



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018 at 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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Adagio for Strings,
Op. 10 (1936)

Samuel Barber
(1910-1981)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence.

People: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

Pastor: Trust in God at all times, O people;
Pour out your heart before him.

People: God is a refuge for us.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Dr. Springsted

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

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blaenwern

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
heav'n to earth come down, Fix in us Thy
hum - ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev' - ry trem - bling heart.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: William Rowlands (1860-1937)

*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 Jonah 3:1-10

(nrsv, page 811 OT)

*PSALM 62 (Hymn 197)

Cheshire

*(Following the final psalm refrain, children and young people are invited to come forward,
gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)*

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS &

Jenny McDevitt

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

1 Corinthians 7:29-31
(*nrsv, page 160 NT*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

GRADUAL

Andrew Henderson

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.
(John 1:14)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:14-20
(*nrsv, page 33 NT*)

Dr. Springsted

SERMON

“The Worst Good News”

Ms. McDevitt

*HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me
(*Please See Insert*)

Kelvingrove

*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

Ms. Bartlett

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Pilgrims' Hymn
(from *The Three Hermits*, 1997)

Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

Even before we call on Your name
To ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You,
You hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,
Surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, And to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,
We breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast,
We trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,
Beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and for ever,
And unto ages and ages, Amen.

– *Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1946)*

*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

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 ANTHEM

Wayfarin' Stranger (2010)

*arr. Mack Wilberg
(b. 1955)*

I am a poor wayfarin' stranger
While trav'lin' through this world of woe;
But there's no sickness, toil, nor danger
In that bright land to which I go.
I'm goin' there to see my father;
I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.

I know dark clouds will gather 'round me,
I know my way is rough and steep;
And yet green pastures lie before me
Where God's redeemed no more shall weep.
I'm goin' there to see my mother;
She said she'd meet me when I come.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.

I'm goin' there to see my Savior;
To sing his praise for evermore.
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan,
I'm just a-goin' over home.

(American Folk-hymn)

Helen Karloski, mezzo-soprano

Katie Keiley, clarinet

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ples of the earth. Christ has come,
bring-ing peace, joy to ev-'ry heart. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
joy to ev-'ry heart! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, joy to ev-'ry heart!

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*
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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Opening Prayer

Dr. Springsted, Moderator

Call to Order & Determination of a Quorum

Motion

The Pastor Nominating Committee

To Elect the Rev. Jenny McDevitt

as the Pastor/Head of Staff of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Report of the Committee and Debate

Vote

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Ms. McDevitt

***POSTLUDE**

Toccata (1959)

*John Weaver
(b. 1937)*

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
by the MAPC Staff
in gratitude for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

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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