



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018 at 9 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

Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold: Feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE

Berceuse

Louis Vierne

(from *24 Pièces en Style Libre*, Op. 31, No. 1)

(1870-1937)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beverly A. Bartlett

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Pastor: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Pastor: This is a story worth sharing.

People: Let our entire lives reflect this good news!

Pastor: In the name of the triune God: creator, redeemer, and sustainer,

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia No. 1

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

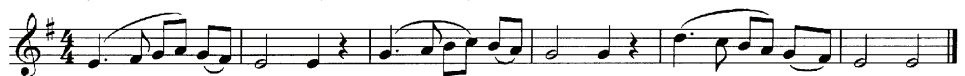
Jenny M. McDevitt

Merciful God, we forget that we are always telling your story. When we choose to see the good, we tell the world you are graceful; when we choose to complain, we tell the world you are never satisfied. When we are generous, we tell the world you are big-hearted; when we are selfish, we tell the world you are unconcerned and uninvolved. Forgive us when the daily details of our lives fail to proclaim your resurrection truth. Reshape our hearts and redirect our ways.

(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.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gelobt sei Gott

Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
Al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1931; alt.
Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1609

*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

Rev. Bartlett

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:1-20

(nrsv, page 113 NT)

*PSALM 23 (Hymn 170)

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*(During the last verse 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

Rev. McDevitt

*Children’s Worship – Preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge.
Youth Worship will not meet today. Please remain in the sanctuary for worship.
Children will return at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24
(nrsv, page 226 NT)

Rev. Bartlett

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18
(nrsv, page 97 NT)

Rev. McDevitt

SERMON

“Did You Say What I Think You Said?”

Rev. McDevitt

*THE NICENE CREED

Rev. 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

Rev. McDevitt

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Bartlett

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*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.

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

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. Bless - ed, bless - ed is
 He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(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.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
 march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing
 Oo we are march-ing in the light of God.

Text: Zulu/Zhosa Freedom Song; trans. Grace Grindal, 1984
 Music: South African; arr. *Freedom is Coming*, © 1984 Walton Music
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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission

*Es flog ein kleins
Waldvögelein*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. McDevitt

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver

(Organ) A - men, A - men, A - men.

*POSTLUDE

March
(from *Occasional Oratorio*)

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Julia Maxwell Gordon and
Robert Bruce Gordon.

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 looking for a church home, we would be delighted to talk with you about joining us here.

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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