



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 6, 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

Victorious God, all creation lifts its voice in a cacophony of joyful praise. In your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, you have come to judge the world in truth and equity. We await his return to make all things new, joining creation's chorus with our new songs of praise. Amen.

PRELUDE

Chant de Mai, Op. 53

*Joseph Jongen*  
(1873-1953)

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 will praise God in this place and in every place;

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

\*HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

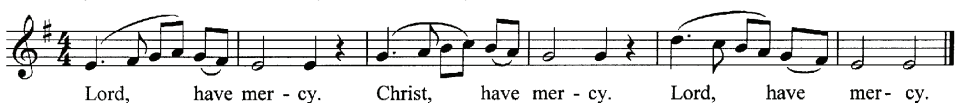
**Christina A. Cosby**

**Merciful God, this week has been like so many before it: we thought we would be better than we were. We wanted to pray more, study more, and trust more. We meant to be gentle, with each other and with the world. We intended to let grace have the last word. We have disappointed ourselves again, O God, and we are afraid we have disappointed you, too. There is such distance between who we are and who we want to be. Help us. Receive us as we are, but do not leave us this way.**

*(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.**

# \*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver

Choir  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation  
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are  
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For  
You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

## \*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"  
responding, "And also with you."*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Ms. Cosby**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 98

**Leader:** O Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.  
The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

**People:** **He has remembered the house of Israel with steadfast love  
and faithfulness.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

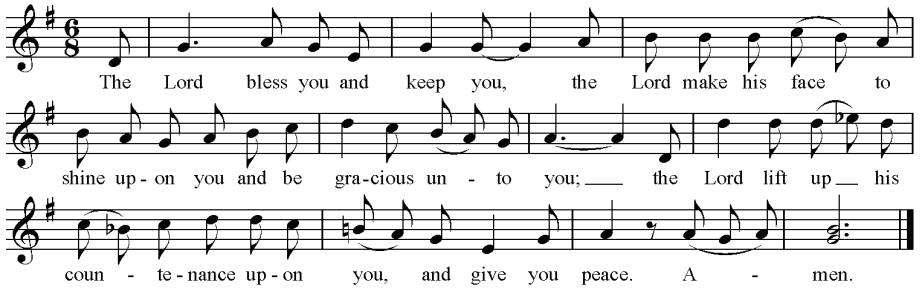
**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.



(11:15 am) Let us pray: **Holy God: Source, Goal and Guide, remind us of the promises given in our own baptisms and renew our trust in you. Bind us to your Word and fill us with your Spirit, that together we may love one another and serve you with joy, that others may see Christ in us and embrace him as Lord and Savior as well. Amen.**

AARONIC BENEDICTION (11:15 am)

Weaver



The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine up - on you and be gra - cious un - to you; the Lord lift up his coun - te - nance up - on you, and give you peace. A - men.

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)

Upon Your Heart (1999)

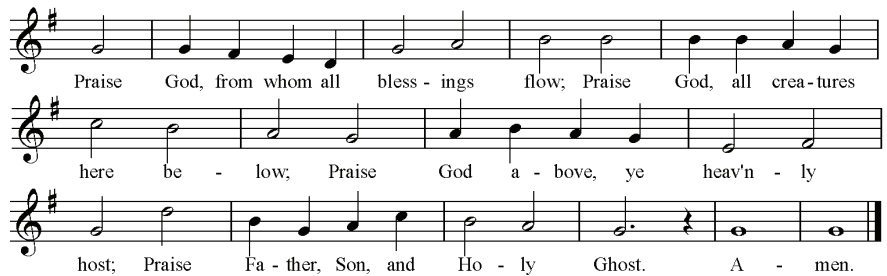
Eleanor Daley  
(b. 1955)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love, love one another as I have loved you, then shall your joy be complete.

(Song of Solomon 8:6-7, John 15:9-12)

\*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

Weaver

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Weaver

Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be Your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on  
 earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those  
 who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the  
 king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are Yours now and for ev-er. A - men.

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 and wheat bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself. 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. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews.*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

*After receiving communion, those who wish may join one of the pastors in the side transepts for anointing, laying on of hands and prayers for yourself or for another.*

ANTHEM  
 (11:15 am)

I Sat Down Under His Shadow

Edward C. Bairstow  
 (1874-1946)

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

*(Song of Solomon 2:3-4)*

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev-'ry heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!**

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CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Rev. McDevitt**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*



\*POSTLUDE Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*  
("Alla Handel," from *33 Portraits*, Op. 101) (1879-1933)

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God  
in memory of John McChord.

**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.

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