



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 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

Undaunted you seek the lost, O God, exultant you bring home the found. Touch our hearts with grateful wonder at the tenderness of your forbearing love. Grant us delight in the mercy that has found us, and bring all to rejoice at the feast of forgiveness. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Le Banquet Céleste (1934)

*Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: And all your faithful shall bless you.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

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



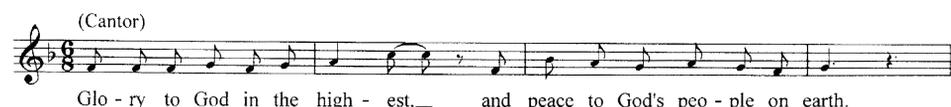
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver



(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 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

***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 660 OT)

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

(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.)

***PSALM 14**

Erhalt uns, Herr

1. "There is no God." the fool - ish say, And so they
2. You look u - pon us con - stant - ly, For wis - dom
3. But ter - ror stands in e - vil's way. For You are
4. And so we pray for vic - to - ry. Come Lord! From



live in their own way. Cor - rupt and shame - ful
 true hu - man - i - ty. But there is none, few
 with all who o - bey. Those who con - found the
 Zi - on make us free. How hap - py shall_ your



things they do, With - out re - gard, O Lord, for you.
 stop to pray, Pur - su - ing wealth, all go a - stray.
 faith - ful's plan, Con - front your strong, pro - tect - ing hand.
 peo - ple be, When you re - store pro - sper - i - ty.

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 Music: Klug's Geistliche Lieder (1543)

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

1 Timothy 1:12-17
(nrsv, page 196 NT)

Andrew D. Smothers

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 15:1-10
(nrsv, page 73 NT)

Ms. Bartlett

SERMON

“God’s Quest”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 396
(11:15 am)

O for a Closer Walk with God

Caithness

*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

Mr. Smothers

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

When Some Kind Shepherd *Early American Hymn*
 From His Fold (1999) *arr. Alice Parker (b.1925)*

When some kind shepherd from his fold
 Has lost a straying sheep,
 Through vales, o'er hills he anxious roves
 And climbs the mountains steep.

But O the joy! The transport sweet,
 When he the wanderer finds;
 Up in his arms he takes his charge
 And to his shoulders binds.

Homeward he hastes to tell his joys
 And make his bliss complete:
 The neighbors hear the news and all
 The joyful shepherd greet.

Yet how much greater is the joy
 When conscious sinners weep;
 Jesus receives them in his arms
 And owns them for his sheep.

– John Needham (d. 1786)

*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

Weaver

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Weaver

Our Fa- ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name, your
king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 pow'r and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Once you have communed, you may return to your pew, or you may join one of the pastors in the side transepts for anointing, laying on of hands and prayers for yourself or for another. Thereafter you may return to your pew.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

O Sacrum Convivium (1937)

Olivier Messiaen

O sacrum convivium! In quo
Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria
passionis ejus: mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet in which Christ is
received, the memory of his passion
is recalled, the mind is filled with
grace, and the pledge of future glory
is given to us. Alleluia.*

– Antiphon (12th Century), Feast of Corpus Christi

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 280

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Joie et Clarté des Corps Glorieux
(from *Les Corps Glorieux*, 1939)

Olivier Messiaen

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Herbert P. Stellwagen.

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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