



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018 • 10:30am



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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 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*"The heavens are telling the glory of God!"
O Lord, let us never cease to be amazed by you.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Allegretto, Op. 101, No. 1

*Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

I will bless the Lord at all times;
praise shall forever burst forth from my mouth.
Those who look to God will shine;
their faces are never ashamed.
Taste and see how good the Lord is!
Those who find refuge in God are truly happy.

—Psalm 34

*Hymn 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

**Merciful God,
This morning we sing to you,
but we confess there are times when we would rather scream.
The world lets us down.
We let ourselves down.
We know we let you down, and if we are being honest,
sometimes you let us down, too.
We forget that you ask us to be faithful, not flawless,
and we forget that you made us to be good, not perfect.
We are so busy trying to earn your grace,
we don't notice it chasing behind us,
and we are so intent on being holy,
we are reluctant to be honest.
Forgive us, we pray.**
(Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (from *Deutsche Messe*)

Franz Schubert

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

*Response of Praise

Lasst uns erfreuen

All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us
sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with golden
beam, Thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. William H. Draper, 1910
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*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 Lesson

2 Samuel 18:5-9
OT page 279

*Psalm 130

Kingsfold

1. Up from the depths I cry to God: O lis - ten, Lord, to me; O
2. If you, my God, should mea - sure guilt, who then could ev - er stand? But
3. O Is - rael, set your hope in God whose mer - cy is su - preme: The
hear my voice in this dis - tress, this mire of mi - se - ry. I
those who fear your name will find for - give - ness from your hand.
na - tion mourn - ing for its sin God sure - ly will re - deem.
wait for God with all my heart; my hope is in his word, And
more than watch - men for the dawn I'm long - ing for the Lord.

Text: Christopher Idle (b. 1938), paraphrase of Psalm 130,
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Music: English Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

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

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 4:25—5:2
NT page 183

Gospel Lesson

John 6:35, 41-51
NT page 92

Sermon

It's Okay To Be Angry

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn

Where Charity and Love Prevail

St. Stephen



1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear his char - i - ty we learn;
3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess;
4. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells God's be - got - ten Son;
5. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if hon - ored be God's name;



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we are thus bound.
let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in re - turn.
and let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
as mem - bers of his bod - y joined, we are in him made one.
our com - mon life em - bra - ces all whose Fa - ther is the same.

Text: 9th Century, trans. Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)

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Music: William Jones (1726-1800)

*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 Solo

Absalom (from *Five Sacred Songs*)

Richard DeLong
(b. 1963)

And when David heard that Absalom was slain, he went up into his
 chamber over the gate and wept. Absalom my son! Would to God
 that I had died for thee. Absalom my son!

—2 Samuel 18:33

*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

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are
full _____ full, _____ of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____
in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - sa - na in the
high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

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 Solo

Love bade me welcome
(from *Five Mystical Songs*)

Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872-1958)

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I'd lack'd anything.

"A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here";
Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, the ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"

"My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."

So I did sit and eat.

—George Herbert
(1593-1633)

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



Worship Details

Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Robert J. DeBono.

Cover Art

A print from the first of seven plates in the series *The Seven Deadly Sins*, by Pieter van der Heyden. This plate is titled *Ira (Anger)* and is dated 1558.

Musical Leadership

The Church Choir is on hiatus during the month of August and on Labor Day weekend, with special music provided by soloists from our professional octet on Sunday mornings. This Sunday's soloist is baritone Rod Gomez, a member of MAPC's octet since 2008. A native of the Philippines, Rod has appeared in opera productions and concert performances across the USA. The Church Choir will return on Sunday, September 9, when the regular Sunday morning schedule resumes, with services at 9 and 11:15 am.

Information and Announcements

Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall

Fellowship Hour this week will take place in the Parish Hall due to sprinkler installation work occurring in the Church House Lobby.

Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group

This small group meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Join us in the James House Lenox library (just around the corner from the church on 73rd Street) on August 16 at 1 pm. We will reflect on a passage of scripture, both silently and in conversation.

Fall Picnic in the Park

We return to our regular worship schedule and kick off our Fall Sermon Series, *Faces of Our Faith*, on Sunday, September 9. We'll celebrate with a picnic in Central Park at 1 pm. You'll also have a chance to meet our new Seminary Interns! Sandwiches, salad, and chips will be provided by the church. And no picnic is complete without dessert, so please bring some dessert to share. Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the park with MAPC — and this is a great and non-threatening event to invite some friends to join you! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 12

- 9:30 am Child Care – 4th Floor
- 10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
- 11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Monday, August 13

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space
- 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study – Phillips Lounge

Tuesday, August 14

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Wednesday, August 15

- 6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Thursday, August 16

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

Friday, August 17

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Saturday, August 18

Church House Closed

Sunday, August 19

- 9:30 am Child Care – 4th Floor
- 10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
- 11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 12:00 pm ESL Classes – Shelter Space, Community Services Room
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

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: <i>"All the Fullness of God"</i>
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	Guest Preacher: Rev. Beverly Dempsey Pastor of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House
August 26	Christina Cosby
September 2	Rev. Rebecca Heilman

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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