



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 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

O God, giver of life and health, your Son Jesus Christ has called us to hunger and thirst to see right prevail. Refresh us with your grace, that we may not be weary in well-doing; for the sake of him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Arioso

Johann Sebastian Bach

(from *Cantata 156*)

(1685-1750)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Andrew D. Smothers

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times;

**People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me,

**People: Let us exalt God's name together.**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

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

Christina A. Cosby

**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 (*Deutsche Messe*)

Franz Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, 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-ingsun 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 Kirchengesäng*, 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

**Ms. Cosby**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

*(nrsv, page 29 OT)*

### \*PSALM 63 (Hymn 198)

*St. Bride*

*(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

**Mr. Smothers**

*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 9:1-5  
*(nrsv, page 148 NT)*

**Paula V. Cooper**

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21  
*(nrsv, page 15 NT)*

**Mr. Smothers**

## SERMON

**"For the Sake of Others"**

**Mr. Smothers**

### \*HYMN 329

Break Thou the Bread of Life

*Bread of Life*

\*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

Ms. Cosby

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Smothers

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

From *Biblical Songs*, Op. 99, No. 6

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

Slyš, o Bože, volání mé,  
pozoruj modlitby mé!  
Nebo jsi býval útočiště mé  
a pevná věže před tváří nepřítele.  
Budu bydlet v stánku Tvém na věky,  
schráním se v skrýši křídel Tvých.  
Bože! Bůh silný můj Ty jsi,  
tebe hned v jitře hledám,  
tebe žízní duše má,  
po Tobě touží tělo mé,  
v zemi žiznivě a vyprahlé,  
v níž není vody.  
A tak, abych Tobě dobrořečil  
a s radostným rtů  
prozpěvováním  
chválila by Tě ústa má.

*Hear my cry, O God;  
Listen to my prayer.  
For you are my refuge,  
A strong tower against the enemy.  
Let me abide in your tent forever,  
Find refuge under the shelter of your wings.  
O God, you are my God,  
Early will I seek you,  
My soul thirsts for you;  
My flesh faints for you,  
As in a dry and weary land  
where there is no water.  
So I will bless the Lord as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands  
and call on your name.  
And my mouth praises you forever*

(Psalm 61:1, 3, 4; Psalm 63:1, 4, 5)

Katherine Wessinger, soprano

\*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

*Schubert*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full, of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the  
high - est. Ho - sa - 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.**



**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.

#### **Pastoral Staff**

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