



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 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 everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who live and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

From *Petite Suite* (1965)

Gerald Bales

Introduction – Intermezzo

(1919-2002)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to God for the faith we share;

People: Be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

CONFESSON 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

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

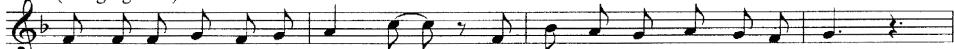
Weaver

(Cantor)



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

(Congregation)



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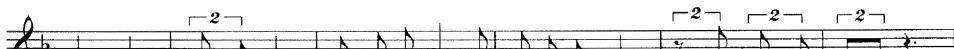
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



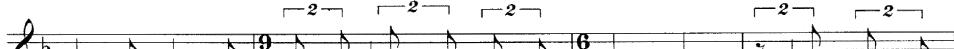
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther,



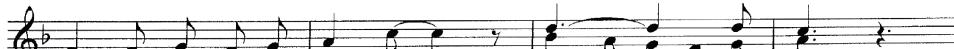
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our



prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*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."*

ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Praise His Holy Name

Keith Hampton
(b. 1957)

Sing till the power of the Lord come down.

Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name!

Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?

No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me.

Jesus, how I love thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise his Holy name!

T(w)een, Children's & Cherub Choirs

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ms. Cosby (9 am)
Elliot W. Henderson (11:15 am)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 33:12-23

(*nrsv, page 77 OT*)

*PSALM 99 (*Please See Insert*)

O Filii et Filiae

(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 & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORSHIP

Dr. Springsted

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
(*nrsv, page 191 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 22:15-22
(*nrsv, page 23 NT*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

SERMON

"A Squeeze Play"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 516 (11:15 am)

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O Quanta Qualia

*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

Ms. Bartlett

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Cantique de Jean Racine, Op. 11

*Gabriel Fauré
(1845-1924)*

Verbe égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
De la paisible nuit,
nous rompons le silence,
Divin Sauveur jette sur nous les yeux!

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce
puissante,
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix,
Dissipe ce sommeil d'une âme
languissante,
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

O Christ sois favorable
à ce peuple fidèle
Pour te bénir maintenant assemblé,
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire
immortelle
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

*Word of God the most high,
our only hope,
Eternal light of the earth and the heavens;
As we break the silence
of the peaceful night,
Divine Savior, cast your eyes upon us.*

*Spread the fire of your mighty grace
upon us,
Let all hell flee at the sound of your voice,
Disperse the sleep which leads our
languishing souls
To stray from the path of righteousness.*

*O Christ, look with favor
on the faithful
Who have come together to worship you,
Receive the praises that they offer to
your immortal glory
And may they return fulfilled by your gifts.*

— Jean Racine (1639-1699)

*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. 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

Weaver

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Weaver

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low-ed be your name, your
king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
king - dom, the pow'r and the glo - ry are yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

HYMN 516 (9 am)

Lord, We Have Come
at Your Own Invitation

O Quanta
Qualia

Please join the choir in singing the hymn when you return to your pew.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You (1900) Peter C. Lutkin
(1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace, and give you peace; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
(Numbers 6:24-26)

T(w)een, Children's & Church Choirs

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (11:15 am)

Je - su ta - wa pa - no; Je - su ta - wa pa - no;
Je - su ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu - zi - ta re - nyu.

"Jesus we are here; we are here for you."

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 538 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing *Sicilian Mariners*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*

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

*POSTLUDE Finale (from *Petite Suite*) *Bales*

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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