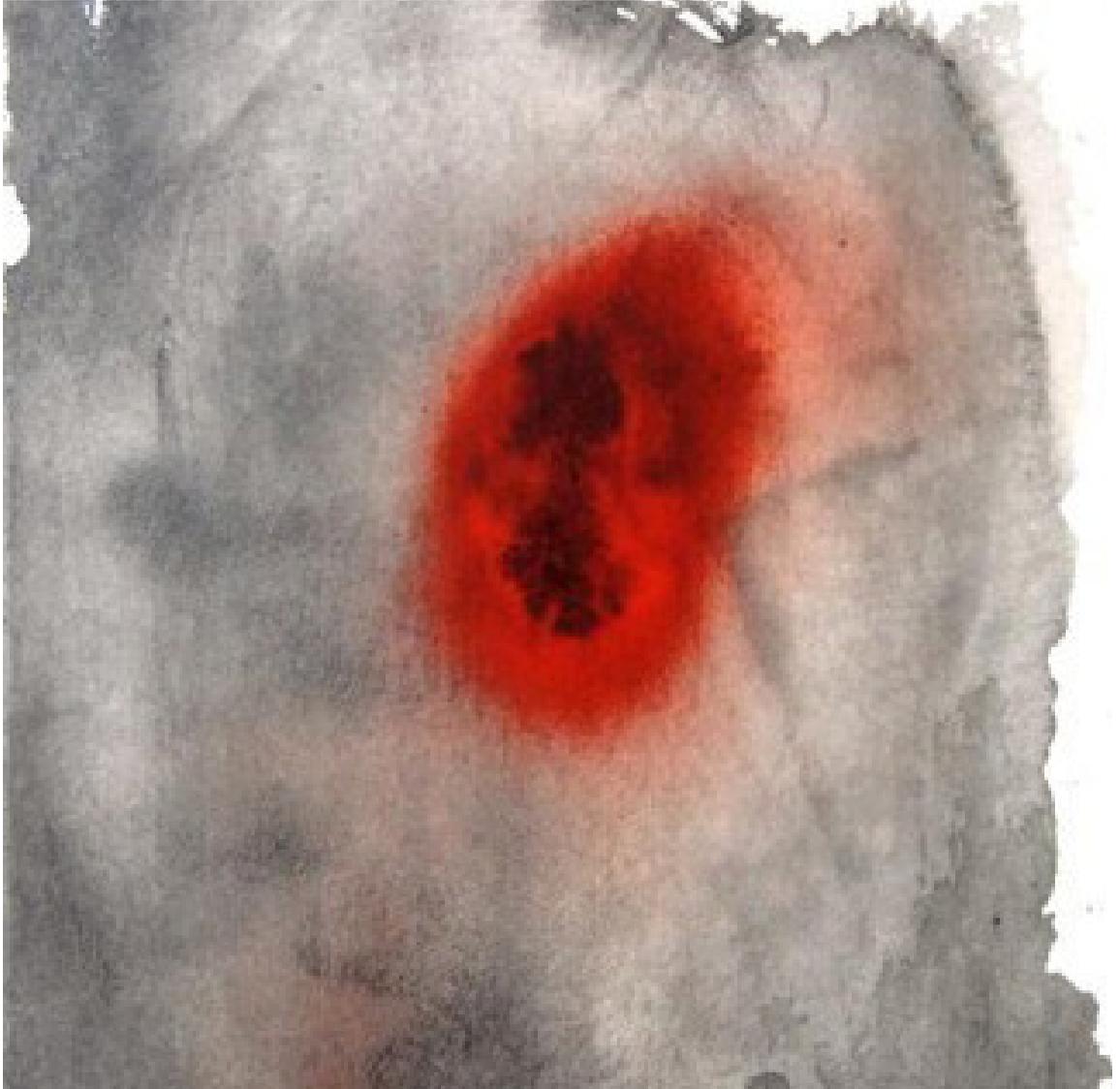


Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

Good Friday Service of Devotion
April 19, 2019 • 12 to 3pm



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 . . .

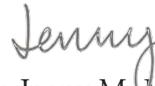
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 during Sunday services. We do not have nursery care available during weekday services but are delighted to have your children with us.

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. Rev. Jenny McDevitt leads these sessions. The next gathering will be held May 11th, 2019, at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Good Friday Service of Devotion

Prelude

O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde groß, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

**We see the cross, but want to turn away,
for on the cross we see the sin of the world.**

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

**We see the cross, but want to turn away,
for on the cross was hung the one who did not deserve this death.**

Behold the cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

**We see the cross, but want to turn away,
for there is a love so strong it shames us.**

**We turn away, but want to see the cross,
for there is a love so strong it heals us.**

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*Hymn 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Redhead 76

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

Prayer

**Forbid it, O Christ, that with all our earthly comforts, we would forget the
despair you endured for our sake. Grant us this day better understanding of all
you suffered: betrayal and abandonment, lies and mocking, agony and torture.
You gave yourself fully for us; may we give ourselves fully for you. Amen.**

Lesson

Mark 14:26-52
(NT page 49)

Anthem

A Litany (1917)

William Walton (1902-1983)

Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beautiful feet
Which brought from Heaven
The news and Prince of Peace:

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercy to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye
See sin, but through my tears.

—*Phineas Fletcher (1592- 1631)*

Meditation

Gethsemane

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Closing Prayer

Silence

II

*Hymn 86

When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son

Psalm 22

Prayer

Merciful God, you sent your son, Jesus, for our salvation. And yet we are complicit in the evil that caused his suffering and death. Grant us grace enough to face the truth of ourselves, and grant us courage enough to admit the many ways we deny the life you designed for us, the life Jesus assures us. Amen.

Lesson

Mark 14:53-72
(NT page 49)

Anthem

A Hymn to God the Father (2014)

Howard Helvey
(b. 1968)

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more.

—*John Donne (1592-1631)*

Meditation

Peter's Denial

Christina A. Cosby

Closing Prayer

Silence

III

*Hymn 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

Prayer

How, O Christ, were you silent in the face of false charges, rejection, flogging, and a crown of thorns? Our trust in God is nowhere near so sturdy as yours. Help us learn from your example: to take up our cross and follow you. The way is weary; fill us with patience and humility, strength and determination, all in equal measure. Amen.

Lesson

Mark 15:1-15
(NT page 50)

Anthem

Sing, My Soul His Wondrous Love
(from *Three Hymn Anthems*, 1962)

Ned Rorem
(b. 1923)

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
Who from yon bright throne above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still to us extends his grace.

God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Savior's blood,
And, to make our safety sure,
Guides us by his Spirit pure.

Heaven and earth by him were made;
All is by his scepter swayed;
What area we that he should show
So much love to us below?

Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be thy theme:
Praise him till he calls thee home;
Truth his love for all to come.

—*Anonymous (c. 1800)*

Meditation

Jesus Before Pilate

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Closing Prayer

Silence

IV

*Hymn 76

My Song is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

Prayer

O God, your son was born of this earth to draw closer to us, and yet at the time of his death, we stood at a distance. We closed our eyes to his pain then, and we close our eyes to his pain now when it is reflected in the suffering of our neighbors. Open our eyes to see your truth and open our arms that we might embrace the world with your love. Amen.

Lesson

Mark 15:16-32
(NT page 50)

Anthem

Nolo Mortem Peccatoris

Thomas Morley
(1557-1602)

Nolo mortem peccatoris, haec sunt verba Salvatoris.

(I do not want the death of a sinner, these are the words of the Savior.)

Father, I am thine only Son, sent down from heaven mankind to save. Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have. Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on every side. Even from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied, but suffered all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

— *attributed to Anthony Montagu (1528-1592)*

Meditation

The Crucifixion

Chesna E. Hinkley

Closing Prayer

Silence

V

*Hymn 100

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Rockingham

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, in the hour of your own greatest need, your greatest concern was your love for us. Your faithfulness, to God and to all your children, astonishes us and transforms us still today. When we are faced with agony and brokenness of our own, keep us confident that in life and in death, we belong to you. Amen.

Lesson

Mark 15:33-41
(NT page 51)

Anthem

Crucifixus (from *Mass in B minor*, BWV 232)

J. S. Bach

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

— *from The Nicene Creed*

Meditation

The Death of Jesus

Rev. Jordan Tarwater

Closing Prayer

Silence

*Hymn 102

Were You There?

African-American Spiritual

Prayer

This is the truth, O Christ: we have betrayed you, denied you, and forsaken you. We did not hammer the nails, but neither did we protest. We did not pierce your side, but neither did we speak up. We heard your last cry, but we were filled with our own grief. Strengthen us now that we might follow you through the valley of the shadow of death, fearing no evil, until the final enemy is defeated. Amen.

Lesson

Mark 15:42-47
(NT page 51)

Anthem

O Sorrow Deep (2000)

David Hurd
(b. 1950)

No sorrow deep! Who would not weep with heartfelt pain and sighing!
God the Father's only Son in the tomb is lying.
The Paschal Lamb, like Isaac's ram, in blood was offered for us,
pouring out his life that he might to life restore us.
Blest shall they be eternally who ponder in their weeping
that the glorious Prince of Life should in death be sleeping.
O Jesus blest, my help and rest, with tears I pray thee, hear me:
now, and even unto death dearest Lord be near me.

– Stanza 1: *Friedrich von Spee (1591-1635)*;
Stanzas 2-3: *James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)*;
Stanza 4: *Johann Rist (1607-1667)*

Meditation

The Burial

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

The Infancy—Passion Narrative

Postlude

Come, Sweet Death, Come, Blessed Rest

J. S. Bach,
arr. Virgil Fox
(1912-1980)*Please remain seated for the organ postlude.*

Those wishing to make an offering may do so at the rear of the church as you depart. The offering received today will support MAPC's Charles Amstein Pastoral Care Fund.

Worship Details

Preachers for today's service include the pastoral staff of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, along with two guest preachers: Chesna E. Hinkley is a final year student at Princeton Theological Seminary and has served as an intern at MAPC throughout the 2018-2019 academic year. The Rev. Jordan Tarwater is Executive Director and Minister of the Urban Outreach Center at Jan Hus Presbyterian Church.

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Good Friday, April 19
7:30 pm Service of Tenebrae — Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 21
9 am and 11:15 am Festival Services — Sanctuary
The Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt preaching

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

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