLO

From *Mass in A*, Op. 12

César Franck
(1822-1890)

*Panis angelicus, fit panis hominum.
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum.*

*The bread of angels becomes the bread
of men, the heavenly bread gives an end
to earthly forms.*

*O res mirabilis: manducat Dominum
pauper, servus, et humilis.*

*O marvelous and wondrous sacrament:
the poor, a slave, and the humble one all
receive the Lord.*

— *Thomas Aquinas (c.1225-1275)*

Katherine Wessinger, soprano

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mr. Smothers

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

John Weaver

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

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), D5 (quarter), B4-A4 (eighth pair), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The final two measures are whole notes: G4 and D4.

*POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato Maestoso
(from *Berlin-Krakow Manuscripts*)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

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.

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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