



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 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

Eternal God, Author of our life and End of our pilgrimage: guide us by your Word and Spirit amid all perils and temptations, that we may not wander from your way, nor stumble in the darkness; but may finish our course in safety, and come to our eternal rest in you; through the grace and merit of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in E minor (1936)

*Gerald Bales
(1919-2002)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: The Lord is good to all,
And his compassion is over all that he has made.**

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

People: And all your faithful shall bless you.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN

Surely the Lord Is in This Place
Please See Insert

Madison Avenue

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Christina A. Cosby

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

Beverly A. Bartlett

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 28:10-19a

(nrsv, page 24 OT)

*PSALM 139 (Hymn 248)

Sursum Corda

*(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 & 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 8:12-25
(*nrsv, page 147 NT*)

Ms. Cosby

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 13:24-30, 36-43
(*nrsv, page 14 NT*)

Dr. Springsted

SERMON

"Living with Friction"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 269

O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

Dundee

*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

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jacob's Ladder

African-American Spiritual
arr. Stephen Hatfield
(b. 1956)

We are climbing Jacob's ladder,
Soldiers of the cross.

Ev'ry rung goes higher, higher,
Soldiers of the cross.

Rise, shine, give God the glory,
Soldier of the cross.

(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) “... 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

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness *Faithfulness*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*

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

*POSTLUDE Allegro (from *Suite in D*) *John Stanley*
(1713-1786)
arr. Patrick Williams

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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