



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2015 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 creation, you have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your goodness, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him by whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele,
BWV 654

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Nancianne Parrella, guest organist

SALUTATION AND WELCOME

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Unless the Lord builds the house,

People: **Those who labor do so in vain.**

Pastor: Unless the Lord guards the city,

People: **Those who keep watch do so in vain.**

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

People: **Let us worship God.**

*Let all who are able stand.



*HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Donald B. Wahlig

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you and one another. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love, in failing to love others as we love ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

(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.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Nun danket alle Gott

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voice - es,
Who won - drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joice - es;
Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

Text: Martin Rinkart, c.1636 (trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858)
Music: Johann Crüger, 1648

*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

Christina A. Cosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(nrsv, page 231 OT)

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

*PSALM 127 (Hymn 238)

Bourbon

(During the last 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

Hebrews 9:24-28
(nrsv, page 210 NT)

Beverly A. Bartlett

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44
(nrsv, page 46 NT)

Mr. Wahlig

SERMON

“Being Worthy of the Widow’s Mite”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 414
(11:15 am)

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Forest Green

*THE NICENE CREED

Ms. Cosby

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

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Wahlig

WORD IN ACTION

“Stewardship”

Elder Christopher Trinka

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (11:15 am)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

*arr. K. Scott Warren
(b. 1971)*

I want Jesus to walk with me all along my pilgrim journey;

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m troubled, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

(African-American spiritual)

Desirée Baxter, alto

*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

...in your holy church, now and forever. Amen.

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)

Teach Me, My God and King (2003)

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see,
And what I do in anything,
To do it as for thee.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine:
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.

All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, "for thy sake,"
Will not grow bright and clean.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

– George Herbert (1593-1633)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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RESPONSE

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Choir or Soloist **ALL**
Bless the Lord, O — my soul, and all that is with-in me bless God's ho-ly name.

Choir or Soloist **ALL**
Bless the Lord, O — my soul, and for - get not all God's ben - e - fits.

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 517

We Come As Guests Invited

Wie lieblich
ist der Maien

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver

(Organ) A - men, A - men, A - men.

POSTLUDE

Placare Christe Servulis
(from *Le Tombeau de Titelouze*, Op. 38)

Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

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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