



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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

Grant, O Lord, that we may see in you the fulfillment of all our need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on the true and living bread which you have given us in Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Choral Dorien

*Jehan Alain
(1911-1940)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew D. Smothers

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: How good and pleasant it is

People: When God's children live together in unity,

Pastor: Following the Lord's teaching,

People: And living by God's commandments.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Paula V. Cooper

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 - ing sun 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

Elder François de P. Silatchom

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 45:1-15

(nrsv, page 40 OT)

*PSALM 133 (Hymn 241)

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(Following 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 & 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 11:1-2a, 29-36
(nrsv, page 150 NT)

Christina A. Cosby

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28
(nrsv, page 16 NT)

Ms. Cooper

*HYMN 439

In Christ There Is No East Or West

St. Peter

*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

Lord God of Abraham
(from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that thou art God, and I am thy servant! O show to all this people that I have done these things according to thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me; and show this people that thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned!

(1 Kings 18:36, 37)

Blake Burroughs, bass

*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.

COMMUNION SOLO

Deep River *African-American Spiritual*
arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.
O don't you want to go to that Gospel feast?
That promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

Blake Burroughs, bass

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 432 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun *Duke Street*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Mr. Smothers**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *John Weaver*



*POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso e Vivace *Mendelssohn*
(from *Sonata No. 2, Op. 65*)

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.

Pastoral Staff

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