



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 2019 • 10:30 am



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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. A gathering is being planned for the summer. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Cantilène Religieuse (from *7 Pièces pour Orgue*, 1898)

Théodore Dubois
(1837-1924)

Call to Worship

Rev. Brian D. Ellison

The heavens are telling the glory of God:

with rain to nourish the soil and sun to restore our spirit.

The heavens are telling the glory of God:

with clouds to grant cover and the wind to offer a breeze.

The heavens are telling the glory of God:

with the moon to mark time and the stars to light the way.

Let us worship the God who makes all things good and all things beautiful.

*Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

God of Unending Mercy,

Forgive us when we think we know your story better than you do:

when we tune out familiar words

and when we assume the moral long before the ending.

Forgive us when we forget just how powerful your Gospel is:

strong enough to shake our foundations

and surprising enough to keep us guessing, every time.

Forgive our hubris in believing we know more than we do. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

James MacMillan

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

*Response of Praise

Blaenwern

Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
heav'n to earth come down, Fix in us Thy
hum - ble dwell-ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!
Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev' - ry trem - bling heart.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: William Rowlands (1860-1937)

*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.**



1. With - in the courts of the di - vine, Where ho - ly judg - ment lives,
2. Give just - ice to the weak and lost, The or - phan and be - reft.
3. You sov - 'reigns of the na - tions hear: Your judg - ments are un - fair.
4. The earth cries out in its de - spair Its peo - ples plead "How long?"



God sits a - mong the sons of God, And hea - ven's judg - ment gives.
Main - tain the right of all the weak, The low - ly and di - stressed.
You rule in dark - ened ig - no - rance; The earth shakes in de - spair.
They pray for just - ice and for peace, A world where all be - long.



How long will you cor - rupt - ly judge, O ru - lers of the earth?
De - li - ver them from wick - ed hands, From those who plot for gain.
I made you gods, my own off - spring, Chil - dren of the Most High,
Rise up, O God, and judge the earth, The na - tions are your own.



How long will you love wick - ed - ness And cul - ti - vate its curse?
Up - hold their rights with - in the land, And seek to ease their pain.
Yet like all mor - tals you shall fall, Like ev - 'ry prince shall die.
Give just - ice to this world you love, Come, make your ways our own.

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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

Colossians 1:1-14
(NT page 188)

Gradual

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.

—*Psalm 19:14*

Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-37
(NT page 67)

Sermon

The Parable of the Roadside Victim

Rev. Brian D. Ellison

————— Responding to God's Word —————

*Hymn 427

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Tune: Beach Spring
(Hymn 422)

*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

Anthem

How Beautiful Upon the Mountains (1880)

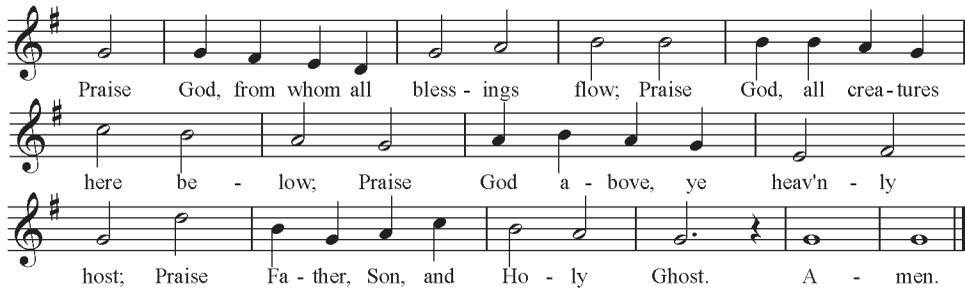
John Stainer
(1840-1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth!

—*Isaiah 52:7*

*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 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:

(Organ) Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly

Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he, O bles - sed 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

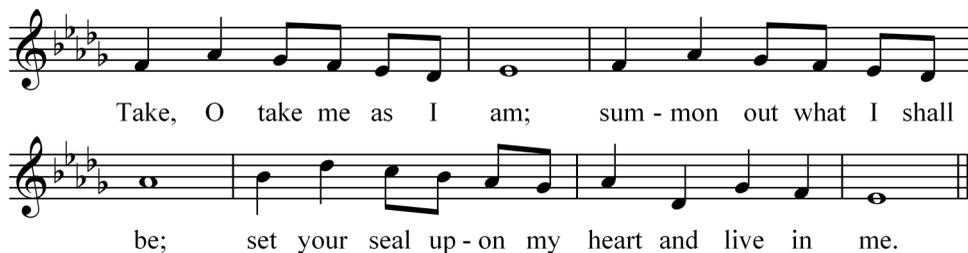
A New Commandment (1988)

Richard Shephard
(b. 1949)

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

—John 13:34-35

Congregational Song



Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 408

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Germany

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



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

*Postlude

Carillon de Westminster (from *24 Pièces de Fantaisie*, Op. 54, No. 6)

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Worship Details

About Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Brian D. Ellison has served as Executive Director of the Covenant Network since 2012, preaching, teaching and providing overall strategic leadership in implementing the organization's mission. Previously, he served as pastor of Parkville Presbyterian Church (near Kansas City, Missouri) for 13 years. Brian currently serves the General Assembly as a member of its Permanent Judicial Commission; he previously was a director of the Board of Pensions, a member of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly, and moderator of both the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment and the Stated Clerk Review/Nomination Committee. He is Associate Stated Clerk of the Synod of Mid-America and has also served as Stated Clerk of Heartland Presbytery. A graduate of Harvard University and Princeton Theological Seminary, Brian also is host/contributor at NPR affiliate KCUR-FM. He and his partner, Troy Lillebo, live in Kansas City. In 1999, Brian was MAPC's David H. C. Read Scholar. Due to renovations in the sanctuary at the time, he preached in the gymnasium. He looks forward to preaching from the pulpit this week!

Information and Announcements

This Summer's Guest Preachers

We are fortunate this summer to be joined in worship by a number of guest preachers with close ties to MAPC. Though the season often takes many of you away on the weekends, consider returning to the city to worship on these Sundays:

July 14	Rev. Brian D. Ellison, 1999 David H. C. Read Scholar
August 11	Rev. Carmen C. Goetchius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow
August 18	Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center

Annual Summer Roof Garden Party

The Summer Roof Garden Party is tomorrow at 6 pm! This is always a wonderful social event with the MAPC community. Good food, lively conversation, and the beautiful Roof Garden space! RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation is \$40. Childcare is available by advance request for a donation of \$15 per child.

Baptism

Interested in having your child baptized at MAPC? Contact Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com about attending an orientation session. Baptisms are then scheduled in conversation with Senior Pastor Rev. Jenny McDevitt to ensure the timing meets the needs of your family.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, July 15

6:00 pm Annual Summer Roof Garden Party Roof Garden
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Tuesday, July 16

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Wednesday, July 17

12:30 pm Reading Through the Bible Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm Cocaine Anonymous 5th Floor
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Thursday, July 18

6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space
6:30 pm Thursday Open Table Parish Hall

Friday, July 19

3:00 pm McAndrews/Lutz Wedding Rehearsal Sanctuary
6:30 pm Overnight Shelter Shelter Space

Saturday, July 20

5:15 pm McAndrews/Lutz Wedding Sanctuary

Sunday, July 21

9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal Choir Room
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

immerse yourself in worship this summer 10:30 am

June 9	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
June 16	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
June 23	Rev. Jessica E. Tate, 2007 David H. C. Read Scholar
June 30	Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett
July 7	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
July 14	Rev. Brian D. Ellison, 1999 David H. C. Read Scholar
July 21	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
July 28	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
August 4	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt
August 11	Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow
August 18	Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center
August 25	Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman
September 1	Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

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*

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*

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

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