



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 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

God of all wisdom, rich in love for all people, show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, help us to remember your lavish mercy. Call us from the cares of this world that draw us from you, and back into the circle of your abundant life. Make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth of your reign. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Passacaglia in D minor,  
BuxWV 161

*Dieterich Buxtehude*  
(1637-1707)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: "My name is great among the nations," says the Lord.**

Pastor: Come then, let us praise the name of the Lord.

**People: Let us exalt God's name together!**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

\*HYMN 414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

*Forest Green*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Christopher N. De La Cruz**

**Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

*(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.**

# \*GLORIA PATRI

Weaver

(Organ) Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin - ning, is —  
now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

# \*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

Mr. De La Cruz

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 8:18–9:1

(nrsv, page 667 OT)

## \*PSALM 79

*Ich halte treulich still*

1. Your hon - or is de - filed, Your ho - ly place un - done, The  
2. Our peo - ple have been crushed, and scat - tered 'cross the land, their  
3. Our neigh - bors' end - less taunts, De - ride us night and day. Why  
4. Why should the na - tions say 'Where is their help - less God?' Come  
god - less have swept o'er the land, Je - ru - sa - lem is doomed. De -  
bo - dies left to feed the birds, their blood dried in the sand. How  
should these god - less ones suc - ceed? Pour out your wrath on them. Come  
de - mon - strate your pow'r to save and raise us from the sod. Sal -  
li - ver us, O God! Take back your earth - ly throne, In  
long, O Lord, how long? Give up these wrath filled days. And  
speed - i - ly to us, and save us from their din, A -  
va - tion is your name. For this you are well known, Lord,  
your com - pas - sion, save us, Lord! Re - claim us as your own.  
for the glo - ry of your name, For - give our faith - less ways.  
venge your peo - ple's suf - fer - ing, Re - mem - ber not our sin.  
for the glo - ry of your name Re - claim us as your own.

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Music: Attr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1736

*(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

**Mr. De La Cruz**

## 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

1 Timothy 2:1-7  
*(nrsv, page 196 NT)*

**William A. Jordan**

## GRADUAL *(11:15 am)*

*Andrew Henderson*

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Give me understanding that I may live.  
*(Psalm 119:105, 107b)*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 16:1-13  
*(nrsv, page 74 NT)*

**Ms. Bartlett**

## SERMON

***“Faithful and Shrewd”***

**Ms. Bartlett**

\*HYMN 428  
*(11:15 am)*

We Give Thee But Thine Own

*Schumann*

\*THE NICENE CREED

**Mr. Jordan**

**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

**Ms. Bartlett**

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Ms. Bartlett**

# PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852-1924)

O for a Closer Walk with God, Op. 113, No. 12

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame,  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn  
And drove Thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

– William Cowper (1731-1800)

## \*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 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, 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) "...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 ANTHEM (11:15 am)

There Is a Balm in Gilead (1998)

*arr. Moses Hogan  
(1957-2003)*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all."

*(African-American spiritual)*

**Katherine Wessinger, soprano**

### CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!**

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### CLOSING PRAYER

#### \*HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

*Westminster Abbey*



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
2. Lead your peo - ple in - to free - dom, From de - spair your  
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, Let it from the  
4. You, cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten Your great name on



one ac - cord; For a just and e - qual shar - ing  
world re - lease That, re-deemed from war and ha - tred,  
earth be banned: Pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
hu - man - kind; For our grow - ing in your like - ness



Of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of  
 All may come and go in peace. Show us how, through  
 Dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon  
 Bring the life of Christ to mind, That by our re -



love in ac - tion Help us rise and pledge our word.  
 care and good - ness, Fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 quest for jus - tice May we hal - low life's brief span.  
 sponse and serv - ice Earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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 Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**Ms. Bartlett**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

*Weaver*



**\*POSTLUDE** Allegro (“on a theme of Orlando Gibbons”) *C. V. Stanford*  
 From *Six Short Preludes and Postludes*, Op. 105

Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God  
 in loving memory of George Vician, Jr.

**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.

**Pastoral Staff**

- The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett**, Associate Pastor
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