



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2016 at 9 and 11:15 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

Please silence your cellular telephones.

We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.

Prayer of Preparation

Let your mighty hand, O Lord God, and outstretched arm be our defense; your mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our salvation; your all-true Word, our instruction; the grace of the life-giving Spirit, our comfort and consolation, unto the end and in the end. Amen.

—John Knox (1513-1572)

PRELUDE

Master Tallis's Testament (1940)

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God,

People: As the waters cover the sea.

Pastor: The Lord is in his holy temple;

People: Let all the earth keep silence before him!

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

CONFESSON OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

Heavenly Father, merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments, and are worthy of your anger. But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We pray that your grace may bring help to our distress. Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may repent, that sin may be destroyed in us, and that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—Adapted from the liturgy of the Reformed Church of Zurich (1525)

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

John Weaver

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

St. Petersburg

Great God, in Christ you set us free Your life to live, your
joy to share. Give us your Spi - rit's lib - er - ty To
turn from guilt and dull de - spair, And of - fer all that
faith can do While love is mak - ing all things new.

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Music: Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1825

*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,
let us be reconciled to one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christopher N. De La Cruz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(nrsv, page 821 OT)

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

*PSALM 119:137-144

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

1. Lord God, in deed, you're right - eous, your judg - ments they are right.
2. Des - pised and small though I ____ be, Your pre - cepts fill my mind.
3. You give me un - der - stand - ing, how clear is your de - cree.
Your stat - utes, they are faith - ful, their truth is my de - light.
Your truth is e - ver - last - ing, Your right-eous law sub - lime!
It shall en - dure for - e - ver, this pro - mise I can see.
My zeal for them con - sumes me, when foes for - get your words.
As an - guish comes u - pon me, and trou - ble has its way,
An e - ver - last - ing wis - dom, in faith - ful - ness you give,
I've list - ened to your prom - ise, And love the things I've heard.
Your Tor - ah still de - lights me, sus - tain - ing me each day.
A gift of truth and know - ledge, That I may right - ly live.

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Music: German, 17th Century, arr. G. R. Woodward, 1904

(During the final stanza 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

Dr. Springsted

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORSHIP

Children's Worship – Children 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 & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
(nrsv, page 194 NT)

William A. Jordan

GRADUAL (11:15 am) May the Words of My Mouth

Andrew Henderson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.
(Psalm 19:14)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:1-10
(nrsv, page 77 NT)

Andrew D. Smothers

SERMON

“Seeing What No One Else Does”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 426 *(11:15 am)*

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

*THE NICENE CREED

Ms. 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

Dr. Springsted

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WORD IN ACTION

“Stewardship”

Elder Greyson Clymer

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

For Lo, I Raise Up, Op. 145 *Charles Villiers Stanford*
(1852-1924)

For lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation, which march through the breadth of the earth, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful, their judgement and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves, and their horsemen spread themselves, yea, their horsemen come from far. They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour, they come all of them for violence; their faces are set as the eastwind, and they gather captives as the sand. Yea, he scoffeth at kings and princes are a derision unto him. For he heapeth up dust and taketh it, then he shall sweep by as a wind that shall pass over and shall pass; and be guilty, even he whose might is his God. Art not thou from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement and thou, O Rock hast established him for correction. I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower and look forth to see what he will say to me and what I shall answer concerning my complaint. And the Lord answered me and said: The vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end and shall not lie. Though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

(Habakkuk 1:6-12; 2:1-3, 14, 20)

Katherine Wessinger, soprano; John Kawa, tenor

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff starts with 'Praise God, from whom all'. The second staff starts with 'here below;'. The third staff starts with 'Praise God above, ye'. The lyrics continue with 'host;', 'Fa - ther, Son, and', 'Ho - ly', 'Ghost.', and 'A - men.'

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)

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) "...therefore we proclaim 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, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. 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, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.

COMMUNION MOTET (11:15 am)

I Have Longed For Thy Saving Health

William Byrd
(1543-1623)

I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord. Thy law is my delight. O let my soul live and I shall praise thee.
(Psalm 119:174-175)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 289

O God of Every Nation

Llangloffan

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Scherzo-Pastorale (1914)

*Gottfried H. Federlein
(1883-1952)*

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 considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it.

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.

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