



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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

O God, who sent your blessed Son into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us your children and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and glory, we may be made like him in this eternal and glorious kingdom, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Master Tallis's Testament (1940)

*Herbert Howells*  
(1892-1983)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Eric O. Springsted**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Recount to all generations the power and glory of our God,

**People: God has given his glorious decrees to Jacob.**

Pastor: We put our trust in you, O Lord,

**People: And live to keep your commandments.**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 466

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Azmon*

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

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

**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 upon us 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

*James MacMillan*

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

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Nun dankett alle Gott*



Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voice,  
 Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;  
 Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
 With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.

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 Music: Johann Crüger, 1648

## \*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

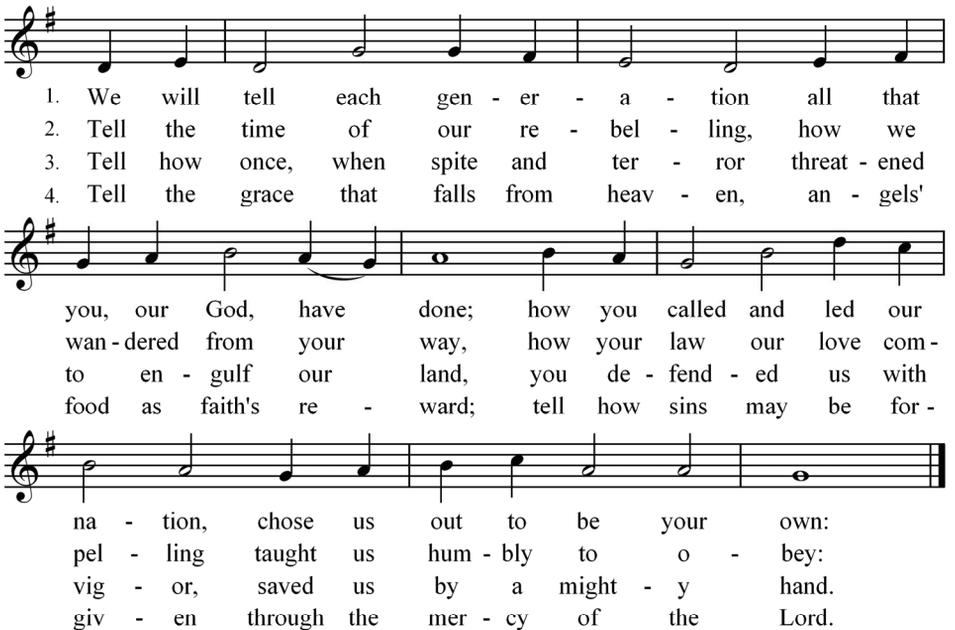
**Christina A. Cosby**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

*(nrsv, page 205 OT)*

### \*PSALM 78:1-7

*Kingdom*



1. We will tell each generation all that  
 2. Tell the time of our rebellion, how we  
 3. Tell how once, when spite and terror threat-ened  
 4. Tell the grace that falls from heaven, angels'  
 you, our God, have done; how you called and led our  
 wan-dered from your way, how your law our love com-  
 to en-gulf our land, you defend-ed us with  
 food as faith's re-ward; tell how sins may be for-  
 na-tion, chose us out to be your own:  
 pel-ling taught us hum-bly to o-bey:  
 vig-or, saved us by a might-y hand.  
 giv-en through the mer-cy of the Lord.

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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**

**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**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
*(nrsv, page 193 NT)*

**Ms. Bartlett**

**GRADUAL** *(11:15 am)*

Your Word Is a Lamp

*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 25:1-13  
*(nrsv, page 26 NT)*

**Dr. Springsted**

**SERMON**

**“What Are We Waiting For?”**

**Dr. Springsted**

**\*HYMN 379**  
*(11:15 am)*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

*Solid Rock*

**\*THE NICENE CREED**

**Dr. Springsted**

**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. Bartlett**

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**WORD IN ACTION**

**“Stewardship”**

**Elder Sharon E. Boersma**

# PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY MOTET (11:15 am)

Audivi vocem de coelo

Thomas Tallis  
(c. 1505-1585)

Audivi vocem de coelo venientem:  
Olerum recondite in vasis vestris  
dum sponsus advenerit. Media nocte  
clamor factus est: Ecce sponsus  
venit.

*I heard a voice from heaven saying:  
Lay up the oil in your vessels when  
the bridegroom comes. At midnight  
there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the  
bridegroom!'*

(Jeremiah 40:10; Matthew 25:6)

## \*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

MacMillan

(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly  
Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



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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 ANTHEM

(9 am)

Keep Your Lamps

arr. André Thomas  
(b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children don't get weary 'til your work is done. Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.  
*(African-American Spiritual)*

(11:15 am)

Steal Away

arr. Nicholas White  
(b. 1967)

*Steal away, steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away home,  
I ain't got long to stay here.*

My Lord, he calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bendin', poor sinners stand a-tremblin'.  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul,  
I ain't got long to stay here.

*(African-American Spiritual)*

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG (11:15 am)

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.**

**Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!**

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## CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 15 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers *Llangloffan*

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING **Dr. Springsted**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *John Weaver*



\*POSTLUDE Toccata *Eugène Gigout*  
(from *Dix Pièces*, 1892) (1844-1925)

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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*

**The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett**, *Associate Pastor*

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