



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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**Ascension of the Lord**  
May 13, 2018 at 9 and 11:15 am

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## 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

God of wonder and Word, you take us by surprise. You, who fashioned the earth and everything in it, have an imagination like no other. Gift us with the ability to see with your creative eyes and revel in your creative love. Amen.

PRELUDE Rhosymedre *Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
(from *Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes*, 1920) (1872-1958)

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: To be resurrected people is to marvel in the mystery of faith.

**People: The wonders of God stretch from heaven to earth.**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

\*HYMN 147 Blessing and Honor *O Quanta Qualia*

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*) **Beverly A. Bartlett**

**Gracious God, sometimes you are too unpredictable for us. You are a raging flood, a burning bush, and a wrestling match. You are a manger birth, an abandoned grace, and an open-ended promise. And while we know that this is good news, we admit that sometimes, a simple, reliable equation would be easier for us to bear. The unknown frightens us. So we add up our accomplishments and subtract our shortcomings and forget that you are in the business of multiplying grace. Remind us, O God, of your love, which defies all reason, disregards all the rules, and destroys even death.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in F*) *John Weaver*



# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

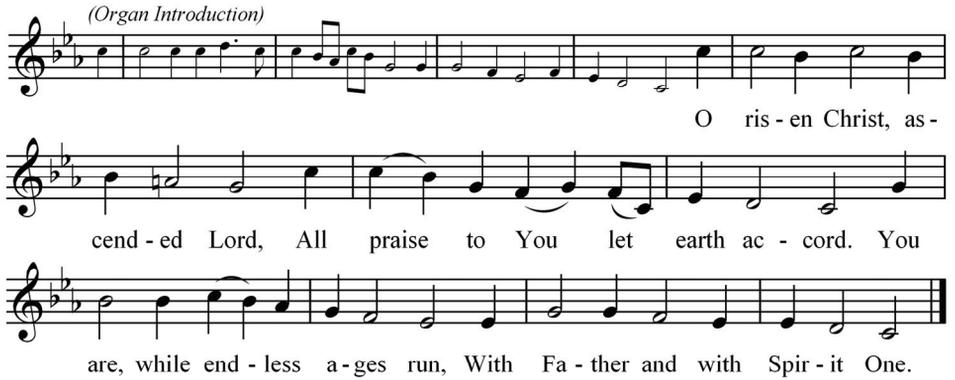
Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Deo Gracias*

*(Organ Introduction)*



O ris - en Christ, as -  
cend - ed Lord, All praise to You let earth ac - cord. You  
are, while end - less a - ges run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it One.

Text: The Venerable Bede (673-735); trans. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)  
Music: English, c. 1435, arr. E. Power Biggs (1906-1977)

## \*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

**Christina A. Cosby**

## FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

*(nrsv, page 110 NT)*

## \*PSALM 47 (Hymn 194)

*Genevan 47*

*(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 – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.*

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

## EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23  
*(nrsv, page 181 NT)*

**Rev. Bartlett**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53  
*(nrsv, page 85 NT)*

## SERMON

***"Don't Forget to Look Up"***

**Rev. McDevitt**

\*HYMN 149  
(11:15 am)

The Head That Once Was Crowned

St. Magnus

\*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. Bartlett

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. McDevitt

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

O Clap Your Hands (1920)

Vaughan Williams

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God. Sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. *(Psalm 47:1, 2, 5-8)*

\*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, heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.**

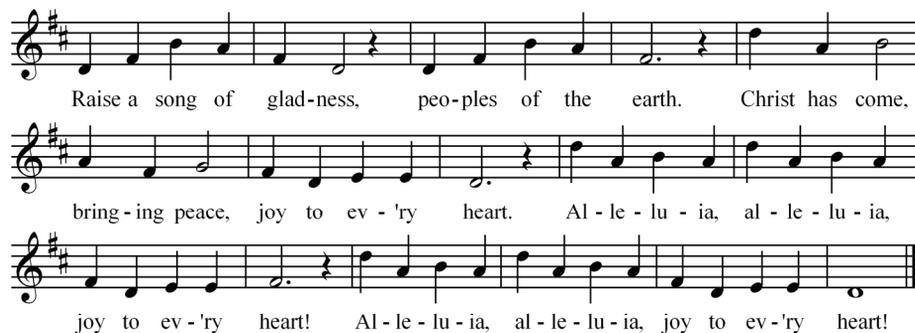
## DISTRIBUTION

*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 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.*

O King all glorious, amid thy saintly company, who ever shalt be praised, who over passeth utterance. Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Holy Name; leave us not, O our God, that in the day of judgement it may please thee to place us in the number of thy saints and blessed ones, O King most blessed.

– *Compline Anthem from the Sarum Gradual*

## 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

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

St. Helen



1. Lord, en-throned in heav'n-ly splen-dor, First-be-got-ten from the dead,
2. Here our hum-blest hom-age pay we, Here in lov-ing rev-erence bow;
3. Pas-chal Lamb, your of-fering, fin-ished Once for all when you were slain,
4. Life-im-part-ing heav-en-ly man-na, Smit-ten rock with stream-ing side,



You a-lone, our strong de-fend-er, Now lift up your peo-ple's head.  
Here for faith's dis-cern-ment pray we, Lest we fail to know you now.  
In its full-ness un-di-min-ish-ed Shall for-ev-er-more re-main.  
Heaven and earth with loud ho-san-na Wor-ship you, the Lamb who died.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus, true and liv-ing bread!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! You are here, we ask not how.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Cleans-ing us from ev-ery stain.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Risen, as-cend-ed, glo-ri-fied!

Text: George Hugh Bourne, 1874; alt.

Music: George C. Martin, 1889

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. McDevitt

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver

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

\*POSTLUDE

A Trumpet Minuet (1929)

Alfred Hollins  
(1865-1942)

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God  
in memory of Kate and Wade Roby.

**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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