



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 11, 2019 • 10:30am



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# Welcome to Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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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

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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

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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 August 17, 2019 at 9 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at [lgp@mapc.com](mailto:lgp@mapc.com).

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

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*Eternal God, you are faithful to every generation. Awaken our hearts and minds to your presence that we might be transformed by your love and grace. Amen.*

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## Gathering in God's Name

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Prelude

Prelude in E minor (1936)

*Gerald Bales  
(1919-2002)*

Call to Worship

Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

**Praise the Lord with the lyre; make melody with the harp.**

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**for God's word and God's work is faithful.**

God's steadfast love fills the earth.

**Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**

**Let us worship the living God in spirit and in truth!**

\*Hymn 469

Morning Has Broken

*Bunessan*

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy,**

**You know us fully.**

**You know our frailty and our many failings.**

**You have given us mouths to sing your praise  
and lips to speak words of blessing.**

**And yet, O God, our declarations are often careless and casual.**

**We shrink from opportunities to serve  
and we fail to love you with our whole hearts.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Fill us with a spirit of gentleness**

**that we might serve as a witness to your love in the world.**

**For the sake of your Gospel and the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray.**

(Silent prayer)

## Lord, Have Mercy

*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

... “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

Andrew E. Henderson

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Kate Baier

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
(OT page 157)

\*Psalm 33:12-22

*Dunfermline*



1. Let ev - ery na - tion, ev - ery land u - nite with one ac - cord,
2. How hap - py are God's faith - ful ones, how blest God's cho - sen heirs,
3. Be - hold, God's ev - er - watch - ful eye sees through our dark de - spair;
4. The hope of all the a - ges past, that sets at peace our fears,



and hum - bly lay their heart - felt prayers in awe be - fore the Lord.  
for sure - ly an in - her - i - tance of glo - ry shall be theirs!  
the arms of Grace en - cir - cle us with strong, yet ten - der care.  
God's mer - cy and God's stead - fast love shall fol - low all our years.

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Music: Scottish Psalter, 1615

Responsive Reading

Psalm 33:13-22

The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

**From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—  
he who fashions the hearts of them all,  
and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

**The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.**

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

**Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.**

**Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**

**Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

Lesson with the Children and Youth

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-16  
(NT page 211)

Sermon

A Witness in the World

Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius

————— Responding to God's Word —————

\*Hymn 435

We All Are One in Mission

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

\*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

Solo

The Call  
(from *Five Mystical Songs*, 1911)

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*  
(1872-1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

—George Herbert (1593-1633)

Rod Gomez, soloist

\*Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures 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.**

Sanctus

*Schubert*

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

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 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.**

## 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.*

## Solo

### A Hymn to God the Father

*Pelham Humphrey  
(1647-1674)*

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 wallowed 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 (1572-1631)*

Rod Gomez, soloist



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## Information and Announcements

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### 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:

**August 11**     **Rev. Carmen C. Goetschius, Inaugural Global Ministry Fellow**  
August 18     Rev. Jordan A. Tarwater, Director of the Urban Outreach Center

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## Weekly Calendar

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Monday, August 12

6:00 pm     Women's Bible Study     Phillips Lounge

Tuesday, August 13

No events scheduled

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

6:30 pm     Thursday Open Table     Parish Hall

Friday, August 16

No events scheduled

Saturday, August 17

9:00 am     Tell Me More About MAPC     Phillips Lounge

Sunday, August 18

10:30 am     Worship     Sanctuary  
11:45 am     Fellowship Hour     Parish Hall  
12:00 pm     ESL Classes     5th Floor

# 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*