

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 1, 2018 • 10:30am



Welcome to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member . . .

Whether you are new to or uncertain about this whole idea of church . . .

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Jewish or agnostic . . .

Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged . . .

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here and you have made us better by being present with us. In the midst of a big and busy city, we are a church that takes seriously Jesus' instructions to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives.

After worship, we gather in our Church House for fellowship, coffee, and cookies. Please join us. We think you'll find us to be a friendly and approachable group of people trying our best to live like Jesus teaches. But if you're looking for a perfect church, we're not it. We don't always get it right. Rather, we're a group of imperfect people who understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. Including you.

There is a place for you here. We're delighted you've joined us today.



Rev. Jenny McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Children Are Always Welcome

Your children are always welcome here at MAPC, and they are welcome to stay with you in worship. Little ones can't help but make a bit of noise from time to time. If it is your preference, however, children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th floor. The Narthex and the Children's Library are also available. Speakers provide audio of the service.

Membership and More Information

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, we periodically host a "Tell Me More About MAPC" conversation. The next gathering will be held Sept. 8, 2018, at 9:00 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*Gracious God, in life and in death, we belong to you.
And yet, so much clamors for our attention and demands our loyalty.
Give us focus and clarity in this hour and every hour beyond,
that we might hear your voice above all other voices and follow where you lead.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Elegie, from *Sechs Stücke für Violine
und Orgel*, Op. 150
Sarah Badavas, Violin

Josef-Gabriel Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32)

“Now the Lord is the Spirit,

and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there freedom is also.” (2 Cor. 3:17)

“For freedom Christ has set us free;

stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.” (Gal. 5:1)

“We have been called to freedom.

**This freedom is not for gainful opportunity,
but to serve one another through love.”** (Gal. 5:13)

*Hymn 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

Merciful God, forgive us.

Too often we find it easier

**to trust in the principalities and powers of this world,
than to trust in your promise of a brand new day.**

The hope of this earth is threatened by greed.

The hope of this country is threatened by fear.

The hope of this city is threatened by competition.

The hope of each one of us is threatened by sorrow.

Create in us clean hearts, O God.

Renew a right spirit in us,

and may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Silent prayer)

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Assurance of God's Grace

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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*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, heav - en - 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 God's Law

*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24

*Psalm 130

In Babilone



From the depths of deep-est griev-ing, Lord, I cry to you in trust.
Ea - ger - ly I wait be - fore you, List - 'ning for your voice, O Lord,



If you coun - ted our trans-gres-sions Who could be con - si - dered just?
As a watch-man longs for mor-ning, So I long to hear your word.



But with you is sure for - give-ness, Mer - ci - ful, be - yond be - lief.
Trust the Lord, now all you peo - ple, God's love gives us life a - new,



Here I stand, pre-pared to serve you, Filled with rev - 'rence and be - lief.
Sav - ing us from all trans-gres-sion. With a love both strong and true.

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Music: Dutch Melody, arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades gather in Phillips Lounge.
They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15
NT page 172

Sermon

What Does It Really Mean To Be Free?

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

————— Responding to God's Word —————

*Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers who have been reconciled
with God and with one another.**

Unity, therefore, is both a gift and an obligation.

Through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force,

yet simultaneously it is a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought.

This unity must become visible so that the world may believe

that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin.

This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;

that we have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,

are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup,

confess one name, are obedient to one Lord,

work for one cause, and share one hope;

that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;

that we pray together, together serve God in this world,

and together fight against all which threatens or hinders this unity.

This unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint,

and true faith in Jesus Christ

is the only condition for membership of this church.

To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be the honor and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing ____
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions, ____
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions: ____



— with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
— a song of peace for their land and for mine.
— my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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Pastoral Prayer

Our Life Together

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Out of the depths have I cried unto you.
 Lord, hear my voice.
 Lord, let your ear be attentive to my cry; Lord, hear my cry for mercy.
 If you, O Lord, kept a record of sin, who, then, could stand?
 But with you, Lord, there is forgiveness.
 Therefore, you may be feared.
 I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in his word do I hope.
 —Psalm 130:1-5

Sarah Badavas, Violin

*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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

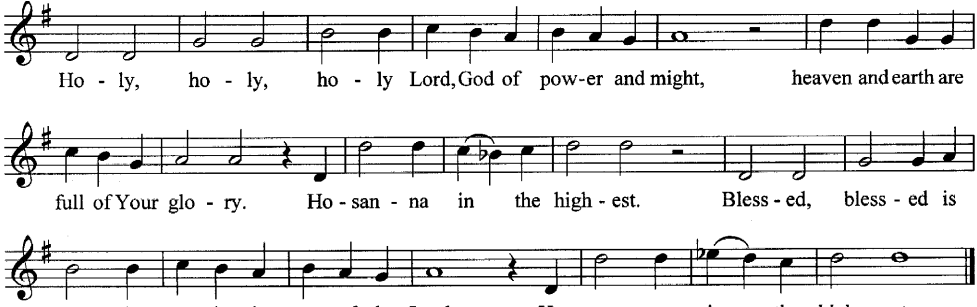
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your holy 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.

Acclamation

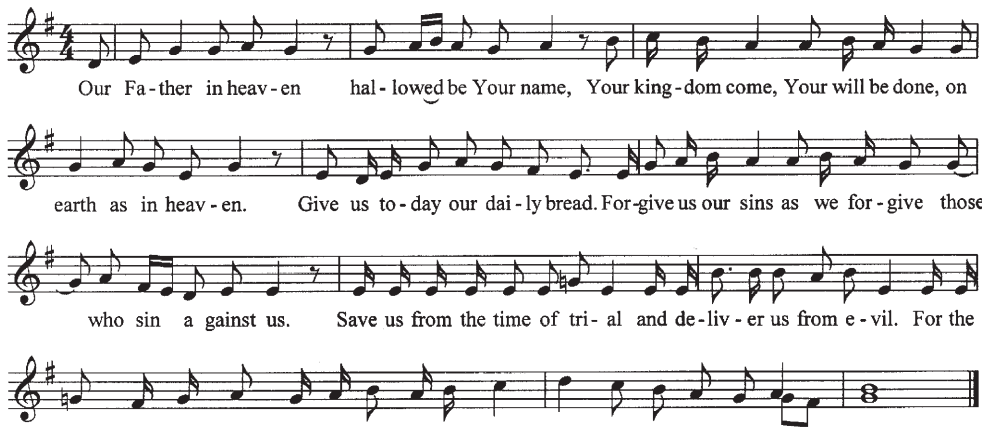
Weaver



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

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.

Words of Institution

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

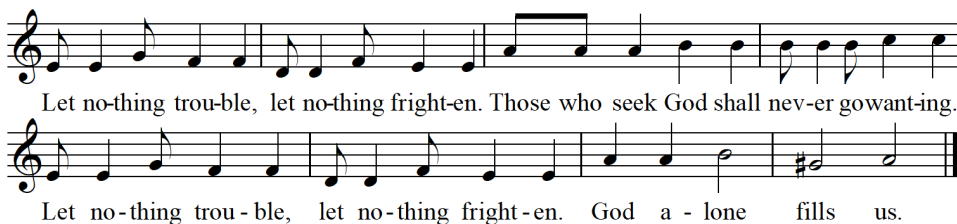
Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,	As disciples used to gather
For when humbly in Your name	In the name of Christ to sup,
Two or three are met together,	Then with thanks to God the Father
You are in the midst of them;	Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment's hem.	Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
 Make as sacraments of You,
 That by caring, helping, giving,
 We may be disciples true.
 Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.

— Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Congregational Song



Let no-thing trou-ble, let no-thing fright-en. Those who seek God shall nev-er gowant-ing.
 Let no-thing trou-ble, let no-thing fright-en. God a-lone fills us.


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Concluding Prayer

*Hymn 262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand *National Hymn*

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response *Weaver*



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

*Postlude Trumpet Tune in D *David N. Johnson*
(1922-1987)

Information and Announcements

Summer Choir

Continuing through Sunday, July 29, the Summer Choir will meet Sundays at 9:30 am to rehearse for our 10:30 am service. Come as you can. Please contact Andrew Henderson at aeh@mapc.com.

Hood Library Summer Checkout

Remember that you can check books out of the Hood Library for the entire summer—they are not due back until September 9th. The Library fellowship also welcomes your donations. They may be left on the desk in the library.

MAPC Hosting Presbytery

On Saturday, July 28, MAPC will serve as host for the meeting of the Presbytery of New York City. In order to extend a gracious welcome and hospitality, we will need a number of volunteers that day. Keep an eye out for an email with more information and a list of opportunities.

Bible Study Opportunities

- Women's Bible Study: Monday, July 9 at 6:30 pm in the Library
- Reading Through the Bible: Wednesday, July 11 at 12:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- 20s/30s Bible Study: Thursday, August 9, at 5:30 pm in 10C

This Week's Calendar

Monday, July 2; Tuesday, July 3; and Wednesday, July 4

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Thursday, July 5

6:30 pm Thursday Open Table – Parish Hall

6:30 pm Recovery Group – Library

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Friday, July 6

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Sunday, July 8

9:15 am Child Care – 4th Floor

9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary

10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge

11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Lobby

12:00 pm ESL Classes – Parish Hall, Shelter Space, Community Services Room

Summer Sermons

June 24	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>On Mark and Miracles</i>
July 1	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>What Does It Really Mean To Be Free?</i>
July 8	Christina Cosby: <i>Foolishness or Good News?</i>
July 15	Rev. Beverly Bartlett
July 22	Christina Cosby
July 29	Rev. Beverly Bartlett
August 5	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>These Are Not Childish Times</i>
August 12	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>It's Okay To Be Angry</i>
August 19	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>It's Essential To Be Wise</i>
August 26	Christina Cosby
September 2	Pastoral Resident

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.

Ministry Team Staff

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*
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