



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016 at 10:30 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

Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us, come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within, come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness, come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance, come as Holy Power and enable our weakness, come as Holy Life and dwell in us. Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service of ourselves, to be your servants to the world. Amen.

— John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

PRELUDE

Prelude on 'Slane' (1966)

*Healey Willan
(1880-1968)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: I will give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Pastor: For your steadfast love is as high as the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness extends to the clouds.

Pastor: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens.

People: Let your glory be over all the earth.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 462

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Ratisbon

CONFESSON OF SIN (*unison*)

Dr. Springsted

O Lord, the sacrifice that is acceptable to you is a humble spirit and an open ear, for you speak to a humble and contrite heart. To those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice, you give your salvation.

We confess that we have loved neither you nor our neighbors as we ought, and are indeed sinners. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy; let your steadfast love and faithfulness keep us safe forever. Evils have encompassed us from within and from without; our iniquities overtake us and we cannot see rightly. Our hearts sink.

O Lord, come to our assistance; O Lord, hasten to help us that all who seek you may rejoice and be glad in you. Take thought for us, O Lord, and be our help and our deliverer. Do not delay, for we do not live without you, you who are our God.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

John Weaver

The musical notation consists of a staff with four measures. The first measure starts with a quarter note 'G'. The second measure has a quarter note 'A' followed by a half note 'B'. The third measure has a quarter note 'C' followed by a half note 'D'. The fourth measure has a quarter note 'E' followed by a half note 'F'. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: '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

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 Kirchengesang*, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*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

Beverly A. Bartlett

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Amos 8:1-12

(*nrsv, page 807 OT*)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 52

Presbyterian 8

Refrain:

Lord, you are my strength; has - ten to help me.

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(Following the singing 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

Colossians 1:15-28
(nrsv, page 188 NT)

Ms. Bartlett

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42
(nrsv, page 67 NT)

Dr. Springsted

SERMON

"The Better Portion"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Stanzas 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha - tred,
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
 3. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par - don -
 let me bring your love. Where there is in - ju - ry, your par-don,
 life, let me bring hope. Where there is dark-ness, on - ly
 ing that we are par-doned, in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -
 Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 light, And where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
 ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.
 1. 2., 4. Stanza 3
 3. O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So
 much to be con-soled as to con - sole. To be un-der - stood as to un-der -
 stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul. D.C.

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*THE NICENE CREED

Dr. Springsted

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

Be Thou My Vision (2001)

Bob Chilcott
(b. 1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
Great heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

— Early Irish; trans. Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
Versified by Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, 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, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.
 Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Finale Jubilante
(from *Five Pieces for Organ*, 1959)

Healey Willan

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. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

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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