



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2019 • 10:30am



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Welcome to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member . . .

Whether you are new to or uncertain about this whole idea of church . . .

Whether you grew up Presbyterian or Baptist or Jewish or agnostic . . .

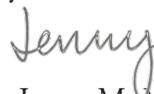
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

Whether you are in search of comfort or wanting to be challenged . . .

Whatever reason brought you to worship today, you are welcome here and you have made us better by being present with us. In the midst of a big and busy city, we are a church that takes seriously Jesus' instructions to love God, love one another, and love our neighbors. Our worship style is traditional and true to our Reformed heritage. At the same time, we seek to bring our faith into conversation with the world around us and the events of our lives.

After worship on Sundays, we gather in our Church House for fellowship, coffee, and cookies. Please join us. We think you'll find us to be a friendly and approachable group of people trying our best to live like Jesus teaches. But if you're looking for a perfect church, we're not it. We don't always get it right. Rather, we're a group of imperfect people who understand how much we all need grace in our lives. And we believe that God's love, which never gives up and never lets go, is for everyone. Including you.

There is a place for you here. We're delighted you've joined us today.



Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Children Are Always Welcome

Your children are always welcome here at MAPC, and they are welcome to stay with you in worship. Little ones can't help but make a bit of noise from time to time. If it is your preference, however, children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th floor. The Narthex and the Children's Library are also available. Speakers provide audio of the service.

Membership and More Information

For those interested in exploring the possibility of membership or learning more about who we are and what we do, we periodically host a "Tell Me More About MAPC" conversation. The next gathering will be held August 17, 2019 at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Be in our worship, O God. Be in our listening, our praying, and our acting.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Allegro con Brio (from *Sonata No. 4*)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

In every season,
in every circumstance,
worship is what we do:

when we are filled with joy
when we are anxious about the future
when we need a friend
when we need direction
when we need to hear good news.

We were made to worship God,
and God will always find us here.

*Hymn 220

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Old Hundredth

** Please stand in body or in spirit. For hymns, stand when the choir stands.*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Mighty and All-Powerful God,

We cannot help but wonder:

Who are we that you should love us?

Who are we that you should use us?

Who are we to dare come into your presence?

For there is no violence you cannot rend.

There is no injustice you cannot abolish.

There is no evil you cannot vanquish.

We know and sing of your strength.

And yet there is no sin you cannot forgive,
and no sinner you cannot redeem.
There is no storm you cannot quiet,
and no wound you cannot heal.
We trust and delight in your grace.

So forgive us, O God,
when we insist on defining the undefinable,
comprehending the incomprehensible,
and fathoming the unfathomable.
Forgive us when we try to make you small enough
to fit our limited understanding.

Remind us, O God, of all you can dare and do,
and teach us, once again,
to choose your way in this world.

(Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

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 God's Grace

... Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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!"

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225; trans. William H. Draper, 1910
Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*Summary of God's Law

... "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said to him:

"You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart and with all your soul

and with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first and greatest commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Our Life Together

_____ Proclaiming God's Word _____

Prayer for Illumination

Elder François de Paul Silatchom

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 24:1-18
(OT page 205)



1. We thank you Lord, for you are good, Your love en-dures for - e - ver.
2. In de - sert waste con-sumed with thirst, They came to their last hour.
3. When trou - ble, sor-row, and de - feat, Op - press and bring new trou-ble,



From East and West, from North and South, You call your own to - ge - ther.
To you, O Lord, they raised their cry, You saved them by your pow - er.
God pours con-tempt on ev - 'ry foe, To make their schem-ing rub - ble.



Let all the Lord's re - deemed sing praise, God's love en - dures be -
You made a path both straight and good, You sa - tis - fied their
Hear then you wise, come now give heed, God's stead - fast love will



yond our days, Sing praise to our re - deem - er.
need for food, You quenched their thirst with mer - cy.
meet all need, Sing praise to our re - deem - er.

Text: Fred R. Anderson © 1986, all rights reserved
Music: Klug's *Geistliche Lieder* (Wittenberg, 1535)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:40-45
(NT page 33)

Sermon

"If You Choose"

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 413

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
4. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell; Tune: Scottish Trad., arr. John L. Bell

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*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**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

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Solo

Lord God of Abraham (from *Eljah*)

Mendelssohn

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that thou art God,
and I am thy servant! O show to all this people that I have done these things according
to thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me; and show this people that thou art Lord
God; and let their hearts again be turned!

—1 Kings 18:36

Blake Burroughs, soloist

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Schubert

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your holy name:

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.

Acclamation

. . . we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.**

Words of Institution

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Let us keep the feast.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*The bread you are served is gluten free.
The bronzed chalices contain wine; you are invited to take a sip or dip your bread into the cup.
The glass chalices contain juice; you are invited to dip your bread into the cup.*

Prayers of Healing and Wholeness

Solo Deep River *arr. Harry T. Burleigh
(1866-1949)*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.
O don't you want to go to that Gospel feast?
That promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

—African-American Spiritual

Blake Burroughs, soloist

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *Beach Spring*

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Mit Freuden zart

Paul Laubengayer
(b. 1946)

Worship Details

Cover Art

“My Favorite Path” by Aleta Pippin. Pippin, who lives in New Mexico, writes, “When I first started painting, I’d look at accomplished artists’ work and think, ‘I wish I knew how to be so certain of what to do next,’ as if those artists had all the answers. I’ve since learned that art is much like life — a series of choices. My overall goal is to paint something that is vibrant, joyful, and full of life. To arrive at that point, my paintings evolve from a series of choices that I make. However, no matter which choice I make, what color I apply, or how I choose to apply it, there is always the opportunity to choose differently and still complete the painting.”

Guest Organist

Today we are pleased to welcome guest organist, Dr. Elisa Bickers, who is the associate director of music and principal organist at Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS. A Fellow of the American Guild of Organists, she is also the keyboardist for the Bach Aria Soloists, and performs regularly in recital as a solo organist, harpsichordist, and accompanist.

Soloists

During the month of August and on Labor Day weekend soloists from our professional octet are providing solos at our 10:30 am worship services. Bass-baritone Blake Burroughs joined the octet in 2016 and is a graduate of Iowa State University. The Church Choir will return on Sunday, September 8, when the regular Sunday morning services resumes, with services at 9 and 11:15 am.

Information and Announcements

This Summer’s Guest Preachers

We are fortunate this summer to be joined in worship by a number of guest preachers with close ties to MAPC. Though the season often takes many of you away on the weekends, consider returning to the city to worship on these Sundays:

August 11 Rev. Carmen C. Goetchius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow

August 18 Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center

immerse yourself in worship this summer 10:30 am

June 9	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
June 16	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
June 23	Rev. Jessica E. Tate, 2007 David H. C. Read Scholar
June 30	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
July 7	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
July 14	Rev. Brian D. Ellison, 1999 David H. C. Read Scholar
July 21	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
July 28	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
August 4	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
August 11	Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow
August 18	Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center
August 25	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
September 1	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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.

Ministry Team Staff

The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt, *Senior Pastor and Head of Staff*

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

Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*

The Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman, *Pastoral Resident*

Dr. Andrew E. Henderson, *Director of Music and Organist*

Mary W. Huff, *Associate Director of Music and Director of the NYC Children's Chorus*

Roger S. Pierce, Jr., *Director of Administration and Finance*

Teresa D. Tynes, *Director of Communication*

The Rev. Dr. Fred R. Anderson, *Pastor Emeritus*

Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*