

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 15, 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 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations,
so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, and then use us, we pray, as you will,
but always to your glory and the welfare of your people,
through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

- William Temple (1881-1944)

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

A tempo ordinario
Allegro, from *Organ Concerto in B-flat*, Op 4. No 2

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1759)

Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage;

Wait for the Lord!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 451

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in your gracious presence.

We confess our sin and the sin of this world.

Although Christ is among us as our peace,

We are a people divided against ourselves

As we cling to the values of a broken world.

The profit and pleasures we pursue

Lay waste the land and pollute the seas.

The fears and jealousies that we harbor

Set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,

Of intellect and reason,

And have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world

As agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

Richard Proulx

Musical score for 'Lord, Have Mercy' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves. The first staff has three measures: the first two are marked 'Cantor' and the third is marked 'All'. The second staff has three measures: the first is marked 'All', the second is marked 'Cantor', and the third is marked 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

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Assurance of God's Grace

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

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

*Response of Praise

In Babilone

Musical score for 'Response of Praise' in G major, 4/4 time. The score consists of four staves. The lyrics are: 'There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea; There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heav'n; There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.'

Text: Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.
Music: Dutch Melody, arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

*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

*Psalm 24 (Hymn 176)

Caithness

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 Lesson

Ephesians 1:3-14

NT page 180

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:14-29

NT page 38

Sermon

To Save Face, Or Embrace Faith?

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 453

O Holy City, Seen of John

Morning Song

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**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

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

Our Life Together

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Anthem

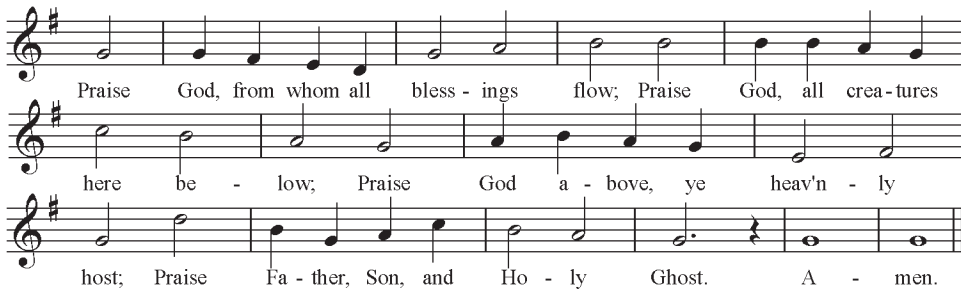
How Lovely Are the Messengers
from *St. Paul*, Op. 36

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
— adapted from Romans 10:15

*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.

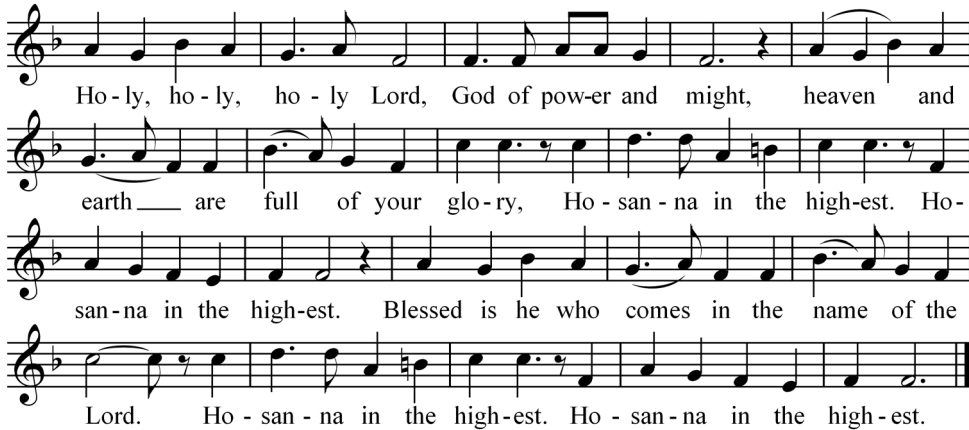
The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray . . .

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

Sanctus

Proulx



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. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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Acclamation

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

Words of Institution

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

Let us keep the feast.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus


Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

Ave verum corpus natum de Maria
Virgine, vere passum immolatum in
cruce pro homine. Cujus latus
perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis
examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis
Jesu, Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true body, born of the Virgin
Mary, which in anguish to redeem us
suffered upon the cross, from whose
side, when pierced, there came forth
both water and blood. Be to us at our
last hour the source of consolation.
O loving, O holy, O Jesus, son of Mary.*

– Sequence Hymn for the Feast of Corpus Christi (14th Century)

Congregational Song



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice. Look to God, do not be a - fraid: lift up your voi - ces, the
Lord is near; lift up your voi - ces, the Lord is near.

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*
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Concluding Prayer

*Hymn

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Rhuddlan



1. Judge E - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
2. Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
3. Crown, O God, your own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness



King of kings, with your liv - ing fire of judg - ment
brings re - lease, and the cit - y's crowd - ed clang - or
with your sword; feed the faith - less and the hun - gry



purge this land of bit - ter things; so - lace all its
cries a - loud for sin to cease, and the home - steads
with the rich - ness of your word; cleanse the bod - y



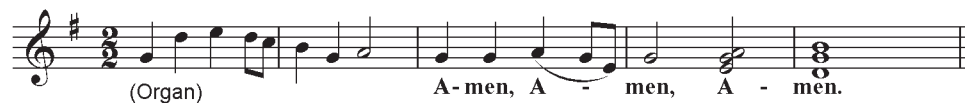
wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of your wings.
and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Text: Henry Scott Holland (1902), alt.; public domain
Music: Welsh melody

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Allegro ma non Presto
from *Organ Concerto in B-flat*, Op. 4, No 2

Handel

Worship Details

Paolo Bordignon, Guest Organist

Paolo Bordignon, our guest organist, serves as harpsichordist for the New York Philharmonic and is a busy freelance organist, harpsichordist and conductor. Dr. Bordignon, a native of Toronto, Ontario, holds degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music and The Juilliard School.

Today's Cover Art

Altarpiece of Saint John the Baptist with Stories, *Giovanni del Biondo (1360-1365)*
Galleria degli Uffizi - Florence (Italy)

Information and Announcements

Summer Choir

Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. 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.

All Church Retreat, September 28-29 at Holmes Camp and Conference Center

The all-church retreat at Holmes Camp and Conference Center will be here before you know it, so, start signing up now! The cost for those coming overnight is \$90 (includes lodging, three meals, and day use fee on Saturday), and the cost for those coming up on Saturday is \$30 (includes morning coffee and snacks, lunch and day use fee). We have reserved a bus for those coming for the day on Saturday. The cost of transportation is additional!! The roundtrip cost for the bus is \$50. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com, or sign up in the Church House Lobby after worship.

Sent By Love – Youth Mission Trip to Iowa

A delegation of 7 MAPC members, staff, and youth are at Lakeshore Iowa serving communities along the Iowa/South Dakota border. The theme for this year's trip is centered on 2 Corinthians 12:12-27, "One Body with Many Parts". Please pray for the safety of our group as they will be returning this Monday, July 16.

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 few volunteers that day to assist with communion, to help usher and collect tickets for lunch. If you are available that day and would like to assist, contact Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Bible Study Opportunities

- Women's Bible Study, Monday, August 13 at 6:30 pm in the Phillips Lounge
- Reading Through the Bible, Wednesday, July 18 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

Sunday, July 15

- 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
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Monday, July 16

- Note: Youth Mission Trip to Iowa Returns
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Tuesday, July 17

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Wednesday, July 18

- 12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible – Phillips Lounge
- 6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Thursday, July 19

- 6:30 pm Thursday Open Table – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Recovery Group – Library
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Friday, July 20

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Saturday, July 21

No Events Scheduled – Church House Closed

Sunday, July 22

- 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 Service 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: <i>To Save Face, Or Embrace Faith?</i>
July 22	Christina Cosby: <i>Gather Around</i>
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*
Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Paula V. Cooper, *Phillips Talbot Global Ministry Fellow*
Christina A. Cosby, *Director of Christian Formation*
Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*
Dr. Andrew E. Henderson, *Director of Music and Organist*
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Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*