



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2019 • 9 & 11:15 am



Love bade me welcome. Yet my soul drew back
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
If I lacked any thing.

A guest, I answered, worthy to be here:
Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marred them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
So I did sit and eat.

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, 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 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 held November 16, 2019 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

Gathering in God's Name

Prelude

Prelude in C (1992)

Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

Call to Worship

Rev. Rebecca M. Heilman

That we are here today is no accident. **Christ himself calls us together.**

The invitation stretches far and wide:

from wilderness and wandering,

from loneliness and longing,

all have a place at the table.

The feast is ready and waiting:

there is more than enough grace to go around,

joy is ours for the taking,

and peace is poured out in abundance.

Our every need has been anticipated. **Taste and see that God is good.**

*Hymn

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Holy Manna



1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.

2. All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest.

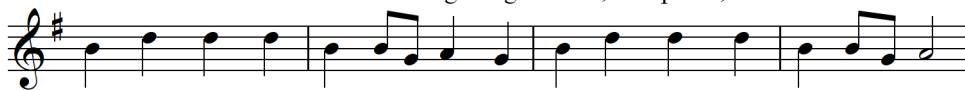
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - der - ing. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.

We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.

Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Merciful God,
Your patience is more than we deserve,
for our priorities are so often confused.
You invite us to your table of life and love,
and rather than running full tilt,
we hesitate.
We consult our calendars and weigh our options.
We consider who else might be in attendance.
We question whether we really belong.
Forgive us for not always knowing what is best for us,
and forgive us when we know, but still choose otherwise.
Show us once again what faithfulness looks like. (Silent prayer)

Lord, Have Mercy

Richard Proulx

The musical score for 'Lord, Have Mercy' is written for two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. It is divided into three measures. The first measure is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The second measure is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The third measure is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy.'. The second staff also begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It is divided into three measures. The first measure is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy.'. The second measure is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The third measure is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Assurance of God's Grace

... Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

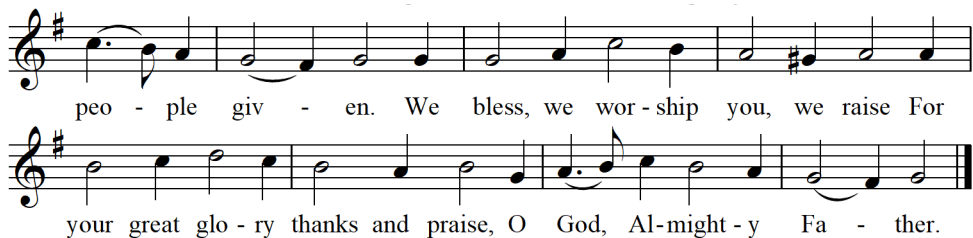
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Response of Praise

All Glory Be to God on High

Allein Gott

The musical score for 'All Glory Be to God on High' is written for two staves. Both staves begin with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F-sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics 'All glo - ry be to God on high, And peace on earth from'. The second staff contains the lyrics 'heav - en, And God's good will un - fail - ing - ly Be to all'. The score ends with a double bar line.



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Music: Nikolaus Decius, 1539

*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

Word in Action

Stewardship

Elder R. Brent Jones

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Deacon John T. Carr III (9 am)

Elder Katherine F. Hoffman (11:15 am)

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5, 10-13

(OT page 644)



1. It is good to give thanks to you, Lord, to re -
 2. Our sin is the sin of our fore - bears: we have
 3. Though time af - ter time you would save them, they in
 4. O God, save us now in your mer - cy; bring us

mem - ber all you have done; then you will re - mem - ber our
 wronged you and have done e - vil, like those who once lived un - der
 mal - ice dared to de - fy you; de - spite this, you came to their
 back from all that of - fends you. Lord, look not al - one at our

prais - es when you look on your peo - ple with love.
 bond - age, paid no heed un - to all you had done.
 res - cue when you heard all their cries of dis - tress.
 e - vil, but re - mem - ber com - pas - sion and love.

O give thanks to the Lord, for God's love en - dures for - ev - er;

O give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord a - lone is good.

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Lesson with the Children

Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett

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

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 22:1-14
 (NT page 23)

Sermon

___ Accepts with Pleasure; ___ Declines with Regret

Rev. Jenny M. McDevitt

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn 516 (11:15 am) Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O Quanta Qualia

*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) The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee (1959)

*Jean Berger
(1909-2002)*

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

—*Psalm 145:15-16*

*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.

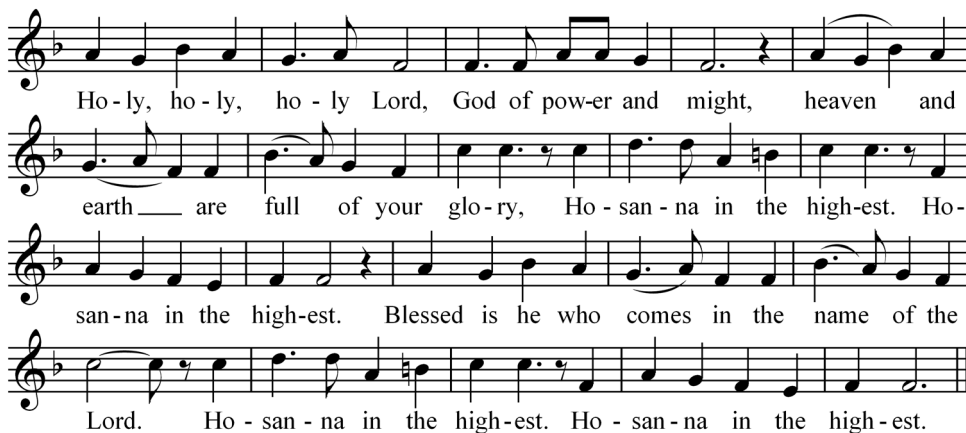
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Proulx

. . . 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.

Those seated in the balcony, please come to the main level to receive the elements.

Hymn 516 (9 am) Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation *O Quanta Qualia*

Anthem (11:15 am) I Sat Down Under His Shadow (1925) *Edward C. Bairstow*
(1874-1946)

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

—Song of Solomon 2:3-4

Congregational Song (11:15 am)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Jacques Berthier, *Songs and Prayers of Taizé*
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Prayer at the Conclusion of the Meal

*Hymn 517 We Come As Guests Invited *Wie lieblich ist der Maien*

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *John Weaver*



*Postlude Allebrevé, BWV 589 *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685-1750)

Worship Details

Cover Art

Today's cover image is a photo of the Rose Window at Notre-Dame combined with the poem "Love (III)" by George Herbert. The poem is the final piece of a larger work titled *The Temple*, published shortly after Herbert's death in 1633. Born into an aristocratic family, Herbert studied at Cambridge and was a member of Parliament before shifting his life and serving as a country priest in the small village of Bemerton. *The Temple*, scholars of Herbert's work say, "invites its readers to the table."

Information and Announcements

Adult Education

Today we conclude the Faithful Living in Challenging Times series with the theme, "Live in Gratitude," as we read Part Four of Diana Butler Bass's book *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*. Join Rev. Beverly Bartlett at 10:10 am in the Parish Hall.

Music on Madison

Today's concert at 3 pm features virtuosic Japanese pianist Misuzu Tanaka with a program including Prokofiev's *Sonata No. 2 in D minor*, Bach's "Italian Concerto," selections from Rachmaninoff's *Preludes*, and works by Beethoven and Janáček. Admission is \$25; \$20 – Students/Seniors 62+; children 12 & under are free.

Moms' Night Out

MAPC Moms, come enjoy a night out before the rush of the holiday season. We will meet at 7 pm on November 14 at Canyon Road restaurant, 1st Ave and 77th St., for dinner and conversation. Moms' Night Out is for mothers with children of all ages. Please let us know you are coming so we can adjust the reservation accordingly. RSVP to Lissette Perez-Erazo in the office at lgp@mapc.com.

Fridays for Children – Let's Give Thanks!

On Friday, November 15 at 5:15pm, all families are invited to the Parish Hall for our Fridays for Children program. Gratitude will be the theme of the night. Expect games, a story time, an activity to take home, and choir for first graders and older. Sign up early by emailing Rev. Rebecca Heilman at rmh@mapc.com or register your child(ren) at the event. All forms will be provided.

Pledge Dedication Sunday

Next Sunday, November 17, is Pledge Dedication Sunday. In prayerfully considering your 2020 financial commitment to MAPC, please complete a pledge card and bring it with you to worship, where it will be received with gratitude to God. A Congregational Brunch in the Parish Hall will follow each service. Pledge cards were mailed to all members. Additional cards are available in the pews. You may also pledge online at mapc.com. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

Weekly Calendar

Monday, November 11

Church House closed—Veterans Day

Tuesday, November 12

6:30 pm	Congregational Nurture Committee	Phillips Lounge
6:30 pm	Personnel Committee	Pastor's Study
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Outreach Committee	Hood Library

Wednesday, November 13

7:30 am	Evangelism Committee	Hood Library
12:30 pm	Reading Through the Bible	Phillips Lounge
5:30 pm	Middle School Choir & Fellowship	Choir Room; PL
6:00 pm	Congregational Nominating Committee	7th Floor
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:30 pm	Worship & Music Committee	Pastor's Study

Thursday, November 14

6:30 pm	Thursday Open Table	Parish Hall
6:30 pm	Overnight Shelter	Shelter Space
7:00 pm	Saint Andrew Chorale Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Moms' Night Out	Canyon Road 1st Ave.
8:30 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, November 15

5:15 pm	Fridays for Children	5th Floor; Parish Hall
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Saturday, November 16

9:30 am	Tell Me More About MAPC	Phillips Lounge
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Sunday, November 17

9:00 & 11:15 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:15 & 11:30 am	Children's Worship	Phillips Lounge
10:00 & 12:30 pm	Pledge Dedication Brunch	Parish Hall
10:10 am	Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grade)	Parish Hall
10:20 am	Church Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
1:00 pm	ESL Classes	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.



Come to the Table

October 27

November 3

November 10

November 17

All You Can Eat

A Taste of Paradise

__ Accepts with Pleasure; __ Declines with Regret

May I Suggest the Fish?

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*

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Teresa D. Tynes, *Director of Communications*

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

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