



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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

Merciful God, grant that your church, being gathered together in unity by the Holy Spirit, may manifest your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Toccata in F major, BuxWV 157

*Dieterich Buxtehude*

*(1637-1707)*

**Dr. Paolo Bordignon, guest organist**

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Paula V. Cooper**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: When our enemies' anger is kindled against us,

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: When we fear the flood might sweep us away,

**Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord;**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

\*HYMN 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

*St. Thomas*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Andrew D Smothers**

**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

**Amanda L. Coe**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 1:8-2:10

*(nrsv, page 47 OT)*

## \*PSALM 124 (Hymn 236)

*Old 124th*

*(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

**Ms. Cooper**

*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 12:1-8  
*(nrsv, page 151 NT)*

**Mr. Smothers**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-20  
*(nrsv, page 17 NT)*

**Christina A. Cosby**

## \*HYMN

## O God, In A Mysterious Way

Dundee



1. O God, in a mys - te - rious way Great won - ders You per - form;
2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines Of nev - er - fail - ing skill
3. O fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The clouds you so much dread
4. Our un - be - lief is sure to err And scan Your work in vain;



You plant your foot-steps in the sea And ride up - on the storm.  
 You trea - sure up Your bright de - signs, And work Your sov - ereign will.  
 Are big with mer - cy, and shall break In bless - ings on your head.  
 You are Your own in - ter - pret - er, And You will make it plain.

Text: William Cowper, 1774; alt.

Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615

## \*THE NICENE CREED

Ms. Cooper

**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.**

## COMMISSIONING OF PHILLIPS TALBOT

GLOBAL MINISTRY FELLOW

Deacon Joyce N. Kadzakumanja

Paula V. Cooper

## COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Let us pray: (*unison*) **Sending God, you call leaders to train up your people in the way of your son, Jesus Christ. We praise and thank you that in our day you still call gifted men and women for ministry in his name. As Paula has dedicated herself to your service, so we pledge ourselves to support her, so that, strengthened by the Holy Spirit and surrounded by love and prayer, she may be your faithful disciple. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

A Song of Battle

Charles Villiers Stanford

(from Bible Songs, Op. 113, No. 5)

(1852-1924)

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us; then they that had swallowed us up alive: when their wrath was kindled against us. Then the waters had overwhelmed us: the stream had gone over our soul. Then the proud waters had gone even over our soul. Blessed be the Lord: who hath not given us as a prey unto their teeth. Our soul is escaped even as a bird from the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are delivered. Our help is in the name of the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124)

Marc Molomot, tenor

\*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.**

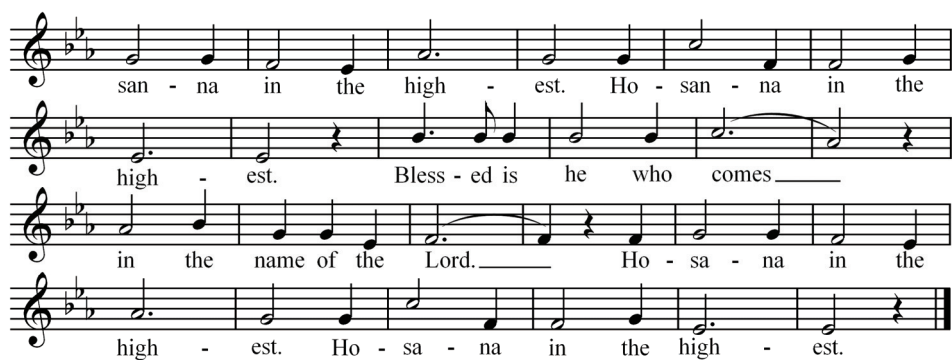
COMMUNION PRAYER

“...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 -



*(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**

If With All Your Hearts  
(from *Elijah*, Op. 70)

*Felix Mendelssohn*  
(1809-1847)

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence.  
*(Deuteronomy 4:29; Jeremiah 29:13; Job 23:3)*

**Marc Molomot, tenor**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN**

Lord Of All Hopefulness  
(Please See Insert)

*Slane*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**Ms. Cooper**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

John Weaver



\*POSTLUDE

Fuga

Mendelssohn

(from Sonata No. 2, Op. 65)

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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.

**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

**The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted**, *Interim Pastor*

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