

Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019 • 9 & 11:15am



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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 announced here. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Eraza at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

*You, O God, are the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last.
You dry our tears, quench our thirst, welcome all people, and teach us to love.
Come and dwell among us, making all things new. Amen.*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Chant de Mai, Op. 53

*Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

If you are filled with conviction, welcome home:

here we proclaim that the world is beautiful and God is good.

If you are filled with heartbreak, welcome home:

here we offer comfort to those who weep and rest to those who are weary.

If you are filled with skepticism, welcome home:

here we trust old words while listening for new understanding.

If you are filled with hope, welcome home:

here when we worship, God is among us, and everything is possible.

*Hymn 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Gracious God,

Sometimes you are are too unpredictable for us.

You are a raging flood, a burning bush, and a wrestling match.

You are a manger birth, an abandoned grave, and an open-ended promise.

And while we know that this is good news,

**we admit that sometimes a simple, reliable equation
would be easier for us to bear.**

The unknown frightens us.

**So we add up our accomplishments and subtract our shortcomings
and forget that you are in the business of multiplying grace.**

Remind us, O God, of your love,

which defies all reason, disregards all the rules, and destroys even death.

(Silent prayer.)

Cantor Lord, have mer - cy. *All* Lord, have mer - cy. *Cantor* Christ, have mer - cy.
All Christ, have mer - cy. *Cantor* Lord, have mer - cy. *All* Lord, have mer - cy.

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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

Victory

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Lord, by Your wounds on Cal - va - ry From death's dread
 sting Your ser - vants free, That we may live e -
 ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin, c. 1695, Trans. Francis Pott, 1861
 Music: G.P. da Palestrina, 1591

*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

Christina A. Cosby

First Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6
(NT page 244)

*Psalm 148 (Hymn 256)

Salzburg

Lesson with the Children and Youth

Chesna E. Hinkley

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.

Second Lesson

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
John 13:31-35
(NT page 102)

Gradual

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

French, 15th C.
arr. Andrew Henderson (2014)

Third Lesson

Acts 11:1-18
(NT page 122)

Sermon

A New Diet

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

_____ Responding to God's Word _____

*Hymn 438 (11:15 am)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

Jesus is our living Lord.

**Jesus was dead and buried,
but God raised him from the dead.**

We are certain that Jesus lives.

**He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.**

He lives as one of us with God.

**Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.**

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.**

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

Unclouded Day

*J. K. Alwood (1828-1909)
arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)*

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
They tell me of a home far away,
And they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an unclouded sky,
O they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
O they tell me of that land far away,
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

O they tell me of a King in his beauty there,
They tell me that mine eyes shall behold
Where he sits on the throne that is bright as the sun,
In the city that is made of gold.

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

The image shows the musical notation for the doxology 'Old Hundredth'. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: 'Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures'. The second staff contains: 'here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly'. The third staff contains: 'host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

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.

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

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. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

Anthem (11:15 am)

From *Quatre Motets* (1960)

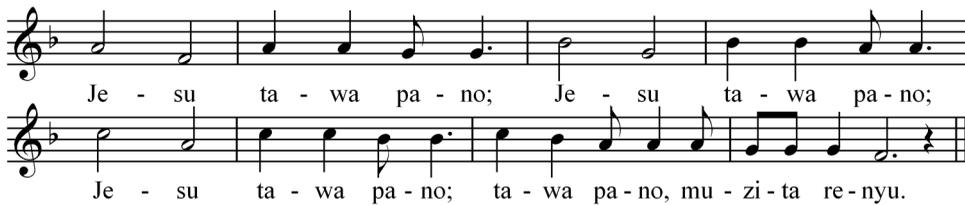
Maurice Durufle
(1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

Where there is charity and love, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

—Antiphon for Maundy Thursday (10th Century)

Congregational Song



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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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 440

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



(Organ) A - men, A - men, A - men.

*Postlude

Tuba Tune in D major, Op. 15

Craig Sellar Lang
(1891-1971)

Worship Details

Cover Art

“Peter’s Vision,” an engraving by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld. 1860.

Summer Worship Schedule

The summer worship schedule begins next Sunday, May 26, with one service at 10:30 am. During the summer months, youth are encouraged to stay in the Sanctuary to worship with their families.

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

Chesna Hinkley will lead a discussion on the Bible and gender issues at 10:10 am today in the Parish Hall. Topics include the legacy of Mary in Christianity, submission and mutuality in Ephesians 5, and silence and false teaching in 1 Timothy 2. One of our seminary interns for 2018-2019, Chesna graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 18.

MAPC Book Club

The book club meets Tuesday, May 21 at 4 p.m. in the Hood Library. For their May meeting, the MAPC Book Club will be discussing John Patterson’s *First Love*. All are welcome.

Summer Choir

You are invited to sing on Sundays during the summer at MAPC! Our Summer Choir provides an opportunity for church members and friends to sing some beautiful choral music together as leaders of worship. Beginning Sunday, May 26, and continuing through Sunday, July 28, the Summer Choir will meet on Sunday mornings for a rehearsal in the Choir Room at 9:30 am in preparation for our 10:30 am services. Please contact Andrew Henderson at aeh@mapc.com.

Guest Choir

The Parish Youth Choir of Church Street United Methodist Church, Knoxville, TN, will be joining us and leading in worship on Sunday, May 26, at the 10:30 am service, beginning with a prelude at 10:15 am. The choir is composed of singers in grades 6 through 12, as well as college-aged ‘scholarship singers.’

Weekly Calendar

Monday, May 20

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Tuesday, May 21

4:00 pm ESL Evening Classes 5th Floor
4:00 pm MAPC Book Club Hood Library
6:00 pm Stewardship & Development Committee Pastor's Study
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space
7:00 pm Congregational Nurture Committee Phillips Lounge

Wednesday, May 22

12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible Phillips Lounge
4:00 pm Kids Club & Wee Kids PH, 4th, 5th Floor, Gym
4:15 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
5:00 pm T(w)een Club Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous 5th Floor
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Thursday, May 23

1:00 pm 20s/30s Bible Study 10th Floor
6:30 pm End-of-Year Choir Party Roof Garden
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space
6:30 pm Thursday Open Table Parish Hall

Friday, May 24

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Saturday, May 25

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Sunday, May 26

9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
10:10 am Youth Sunday Rehearsal Dana Chapel
10:30 am Worship Sanctuary
10:45 am Children's Worship Phillips Lounge
11:45 am Fellowship Hour Lobby
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

all things new



May 5 A New Vision
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 12 A New Job Description
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 19 A New Diet
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 9 & 11:15 am

May 26 A New Community
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am

June 2 Youth Sunday & Confirmation
Sebastien L. J. Nordenson / 10:30 am
Isabella N. Winckler / 10:30 am

June 9 A New Jerusalem
Pentecost
Ordination & Installation of Officers
Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt / 10:30 am

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*

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*

Chesna E. Hinkley, *Seminary Intern*

Audrey E. Webber, *Seminary Intern*

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

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