



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 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 . . .

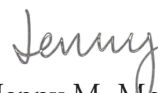
Whether you came with a friend or just wandered in accidentally . . .

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 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, 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 on March 14 at 9:30 am in the Phillips Lounge. Childcare provided with advance request. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo at lgp@mapc.com.

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

"The crucible of our formation is in the monotony of our daily routines."

— Tish Harrison Warren, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

From *Goldberg Variations*, BWV 988: Variation 27, 28 & Aria
David Carleton, piano

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

If you are filled with joy and conviction, welcome home:

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

If you are exhausted or overwhelmed, welcome home:

here we offer rest to those who are weary and a chance to catch your breath.

If you are eager for another day and another chance, welcome home:

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

*Hymn 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

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

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

Gracious God, hear our prayer:

For the 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,

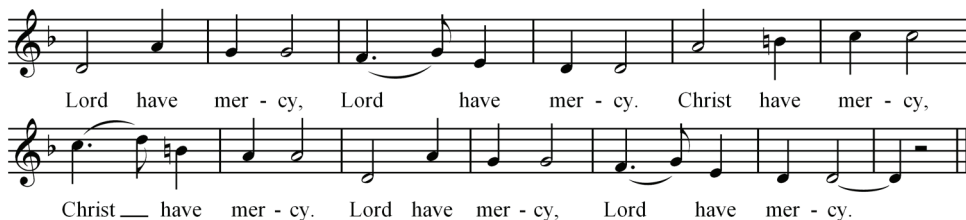
God, by your grace, renew us.

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

James MacMillan



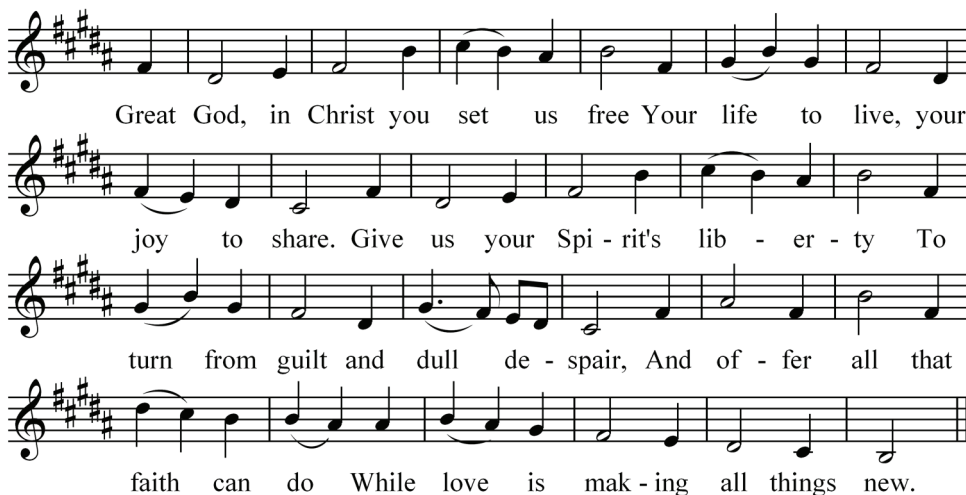
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Assurance of God's Grace

... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

St. Petersburg



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 Music: Dimitri S. Bortniansky, 1825

*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

Deacon Jennifer H. Doyle (9 am)

Elder Kathy F. Hoffman (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20:8-11

(OT page 64)

*Psalm 119:1-8 (Hymn 233)

Richmond

Lesson with the Children

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.

Gradual

Andrew Henderson

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. — *John 1:14*

New Testament Lesson

Mark 2:23-38

(NT page 34)

Sermon

Resting

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 470

O Day of Radiant Gladness

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's 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)

Beati Quorum Via
(from *Three Motets*, Op. 38)

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)

Beati quorum via integra est:
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

— *Psalm 119:1*

*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.

Sanctus

MacMillan

. . . 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.

Hymn 515 (9 am)

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

Anthem (11:15 am)

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

*Elizabeth Poston
(1905-1987)*

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

— *from Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs, New Hampshire, 1784*

Congregational Song (11:15 am)

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing
Oo we are march - ing in the light of God.

Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 546

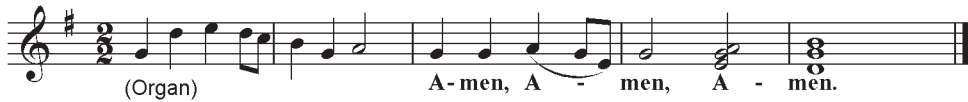
The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

St. Clement

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

John Weaver



*Postlude

Grand Choeur in D, Op. 18

Alexandre Guilmant
(1837-1911)

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover image is a photo by Jessica Shyba. Her son, Beau, and puppy, Theo, grew up taking naps together side-by-side. Picture books have since been compiled of the two. The Shyba family lives in California, where Jessica is an author and photographer. She blogs at mommasgonecity.com.

Information and Announcements

Adult Education, Today, 10:10 am in the Parish Hall

The English Reformation: Personal Perspectives

This Sunday's class, led by MAPC member and historian Roy Lennox, will focus on Thomas Cromwell. Originally planned as a two-week series, Roy will add a third class later this spring to focus on Anne Askew—her role is too important to rush through! Please join Roy in the Parish Hall this Sunday morning to take a closer look at the figure of Thomas Cromwell and his role in the English Reformation.

Evening Bible Study - February 19th

The Evening Bible Study is currently studying the Gospel according to Mark, using Douglas Hare's commentary on Mark (the Westminster Bible Companion series) as a resource. You can find a new or used copy online. All are welcome! You can jump in at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Bartlett at bab@mapc.com. There are beverages, snacks, fellowship and good discussion, and there is always more room at the table!

Music on Madison – Friday, February 21 at 7:30 pm

The organ students from the Manhattan School of Music will perform a program of varied organ masterworks by Bach, Buxtehude, Mendelssohn and Alain on MAPC's fine Casavant Frères Organ. They will also be joined by soprano Christina Dalmazio (MSM '18) in performances of works by Haydn, Mozart & Fauré. Admission is \$10 and admission can be purchased in advance at www.mapc.com/music/sams/concerts or at the door; Children 12 and under: free.

Fridays for Children & Church Family Night - February 28

All elementary age children and younger are invited to the 5th Floor for our Fridays for Children program on February 28th at 5 pm! We will read the book "When God Made Light" by Matthew Paul Turner with a service project and games to follow. There will also be choir for all ages. Join us at 6 pm in the Parish Hall for Church Family Night — a tasty dinner, fellowship, a craft, movie, or gym time. It's a relaxing evening and a great way to get to know members of the MACP community. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo, lgp@mapc.com. Suggested donation: \$20 for adults, a donation of your choosing for children under 12.

Shake Shack Sunday - March 1

Meet in the lobby and walk to Shake Shack to eat lunch and catch up with other youth who attend MAPC and with the Director of Youth Ministries, April Martin
Next date: March 29

MAPC On the Town - Sunday, March 15th, at 2 pm

April Martin, Director of Youth Ministry here at MAPC, sings the role of Nora in the premiere of composer Raymond Luedeke's opera, "A Doll's House." The plot is based on Henrik Ibsen's classic play by the same title.

Join us for this modern, new 3-act opera in concert at Symphony Space (Broadway at 95th Street). We will leave directly from church after the 11:15 am service, taking the bus to Symphony Space. We will arrange for sandwiches at coffee hour or on the go! Tickets are \$15 with group code. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the church offices, lgp@mapc.com. Or watch for a sign up sheet during fellowship hours on Sundays! Please let us know as soon as possible if you can attend so we can buy a block of tickets.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, February 17

6:30 pm	President's Day - Church House Closed Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
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Tuesday, February 18

6:00 pm	Stewardship & Development Committee	Pastor's Study
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space

Wednesday, February 19

9:00 am	Trustees	Phillips Lounge
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
6:00 pm	Day School Committee	8th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Evening Bible Study	8th Floor

Thursday, February 20

1:00 pm	Spiritual Growth & Faith Sharing Group	James Lenox House
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, February 21

6:00 pm	Young Adult Gathering	Off-site (Manse)
7:30 pm	SAMS Concert: Manhattan School of Music	Sanctuary

Saturday, February 22

No MAPC events scheduled

Sunday, February 23

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: English Reformation	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th graders)	2nd Floor Gym
1:00 pm	Confirmation	Parish Hall
1:00 pm	English as a Second Language	5th Floor

A number of recovery groups meet regularly at the church throughout the week. For a current list of groups and meeting times, please see mapc.com/supportgroups.

Next Sunday, February 23, 2020:
Jesus: Somewhere Between the Uncanny and Marvelous (Matthew 17:1-9)
Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman, preaching

TO WHAT END?

A Lenten sermon series based upon the Great Ends of the Church

March 1

The Proclamation of the Gospel for the Salvation of Humankind

March 8

The Shelter, Nurture, and Spiritual Fellowship of the Children of God

March 15

The Maintenance of Divine Worship

March 22

The Preservation of the Truth

March 29

The Promotion of Social Righteousness

April 5 — Palm Sunday

The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven

Sunday Worship at 9 and 11:15 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*

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*