



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2018 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 eternal God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Hymn Prelude on 'Slane' (1966)

*Healey Willan
(1880-1968)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Great, indeed, are the works of the Lord;

People: I will give thanks to God with my whole heart.

Pastor: The works of God's hands are faithfulness and justice,

People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 308

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

Kingsfold

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Beverly A. Bartlett

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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

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)

How Can I Keep from Singing (2002)

arr. Paul Halley
(b. 1952)

My life goes on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the real though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
It sounds an echo in my soul;
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
And hear their death-knell ringing;
When friends rejoice, both far and near,
How can I keep from singing?
In prison cell and dungeon vile
Our thoughts to them are winging;
When friends by shame are undefiled:
How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth!
What though the darkness round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that Rock I'm clinging;
Since Love is Lord of heav'n and earth:
How can I keep from singing?

(Quaker Folk Hymn)

Children's Choir & Cherub Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Christina A. Cosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20 *(nrsv, page 168 OT)*

*PSALM 111 *(Please See Insert)* **Charterhouse**

(During the last verse 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

1 Corinthians 8:1-13
(nrsv, page 160 NT)

Ms. Bartlett

GRADUAL *(11:15 am)*

Andrew Henderson

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.
(John 1:14)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28
(nrsv, page 33 NT)

Dr. Springsted

SERMON

"Who Speaks for God?"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 345 *(11:15 am)* Dear Lord and Father of Mankind **Rest**

*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

Dr. Springsted

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

From *The Boulding Chorales*, Op. 16 (1992)

Kevin Oldham
(1960-1993)

My Lord, Thou art in every breath I take,
And every bite and sup taste firm of Thee.
With buoyant mercy Thou enfolded me,
And holdest up my foot each step I make.
Thy touch is all around me when I wake,
Thy sound I hear, and by Thy light I see
The world is fresh with thy divinity
And all Thy creatures flourish for Thy sake.

For I have looked upon a little child
And seen Forgiveness, and have seen the day
With eastern fire cleanse the foul night away;
So cleanseest Thou this House I have defiled.
And if I should be merciful, I know
It is Thy mercy, Lord, in overflow.

– Kenneth Boulding (1910-1993)

*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

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

From *Quatre Motets* (1960)

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
 Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et
 ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

— Antiphon for Maundy Thursday (10th Century)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

We are march - ing in the light of God, — we are
 march - ing in the light of God. — We are march - ing —
 Oo — we are march - ing in the light of God. —

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 339 Be Thou My Vision *Slane*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*

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

*POSTLUDE Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, Op. 7 *Durufle*

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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