



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017 at 10:30 am

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.  
We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

#### Prayer of Preparation

Lord God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you and favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that leaving behind all that hinders, we may fix our eyes on him and steadfastly follow in the paths of your kingdom. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

From *A Miniature Suite* (1947)  
Prelude – Intermezzo – Communion

*Healey Willan*  
(1880-1968)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Eric O. Springsted**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

**People: Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity.**

Pastor: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

**People: Therefore, you have anointed us with the oil of gladness.**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 144

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Hyfrydol*

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

**Tyler W. Orem**

**Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burden of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins, and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in F*)

*John Weaver*



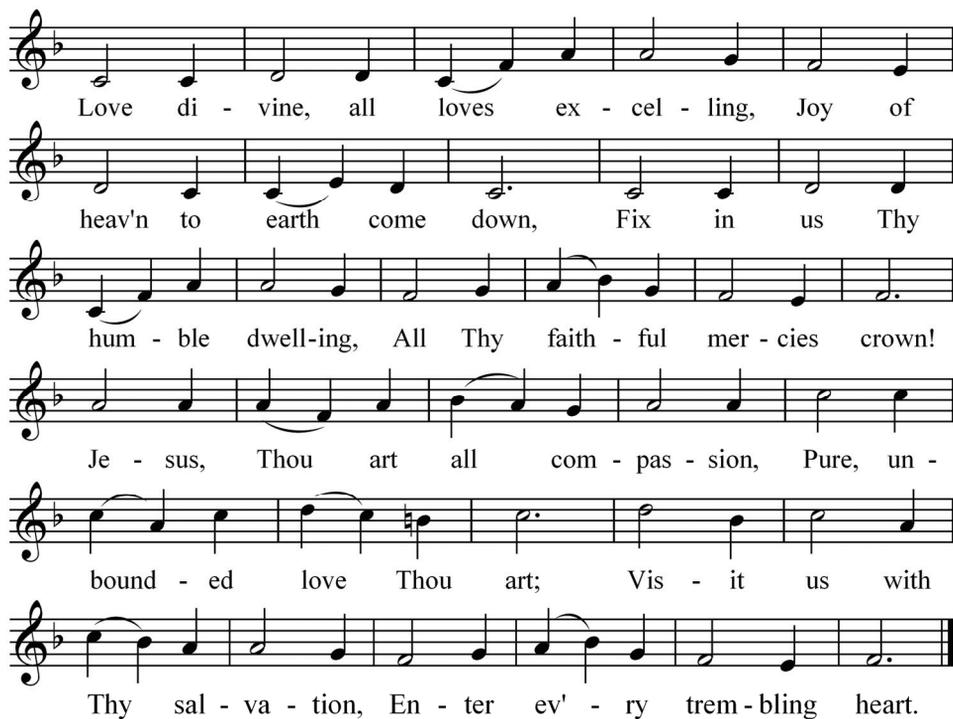
#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Blaenwern



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 heav'n to earth come down, Fix in us Thy  
 hum - ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!  
 Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev' - ry trem - bling heart.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
 Music: William Rowlands (1860-1937)

\*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

Paula V. Cooper

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(nrsv, page 19 OT)

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

\*PSALM 45:10-17

Ave Virgo Virginum

*(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.)*



1. Hear, O daugh - ter, and re - flect, Give your ear to hear me.  
 2. Ty - re's own will seek your help, Hop - ing for your fa - vor.  
 3. For your fam' - ly left be - hind, Great shall be your off - spring.  
 Put a - way your par - ent's house And your peo - ple's mem - 'ry.  
 Bring you gifts of ev' - ry kind, Trea - sures you will sa - vor.  
 Each one rul - ing in the land, Ro - yal in their be - ing.



Then the king with all his power Shall de - sire your beau - ty.  
 From the rich - est of the land, Great wealth to you bring - ing,  
 I will make your mem - ory great, Blest by gen - e - ra - tions,



Since he is your sove - reign lord, Bow to him com - plete - ly.  
 Giv'n to pur - chase your good - will, Your own friend - ship seek - ing.  
 Praised for - ev - er with - out end In true ve - ne - ra - tion.

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 Music: Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch, 1544

**LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS &  
 DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

**Dr. Springsted**

*Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge. The children return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 7:15-25a  
*(nrsv, page 147 NT)*

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

**GRADUAL**

*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**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30  
*(nrsv, page 11 NT)*

**Tyler W. Orem**

**SERMON**

**"I Would Prefer Not To"**

**Dr. Springsted**

**\*HYMN**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Kingsfold*



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look



down, thou wea - ry one, lay down thy head up - on my breast!" I  
 liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down, and drink and live!" I  
 un - to me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I



came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry and worn and sad; I  
 came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; My  
 looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun, and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)  
 Music: English Traditional, arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## \*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

Ms. Bartlett

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

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

## WORD IN ACTION

*“Sent by Love”*

Mr. Orem

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

From *Six Liturgical Motets* (1924)

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

*(Song of Solomon 2:10-12)*

## \*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.

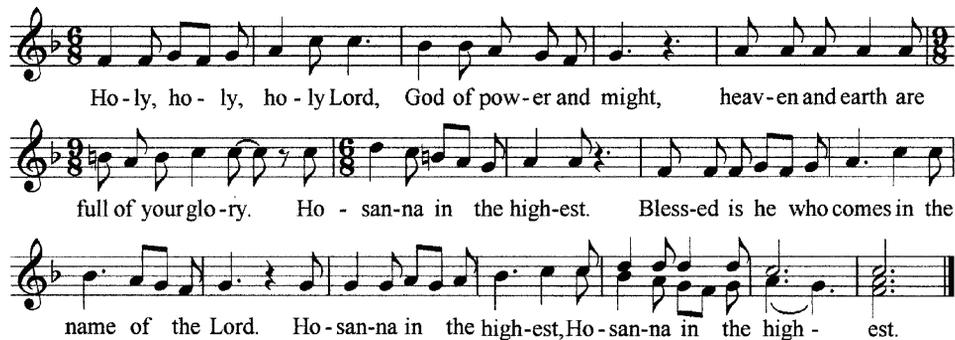
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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) “... 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.

