



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 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

Let your mighty hand, O Lord God, and outstretched arm be our defense; your mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our salvation; your all-true word, our instruction; the grace of the life giving Spirit, our comfort and consolation, unto the end and in the end. Amen. — John Knox (1513-1572)

PRELUDE	Goldberg Variations, BWV 988: Variation 26	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
	Nimrod (from <i>Enigma Variations</i>)	Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

David Carleton, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,

**People: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
And on God's law they meditate day and night.**

Pastor: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 260 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' feste Burg*

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

Heavenly father, merciful and everlasting God, we acknowledge and confess before your divine majesty that we are poor sinners, prone to evil and ever falling short of goodness. We have transgressed your commandments, and are worthy of your anger.

But, O Lord, we repent and are sorry from our hearts that we have so displeased you. We pray that your grace may bring help to our distress.

Be pleased, therefore, to have mercy upon us, O most gracious God and Father. Forgive us all our sins, through the holy sufferings of your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant us now the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Increase these in us each day, that we may repent, that sin may be destroyed in us, and that we may bring forth the fruits of righteousness and a pure life that are pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ.

*— Adapted from the liturgy of the
Reformed Church of Zurich (1525)*

(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.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Nun dankett alle Gott

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
 Who won - drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
 Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
 With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.

Text: Martin Rinkart, c.1636 (trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858)
 Music: Johann Crüger, 1648

*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 Deuteronomy 34:1-12

(*nrsv, page 184 OT*)

*PSALM 1 (Hymn 158)

Dunfermline

(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 2:1-8
(*nrsv*, page 191 NT)

Ms. Bartlett

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.
(*Psalms 19:14*)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34-46
(*nrsv*, page 24 NT)

Andrew D. Smothers

SERMON

“Conscience”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 457
(11:15 am)

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:15 am)

Elder Dorothy A. Kleinert

Amanda L. Coe, by *Reaffirmation of Faith*
Stephen J. Novak, by *Baptism and Public Profession of Faith*
Oliver A. Olah, by *Reaffirmation of Faith*

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(11:15 am) Let us pray: **Holy God: Source, Goal and Guide, remind us of the promises given in our own baptisms and renew our trust in you. Bind us to your Word and fill us with your Spirit, that together we may love one another and serve you with joy, that others may see Christ in us and embrace him as Lord and Savior as well. Amen.**

AARONIC BENEDICTION (11:15 am)

Weaver

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine up - on you and be gra - cious un - to you; the Lord lift up his coun - te - nance up - on you, and give you peace. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mr. Smothers

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

WORD IN ACTION

“Stewardship”

Carrie W. Hinrichs

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

O How Amiable (1934) *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
(1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.

(*Psalm 84:1-4; Psalm 90:17*)

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

– Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

*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.

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

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 (9 am)

Lead Me, Lord *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*
(from *Praise the Lord, O My Soul*, 1861) (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord; lead me in thy righteousness. Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. (*Psalm 4:8; 5:8*)

Eliza Bagg, soprano

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Ubi Caritas (2001) *Ola Gjeilo*
(b. 1978)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.	<i>Where charity and love are, God is there.</i>
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.	<i>The love of Christ has gathered us together.</i>
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.	<i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.	<i>Let us revere and love the living God.</i>
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.	<i>And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.</i>
Amen.	

– Antiphon for Maundy Thursday (10th Century)

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 259

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg
(rhythmic)

This setting preserves Martin Luther's original 1529 rhythmic form of the hymn, described by Dr. Paul Westermeyer as "a secure and jubilant textual dance that trips up the foe."

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Tocatta in D minor, BWV 565

Bach

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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