



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

World Communion Sunday
October 7, 2018 • 9 & 11:15am



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 Oct. 27, 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

Lord God, we come into our lives as guests invited.

*You invite us to one table, to share one meal, to remember one story, to serve one world,
and yet you have made us beautifully diverse. Be the unity that binds us together, this day and every day.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Air with Variations (from *Suite for Organ*, 1935)

*Leo Sowerby
(1892-1968)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

We come into this place trusting that God knows our hearts:

the burdens we carry, the hurts that linger, and grief that doesn't let go.

Christ is no stranger to suffering;

he weeps with those who weep and keeps watch through the night.

Today, with believers around the world, we share not only sacrament but also sacred promise:

God will fill our every hunger and bind up our every brokenness.

Christ says, "Come, and rest your weary selves at my table,"

where there is room and respite and renewal for all.

*Hymn 517

We Come as Guests Invited

Wie lieblich ist der Maien

Prayer of Confession

Christina A. Cosby

Lord God,

You offer a simple invitation:

to join you at the table you have prepared.

But instead of coming empty-handed,

we bring all of our complexities and confusion.

We grumble about who sits down next to us,

and we question if everyone deserves to be there.

In the quiet of our hearts,

we wonder if we deserve to be there.

We forget that when we worship through Word and Sacrament,

it is less about us and more about you —

what you can do and dare, how you can hold and heal.

Remind us again, that we might set down the burdens only you can carry. (Silent Prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy (Service in G)

John Weaver

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

*Gloria in Excelsis

Weaver

Choir
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
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Summary of God's Law

*Passing the Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Our Life Together

Word in Action

Deacon John T. Carr, III

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Old Testament Lesson

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

OT page 429

*Psalm 26

Ave Virgo Virginum



1. Vin - di - cate me now, O Lord, You I trust com - plete - ly.
2. In the wick - ed and the false I have not con - fi - ded.
3. How I love your house, O Lord, Wond - rous is your glo - ry!



Prove me, test my heart and see How I walk up - right - ly.
With the e - vil and the base I have not re - sid - ed.
Save me from the sin - ners' fate, And their tan - gled sto - ry.



I have fol - lowed you in truth, Trust - ing in your pow - er.
With clean hands I come to you, Here, be - fore your al - tar.
Let me stand on lev - el ground In your con - gre - ga - tion,



Stead - fast is your love, O Lord, Con - stant ev - 'ry hour. —
Sing - ing songs of thanks and praise, Words of awe and won - der.
And I'll bless your name once more With great ce - le - bra - tion.

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Audrey E. Webber

Children's Worship: Preschool through 3rd grades are dismissed to the Phillips Lounge.

Youth Worship: 4th through 8th grades are dismissed to the Dana Chapel.

They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.

Epistle Lesson

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

NT page 204

Gradual

May the Words of My Mouth

Andrew Henderson

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

—Psalm 19:14

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:30-32

NT page 42

Sermon

Job:

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

When the Worst Happens

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 282 (11:15 am)

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

*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

Offertory Anthem

Serenity (2009)

James MacMillan (b. 1959)

O Salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium
Bella premunt hosilia,
Da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving victim opening wide
the gates of Heaven to all below;
Our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.*

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
trusting that he will make things right if I surrender to his will.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria,
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.

*To thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
O grant us endless length of days,
in our true native land with thee.*

Latin text: Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

English text: attr. Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

Chloe Holgate, soprano

*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

Weaver

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
 full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is
 He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

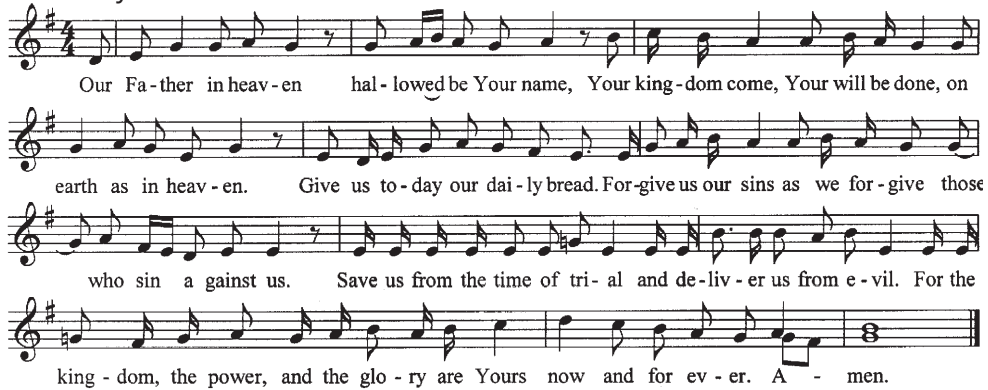
Acclamation

Weaver

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

The Lord's Prayer

Weaver



Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be Your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as 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 power, and the glo-ry are Yours now and for ev-er. A - men.

Words of Institution

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us keep the feast.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Communion Anthem (11:15 am)

Spiritual, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

Nobody Knows the Trouble I See

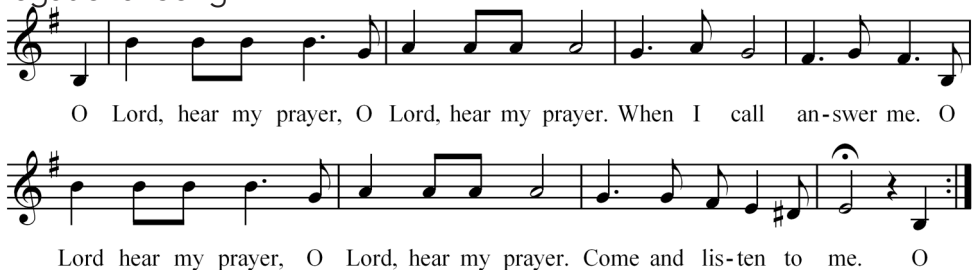
*Nobody knows the trouble I see, Nobody knows but Jesus,
Nobody knows the trouble I see, Glory, Hallelujah!*

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down, O yes, Lord!
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground; O yes, Lord!

Although you have me going 'long so, O yes, Lord!
I have my trials here below, O yes, Lord!

Desirée Baxter, alto

Congregational Song



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an-swer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me. O

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 418

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

Ich halte treulich Still

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Toccata (1940)

Sowerby

Information and Announcements

Cover Art

This week's art comes from the title page of Petr Eben's "Job," published by United Music Publishing.

Peace and Global Witness

Our work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. The Peace & Global Witness Offering designates 25 percent of the money received to be shared with a local organization. MAPC has selected New Life of New York City, a local organization that engages at-risk and vulnerable youth. Donation envelopes are included in this bulletin.

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Seniors and friends, come to the Parish Hall to enjoy a light lunch and conversation together. We invite you all to join in the memorial service for Ruth Weir immediately following the 11:15 worship service in the Dana Chapel before going down to lunch. The suggested donation is \$10.

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets for a short worship service and an individual blessing on Wednesday, September 10, at 5:30 outside the Sanctuary on the steps. Too difficult for your pet to travel? Bring a photo and we'll offer a blessing that way. Please properly restrain all pets for everyone's safety.

Music on Madison Concert Series

Our annual series starts next Sunday, Sept. 14. Informational fliers are available in the Narthex.

Dinner with Mayada

Join us Monday, October 15, for our third annual Dinner with Mayada. Mayada Anjari is a Syrian refugee, a talented cook, and author of a new cookbook lauded by Food and Wine. The cost for the dinner is \$40/person. RSVP online at mapc.com or to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, October 8

All Day Columbus Day - Church House Closed
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Tuesday, October 9

8:00 am Long Term Planning Task Force Room 608
6:30 pm Personnel Committee Pastor's Study
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space
6:30 pm Personnel Committee Pastor's Study
7:00 pm Outreach Committee Library

Wednesday, October 10

12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible Phillips Lounge
3:45 pm Kids Club PH, PL, 5th Floor, Gym
3:45 pm Wee Kids 4th Floor
4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
5:00 pm T(w)een Club Youth Lounge
5:30 pm Service of the Animals Narthex, Church House Steps
6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous 5th Floor
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space
7:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Pastor's Study

Thursday, October 11

6:00 pm 20s/30s Bible Study Apt 10C
6:30 pm Recovery Group Library
6:30 pm Thursday Open Table Meal Parish Hall
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space
7:00 pm Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal 5th Floor
8:30 pm Church Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

Friday, October 12

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Saturday, October 13

10:00 am Quartet Rehearsal Choir Room
11:00 am Vera Gordon Memorial Service Sanctuary
12:00 pm Vera Gordon Reception Parish Hall

Faces of Our Faith Fall Sermon Series

- Sept. 9 The Syrophoenician Woman: We Need Outsiders
Rev. Jenny McDevitt
- Sept. 16 Lady Wisdom: Identity In a Time of Crisis
Rev. Jenny McDevitt
- Sept. 23 James: Watch Your Mouth
Rev. Jenny McDevitt
- Sept. 30 Little Children: Our Sacred Responsibility
Rev. Jenny McDevitt
- Oct. 7 Job: When the Worst Happens**
Rev. Jenny McDevitt
- Oct. 14 The Rich Man
Rev. Beverly Bartlett
- Oct. 21 Bartimaeus: Patron Saint of Imagination
Rev. Jenny McDevitt
- Oct. 28 James and John
Chesna Hinkley, seminary intern

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*
Christina A. Cosby, *Director of Christian Formation*
Laura Graham, *Director of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church Day School*
The Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman, *Pastoral Resident*
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Audrey E. Webber, *Seminary Intern*
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Dr. John B. Weaver, *Director of Music and Organist Emeritus*