



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 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

Almighty God, in our baptisms you claimed us as your own, and promised to be with us always, to give us the gifts of faith, hope, love and peace. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us this day, especially in this time of worship, that being renewed both in body and mind, we may serve you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE *(11:15 am)* Fantasia in G minor, BWV 542

*J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)*

(9 & 11:15 am) Wenn wir in höchsten Nöthen sein, BWV 641

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, who is so good;

People: Whose goodness and mercy endure forever.

Pastor: Who can declare all the Lord has done;

People: Or do justice to God's rightful praise?

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

CONFESSON OF SIN *(unison)*

Andrew D. Smothers

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

Richard Proulx

Cantor *All* *Cantor*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All *Cantor* *All*

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Mit Freuden zart

Sing praise to God, who reigns a-bove, The God of all cre -
a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of our sal -
va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And ev-ery faith - less
mur - mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864
Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang* (1566)

*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 Exodus 32:1-14

(nrsv, page 75 OT)

*PSALM 106

New 106th

1. It - is good to give thanks to you, Lord, to re -
2. Our sin is the sin of our fore - bears: we have
3. Though time af - ter time you would save them, they in
4. O God, save us now in your mer - cy; bring us
mem - ber all you have done; then you will re - mem - ber our
wronged you and have done e - vil, like those who once lived un - der
mal - ice dared to de - fy you; de - spite this, you came to
back from all that of - fends you. Lord, look not al - one at our
prais - es when you look on your peo - ple with love.
bond - age, paid no heed un - to all you had done.
their res - cue when you heard all their cries of dis
e - vil, but re - mem - ber com - pas - sion and love.



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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 & YOUTH WORSHIP

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 4:1-9
(nrsv, page 187 NT)

Dr. Springsted

GRADUAL (11:15 am)

Andrew Henderson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

(Psalm 19:14)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1-14
(nrsv, page 23 NT)

Mr. Smothers

SERMON

"Dressed for the Party"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 396 (11:15 am) O For a Closer Walk with God

Caithness

*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 MOTET (*11:15 am*)

Rejoice in the Lord Alway

Anonymous

(*English, 16th Century*)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

(*Philippians 4:4-7*)

*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

Proulx

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

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(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 MOTET (9 am)

O Thou Who At Thy Eucharist arr. Mogens Wöldike
(1897-1988)

O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy church might be for ever one,
Grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul 'Thy will be done.'
Oh, may we all one bread, one body be,
One through this sacrament of unity.

– William H. Turton (1856-1938)

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

My Song Shall Be Alway Godfrey Sampson
(1902-1949)

My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another. (*Psalm 89:1*)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (11:15 am)

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The top staff starts with a G clef, a key signature of four flats, and a common time signature. The bottom staff starts with a C clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The lyrics are:

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 539

Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise

Ellers

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

John Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor, BWV 542

Bach

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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