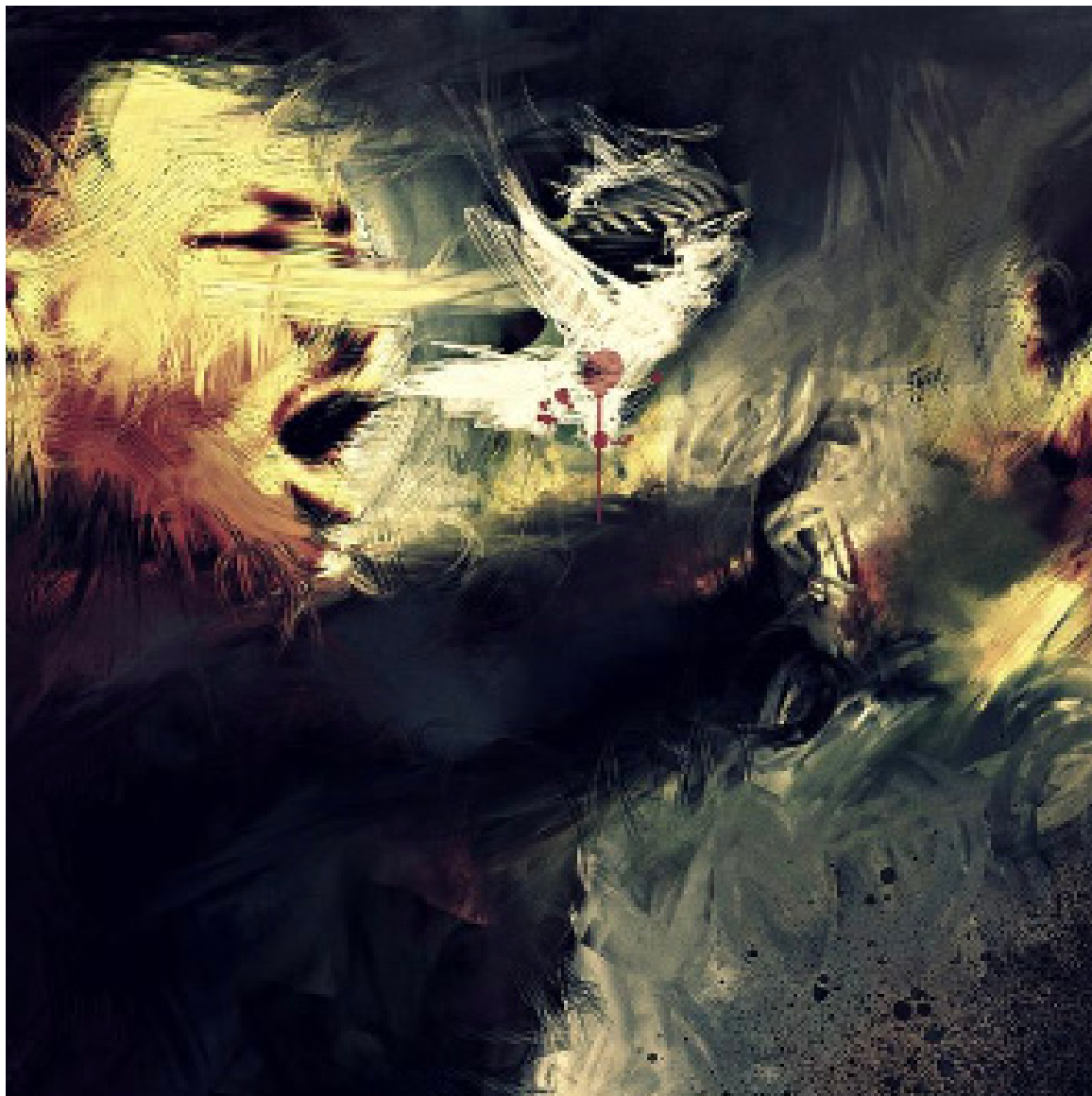




Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2020 • 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 Sunday 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 M. McDevitt
Senior Pastor

Children Are Always Welcome

Your children are always welcome here at MAPC, including worship. To help with that, Children's Worship Bags are located in the Narthex. Red bags are for 2nd graders and above. Blue bags are for 1st graders and below. Please use the bag that best suits your child. Children can't help but make a bit of noise from time to time. Your family's presence is a delight, not a distraction. 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 is Saturday, January 25, at 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare is provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus. Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors. And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down, in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow, until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen. — Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Adoration (1951)

Florence Price
(1887-1953)

Call to Worship

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

I waited patiently upon you, O Lord,

You stooped to me and heard my cry.

You lifted me out of the mire and clay;

You set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

In the name of the One who creates, redeems, and sustains us,

Let us worship God.

*Hymn 474

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

Puer nobis nascitur

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Gracious God, hear our prayer:

For the right roads we have avoided traveling,

and the kindly words we have refused to share;

for the false gods who have received our worship,

and the true selves we have starved of love,

God, by your grace, forgive us.

For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly,

and the promises which we never kept;

for the careless use of our time and money,

and the pitiful excuses we should never have made,

God, by your grace, forgive us.

For all we should be and all we can amend,
God, by your grace, renew us.

For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us,
God, by your grace, prepare us.

For the life of the world and the love of its people,
God, by your grace, commit us. (*Silent prayer*)

—from the Iona Community

Lord, Have Mercy (Service in F)

John Weaver



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



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 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

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7 (OT page 638)

*Psalm 40

New Britain

1. I wait - ed pa - tient - ly for God, for God
2. God raised me from a mir - y pit, from mud
3. And on my lips a song was put, a new
4. Great won - ders you have done, O Lord, all pur -

to hear my prayer; and God bent down to where
and sink - ing sand, and set my feet up - on
song to the Lord. Man - y will mar - vel o -
posed for our good. Un - a - ble ev - ery one

I sank and lis - tened to me there.
a rock where I can firm - ly stand.
pen - eyed and put their trust in God.
to name, I bow in grat - i - tude.

Lesson with the Children

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

*Children's Worship: Preschool through 2nd graders are dismissed to the Phillips Lounge.
They will return during the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.*

New Testament Lesson

John 1:29-42 (NT page 86)

Sermon

Called To Be Prophets

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 342 (11:15 am) By Gracious Powers So Wonderfully Sheltered

Intercessor

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Presenting Our Offerings to God

Anthem (11:15 am)

I Waited for the Lord
(from *Lobegesang*, Op. 52)

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

I waited for the Lord, he inclined unto me, he heard my complaint.

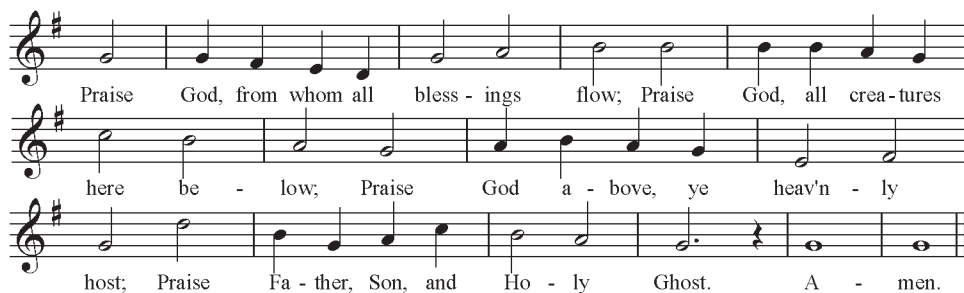
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.

— *Psalm 40:1, 4a*

Chloe Holgate and Katherine Wessinger, soloists

*Doxology

Old Hundredth



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.

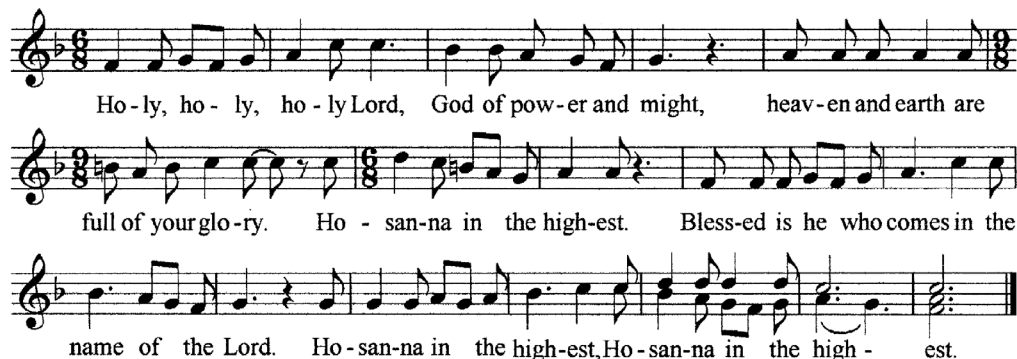
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Weaver

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



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.

Individuals seated in the balcony are invited to receive the elements on the main level.

Anthem (11:15 am)

Precious Lord

*arr. Roy Ringwald
(1910-1995)*

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring me home through the night,
Through the dark, through the storm, to thy light.

I have been to the mount,
I have seen the Promised Land:
Precious Lord, take my hand.

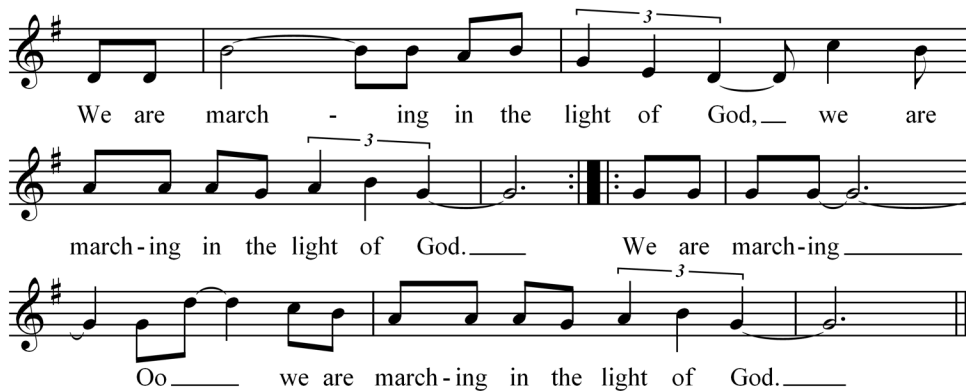
Precious Lord, take my hand,
Bring thy child home at last,
Where the strife and the pain all are past:
I have dreamed a great dream
That thy love shall rule our land:
Precious Lord, take my hand.

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Take thy child unto thee,
With my dream of a world that is free
For that day when all flesh
Joins the glory thou hast planned:
Precious Lord, take my hand.

— George N. Allen, adapted by Joyce Merman

Katherine Wessinger, soprano

Congregational Song



Text: Zulu/Zhosa Freedom Song; trans. Grace Grindal, 1984
Music: South African; arr. *Freedom is Coming*, © 1984 Walton Music
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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 563

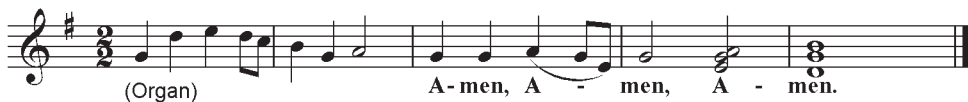
Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Weaver



*Postlude

Toccata on 'Great Day' (from *Four Spirituals*, 1999)

Adolphus Hailstork
(b. 1941)

Worship Details

Cover Art

The painting on the bulletin cover is a Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. by Delawer Omar. Omar is of Syrian Kurdish origin, now based in Switzerland. Omar's family history of political opposition, including his father's imprisonment under Assad's regime, has had a "profound influence on his life and especially on his art."

— from a March 3, 2014 online article in *Syria Untold*

Information and Announcements

Monday Evening Bible Study

The Evening Bible Study begins its study of Mark this Wednesday, January 22 at 7 pm on the 8th floor, using Douglas Hare's commentary on Mark as a resource. Rev. Bartlett has one copy remaining (for \$25), or you can find used copies online. Upcoming dates deviate from the normal schedule due to holidays. We will meet Monday, Feb. 3 and Wednesday, Feb. 19. Contact Rev. Bartlett, bab@mapc.com.

Fridays for Children

All elementary age children and younger are invited to the Parish Hall for our Fridays for Children program on January 24, from 5-6 pm. We will read the book *When God Made You* by Matthew Paul Turner and connect it to the world we live in. There will be crafts, games and choir for all ages. Following Fridays for Children, Fireside Jazz will commence in the Lobby! Your child(ren) are welcome to join you or we will provide childcare. Email Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com to sign up or for more information.

Friday Night Fireside Jazz

This is one of our most popular events of the year! Join us January 24, from 6-9 pm in the Church House Lobby. The suggested donation is \$40 and \$15 per child for childcare. Sign up in the Church House Lobby after worship or RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com. Please indicate if you need childcare.

Hood Library Awareness

On January 26th, the Hood Library Fellowship will have tables in the lobby during Fellowship Hour, with books available for sale and for borrowing. Please take advantage of this opportunity to see the wealth of reading material the library has available!

"Walk Humbly With Your God" — Meet the Composer and Hear the Premiere!

On February 2, at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall, Fred Gramann, Director of Music at the American Church in Paris, will describe his work as a composer and approach to setting texts. "Walk Humbly with Your God," commissioned by MAPC, will be premiered during worship at 11:15 am that same day. In preparation, Rev. Beverly Bartlett will lead a class on the prophet Micah during the Adult Education class on Sunday, January 26, at 10:10 in the Parish Hall.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Plan to stay after the 11:15 am worship service (or come back!) for the Annual Meeting on February 2. We will gather in the Parish Hall and a light lunch will be served. We will hear an update on many areas of church life, elect officers, present the 2020 budget, approve pastoral terms of call, and look ahead to 2020. Childcare will be available, and pizza and activities provided for children and youth.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, at 6:30 pm in the Library, and you are welcome to bring a sack dinner. They are currently studying the Psalms.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day — Church House Closed

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

Tuesday, January 21

6:00 pm

Joint Session & Trustees Meeting

5th Floor, 8th Floor

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

Wednesday, January 22

12:30 pm

Reading Through the Bible

Phillips Lounge

5:30 pm

Middle School Choir & Fellowship

Choir Room, Phillips Lounge

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

7:00 pm

Evening Bible Study

Parish Hall

Thursday, January 23

6:30 pm

Open Table Dinner

Parish Hall

6:30 pm

Overnight Shelter

Shelter Space

7:00 pm

Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal

Sanctuary

8:30 pm

Church Choir Rehearsal

Choir Room

Friday, January 24

5:00 pm

Fridays for Children

Parish Hall

6:00 pm

Friday Night Fireside Jazz

Church House Lobby

Saturday, January 25

9:30 am

Tell Me More About MAPC

Phillips Lounge

Sunday, January 26

Library Awareness Sunday

8:30 am

Nursery Opens

4th Floor Nursery

9:00 & 11:15 am

Worship

Sanctuary

9:15 & 11:30 am

Children's Worship

Phillips Lounge

10:10 am & 12:30 pm

Fellowship Hour

Lobby

10:10 am & 12:30 pm

Coloring for Kids

Lobby

10:10 am

Adult Education

Parish Hall

10:10 am

Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades)

2nd Floor Gym

1:00 pm

Confirmation: Theodicy & Prayer

Parish Hall

1:00 pm

English as a Second Language

5th Floor



a lectionary-based sermon series
on finding the holy in the everyday
beginning January 12

worship at 9 and 11:15 am
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Next Sunday, January 26: Going to Work (Matthew 4:12-23)

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*

April E. Martin, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Roger S. Pierce, Jr., *Director of Administration and Finance*

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

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