



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 19, 2018 • 10:30am



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, 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 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 Sept. 8, 2018, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. RSVPs are helpful to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*Quiet our hearts, O God, that we would hear you.
Smile upon us, O God, that we would see your beauty.
Douse us with your grace, O God, that we would feel your presence.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Variation No. 9 "Nimrod"
(from Enigma Variations)

Edward Elgar
(1857-1934)

Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly G. Dempsey

God created the world and everything in it.

Everything God creates is made in love and filled with grace.

God sent Jesus to show us how to live.

We want to see Jesus.

Jesus is the light for all people.

He is the bread of life.

Jesus will wait for us with patience and seek us when we are lost.

Every moment of every day, he is our path forward and our road home.

*Hymn 339

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

Merciful God,

Your promises stand steady through all generations.

Renew us in hope, that we might stand tall in faith.

It is easy for us to become overwhelmed:

our world is filled with too much violence,

our schedules are filled with too much chaos,

and our hearts are filled with too much hurt.

Too often, we allow those stories to define our days.

So come to us, O God, and tell us your story once again,

as we seek to set fear aside

and walk in your ways.

(Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (from *Deutsche Messe*)

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!

*Response of Praise

Lasst uns erfreuen

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! 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

*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
OT page 290, 292

*Psalm 111

Westminster Abbey



1. With my heart, I praise my Ma - ker Ev - er in ___ God's tem - ple sing;
2. God, all glo - rious and all car - ing, Send your bles - sings from a - bove;
3. All Your laws are sure es - tab - lished, Wrought of love and e - qui - ty;



Great and glo - rious are God's mer - cies, End - less hon - or shall we bring
If in wrath, Your arm works ven - geance, Can Your heart with pi - ty move?
And the pro - mise of Your mer - cy Shall en - dure all time to be.



To the Lord; let all cre - a - tion With great a - do - ra - tion ring!
May our sins by grace in - he - rit Ju - stice tem - pered with Your love.
Those whose lips sing of Your glo - ry Ev - er - more Your face shall see.

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Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Lesson with the Children and Youth

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades are dismissed to the Phillips Lounge.
They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20
NT page 183

Gospel Lesson

John 6:51-58
NT page 93

Sermon

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————— Responding to God’s Word —————

*Hymn 502

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Rendez à Dieu

*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.

Our Life Together

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Offertory Solo

O Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod
(1818-1893)

Ah! Turn me not away,
Receive me though unworthy;
Hear thou my cry,
Behold, Lord, my distress!
Answer me from thy throne
Haste thee, Lord to mine aid,
Thy pity shew in my deep anguish!
Let not the sword of vengeance smite me,
Though righteous thine anger,
O Lord! Shield me in danger, O regard me!
On thee, Lord, alone will I call.
O Divine Redeemer!
I pray thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not my sins!
Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer!
Night gathers round my soul;
Fearful, I cry to thee;
Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste thee, Lord, haste to help me!
Hear my cry! Save me, Lord, in thy mercy;
Come and save me, O Lord,
Save, in the day of retribution,
From death shield thou me, O my God!
O Divine Redeemer, have mercy!
Help me, my Savior!

*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.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

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.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray . . .

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

Sanctus

Schubert

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.

Worship Details

Cover Art

Bread of Life, by Kennedy A. Paizs.

Preaching Today

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Beverly G. Dempsey as our preacher today. Beverly serves as Pastor at one of our neighboring congregations, Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House.

Musical Leadership

The Church Choir is on hiatus during the month of August and on Labor Day weekend, with special music provided by soloists from our professional octet on Sunday mornings. This Sunday's soloist is tenor Tommy Wazelle, a member of MAPC's octet since 2015. Today's guest pianist is MAPC member David Carleton.

Information and Announcements

Blessing of the Backpacks (and other bags)

Ready or not, a new academic year is almost upon us. Students, bring your backpacks or bookbags to worship on September 9 to receive a special blessing and a small gift during the Children's Lesson. Adults, if you wish to partipate, bring whatever bag accompanies you throughout your day. Let's begin the year remembering that God is with us wherever we go and whatever we do.

Fall Picnic in the Park

We return to our regular worhip schedule on Sunday, September 9. We'll celebrate with a picnic in Central Park at 1 pm. Sandwiches, salad, and chips will be provided; please bring some dessert to share. Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon in the park with MAPC. This a great and non-threatening event to invite some friends to join you! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Singing with MAPC

Are you interested in singing with the Church Choir or the Saint Andrew Chorale? The Church Choir sings anthems and provides musical leadership for our 11:15 am services and special liturgies September through May. The Saint Andrew Chorale sings concerts as a part of the Saint Andrew Music Society concert season, often joined by orchestras and accompanied by professional instrumentalists. Rehearsals for both resume on Thursday, September 6. If you are interested, visit the Choirs page on our website or contact Andrew Henderson: aeh@mapc.com, or 212-288-8920.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 19

- 9:30 am Child Care – 4th Floor
- 10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
- 11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 12:00 pm ESL Classes – Shelter Space, Community Services Room
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Monday, August 20

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Tuesday, August 21

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Wednesday, August 22

- 6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Thursday, August 23

- 5:30 pm 20s/30s Bible Study – 10C
- 6:30 pm Thursday Open Table – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Recovery Group – Library
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Friday, August 24

- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Saturday, August 25

- No Events Church House Closed

Sunday, August 26

- 9:30 am Child Care – 4th Floor
- 10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Children's Worship – Phillips Lounge
- 11:45 am Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 6:30 pm Overnight Shelter – Shelter Space

Summer Sermons

June 24	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>On Mark and Miracles</i>
July 1	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>What Does It Really Mean To Be Free?</i>
July 8	Christina Cosby: <i>Foolishness or Good News?</i>
July 15	Rev. Beverly Bartlett: <i>To Save Face, or Embrace Faith?</i>
July 22	Christina Cosby: <i>Gather Around</i>
July 29	Rev. Beverly Bartlett: <i>“All the Fullness of God”</i>
August 5	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>These Are Not Childish Times</i>
August 12	Rev. Jenny McDevitt: <i>It’s Okay To Be Angry</i>
August 19	Guest Preacher: Rev. Beverly Dempsey: <i>Table of Contents</i> Pastor of Jan Hus Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House
August 26	Christina Cosby
September 2	Rev. Rebecca Heilman

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

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