



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017 at 9 and 11:15 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

God and Father of us all, you have willed that the last shall be first and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom. Give us your wisdom, so that we may fully understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in D minor,

BuxWV 161

Dieterich Buxtehude

(1637-1707)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

People: Make known God's deeds among the people.

Pastor: Sing praise; sing praise to the Lord;

People: Tell of all God's wonderful works!

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

CONFESSON OF SIN (*unison*)

Christina A. Cosby

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

John Weaver

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, 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

Weaver

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.

*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

Beverly A. Bartlett

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 16:2-15

(nrsv, page 60 OT)

*PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

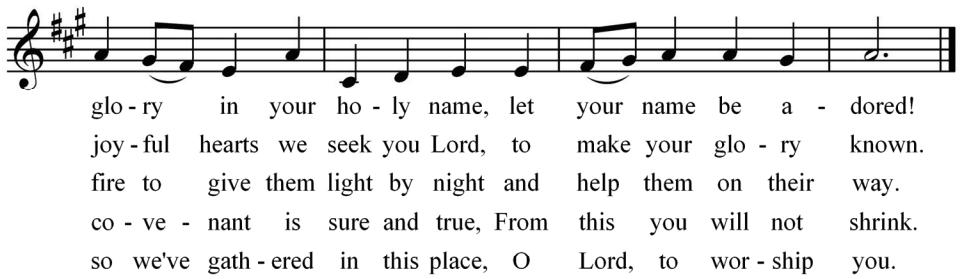
Ellacombe

(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.)

1. We give you thanks, O Lord, our God! We call up - on your name, We
2. We seek your pres-ence and your strength, your won-drous works of grace. Your
3. You brought them out with wealth and gold, sure - foot-ed, ev' - ry - one. Their
4. They cried for food, you an - swered them With quail and heav'-nly bread, and
5. You brought your peo - ple out with joy, Your cho-sen ones with song. You

must make known your might - y deeds to heal our peo-ple's pain. This
judg - ments and your mi - ra - cles, are trea - sured in this place. As
foes were glad that they were gone, so dread had they be - come. You
wa - ter gush - ing from the rock that filled dry ri - ver - bed. For
gave to them the na - tions' land, You made their lea - ders strong That

song of thanks and praise we raise to you, O liv - ing Lord. And
Ja - cob's chil - dren, A - bram's heirs, You chose us as your own. With
spread your glo - ry ov - er them, A cov' - ring for the day, with
A - bram's sake you cared for them and gave them food and drink, Your
they might keep your co - ve - nant, Its laws and sta - tutes true, And



glo - ry in your ho - ly name, let your name be a - dored!
joy - ful hearts we seek you Lord, to make your glo - ry known.
fire to give them light by night and help them on their way.
co - ve - nant is sure and true, From this you will not shrink.
so we've gath - ered in this place, O Lord, to wor - ship you.

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Music: Wirtemberg Hofkapelle Gesanbuch, 1784

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

Dr. Springsted

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

Philippians 1:21-30
(*nrsv, page 185 NT*)

Andrew D. Smothers

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*)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16
(*nrsv, page 20 NT*)

Dr. Springsted

SERMON

"Working in the Vineyard"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 515 (11:15 am)

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

*THE NICENE CREED

Ms. Bartlett

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

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship *Early American Hymn*
arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sister aided him;
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the savior, tell them that he will be found;
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace, and filled with tears?
Is there here a weeping Mary, pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound;
Pray, Oh pray that holy manna may be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.
Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

— George Atkin (1819)

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(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.

HYMN 515 (9 am) Now to Your Table Spread Love Unknown

Please join the choir in singing the hymn when your return to your pew.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee (1959)

Jean Berger
(1909-2002)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

(Psalm 145:15-16)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (11:15 am)

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *Cwm Rhondda*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*



*POSTLUDE Allabreve, BWV 589 *Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

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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