



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017 at 9 and 11:15 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

Almighty and Holy One, you built your church on the firm foundation of the apostles and prophets, with your Son, Jesus Christ, its rock and sure cornerstone. Gather your church in unity, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that it may keep Christ at the center in all things, remain faithful to him, and manifest your power, mercy and love among all peoples and nations, to the glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### PRELUDE

Adagio  
(from *Symphonie No. 5, Op. 42*)

*Charles-Marie Widor*  
(1844-1937)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Eric O. Springsted**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.**

Pastor: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**People: The ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 284

O God, What You Ordain Is Right

*Was Gott tut*

#### CONFession OF SIN (*unison*)

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

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

*Richard Proulx*

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

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## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

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

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Mit Freuden zart*

Sing praise to God, who reigns a-bove, The God of all cre -  
a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of our sal -  
va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And ev-ery faith - less  
mur - mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry!

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864  
Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang* (1566)

## \*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 Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17 (nrsv, page 63 OT)

## \*PSALM 19 (Hymn 167)

*Halifax*

*(Following the final 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 & 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

Philippians 3:4b-14  
(nrsv, page 187 NT)

**Andrew D. Smothers**

## GRADUAL (11:15 am)

*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 21:33-46  
(*nrsv, page 22 NT*)**Ms. Bartlett****SERMON****"Hijacked"****Dr. Springsted****\*HYMN 336**

As A Chalice Cast of Gold

*Inward Light***\*THE NICENE CREED****Mr. Smothers**

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****Mr. Smothers**

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

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH****Dr. Springsted****PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING****OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)**

Open Thou Mine Eyes (1980)

*John Rutter*

(b. 1945)

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see:  
Incline my heart and I shall desire:  
Order my steps and I shall walk  
In the ways of thy commandments.  
O Lord God, be thou to me a God  
And beside thee let there be none else,  
No other, nought else with thee.  
Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee  
According to thy commandments,  
In truth of spirit,  
In rev'rence of body,  
In blessing of lips,  
In private and in public.

— *Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)*

**Katherine Wessinger, soprano**

## \*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. Amen.

## 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

*Proulx*

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. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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*(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.*

## COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

May The Words of My Mouth (1908)    *African-American  
Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh  
(1865-1943)*

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. (*Psalm 19:14*)

## CONGREGATIONAL SONG

A musical score for a solo voice and piano. The vocal line is in soprano C major, common time. The piano accompaniment consists of harmonic chords. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The music is set on two staves.

Words & Music: John L. Bell (b. 1949)

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## CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 339

## Be Thou My Vision

*Slane*

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver

Musical score for organ, page 10, measures 11-12. The score consists of two staves. The top staff shows a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It contains a melodic line with various note values and rests. The bottom staff shows a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. It contains a harmonic line with sustained notes and rests. The lyrics "A-men, A-men, A-men." are written below the bottom staff, with "A-men" repeated three times. The first "A-men" has a bracket under it, and the third "A-men" has a brace under it. The organ part is indicated by the label "(Organ)" in parentheses below the top staff.

## \*POSTLUDE

Toccata (1959)

*John Weaver*  
(b. 1937)

**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**

**The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted**, *Interim Pastor*

**The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett**, *Associate Pastor*

**The Rev. Andrew D. Smothers**, *Interim Associate Pastor*

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