



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018 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 Sovereign God, our Maker and Redeemer, help us love what you command and desire what you promise. Amid all the changes of this world, direct our hearts so they may be fixed where true joy is to be found, in service to you through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Rosace
(from *Esquisses Byzantines*, 1919)

Henri Mulet
(1878-1967)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenny M. McDevitt

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: We are a people who gather around a font,

People: A visible reminder of God's endless, overflowing grace.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

Merciful God, when we see clearly the path we should follow, yet still choose our own way, forgive us. When we recognize you in the suffering of others, yet still turn our backs, forgive us. When the world needs to hear your Good News, and we decline to do little more than mumble, forgive us. When we want you to heal us and make us new, but doubt that you can or will, forgive us. We often fail to be true to who we are, O God, so we have no right to ask this, but we ask you to be true to who you are, and forgive us once again.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

John Weaver



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."*

ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Risen Lord (1989)

Barry Rose
(b. 1934)

Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things. Love, laughter, bread, wine, and dreams; fill us with green growing hope. Risen Lord, make us a people whose song is Alleluia, whose sign is peace and whose name is love. Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things and to sing Alleluia. — *John Hencher (1931-2011)*

T(w)een, Children's & Cherub Choirs

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. McDevitt

FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

(*nrsv, page 119 NT*)

*PSALM 22:25-31

Ellacombe

1. A - mid the throng-ing wor - ship-pers, The Liv - ing Lord I bless; Be -
2. The bur - den of the sor - row - ful, The Lord will not des - pise; God
3. You feed with good the hum - ble ones, And sat - is - fy the meek, And
4. Be - fore you Lord, the proud shall bow, The haugh - ty with their trust. They

fore my peo - ple, gath - ered here, God's name will I con - fess. Come
has not turned from those who mourn, But lis - tens to their cries. Such
they shall live and praise you, Lord, Who for your mer - cy seek. The
can - not keep them - selves a - live, They too re - turn to dust. But



sing with all who fear the Lord, You chil - dren of God's grace; With
good - ness makes me join the throng, Where saints this praise pro - claim, And
ends of all the earth take thought, The na - tions seek you, Lord. They
you, Lord, dwell bey - ond all time, De - liv' - rance to pro - claim, To



rev' - rance sound all glo - ry forth, And bow be - fore God's face.
there will I ful - fill my vows, With those who fear God's name.
wor - ship you, the Sov'-reign One, In earth and heav'n a - dored.
gen - e - ra - tions yet un - born, Who shall con - fess your name.

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Music: Wirttemberg Hofkapelle Gesanbuch, 1784

(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.
The children will return at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:7-18a
(nrsv, page 226 NT)

Rev. Bartlett

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8
(nrsv, page 103 NT)

Rev. Bartlett (9 am)

Adeline P. Burg (11:15 am)

SERMON

“Room Enough For Everyone”

Rev. McDevitt

*HYMN 424 O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising *Charterhouse*
(11:15 am)

*REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Pastor: Do you trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

People: I do.

Pastor: Do you understand yourself to be a child of God, a recipient of God's love?

People: I do.

Pastor: Will you make every effort to turn away from evil and sin in this world?

People: I will.

Pastor: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

People: I will.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven; he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy, catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the live everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Bartlett

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. McDevitt

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Let Us Love in Deed and Truth

Larry King
(1932-1990)

If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth: we have confidence before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments, and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.

(based on 1 John 3:17-23)

*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

*HYMN 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. McDevitt

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Carillon-Sortie (1912)

Mulet

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God
in honor of the wedding of Christina Cosby and
Matthew Collen.

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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