



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2010 at 10:30 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

Please silence your cellular telephones and pagers.

Prayer of Preparation

O God, who knit us together in the womb and knew the length of our days before they had yet begun, refresh our hearts with your grace, that we may not weary in following him who meets all our needs, Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

*J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)*

David Ralph, guest organist

SALUTATION AND WELCOME

Donald B. Wahlig

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: I will praise the Lord at all times;

People: He has searched me and known me.

Pastor: My soul takes delight in the Lord;

People: His right hand leads me and holds me fast.

Pastor: O magnify the Lord with me,

People: And let us exalt his name together.

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God!

*Let all who are able stand.



*HYMN 459

Father, We Praise Thee

Christe Sanctorum

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Robert C. Louer

Almighty and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

John Weaver



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ...Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver

Choir
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been forgiven by God in Jesus Christ, let us also forgive one another and walk and live in Christ's peace. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"
responding, "And also with you."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Millie A. Tourtelot

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 18:1-11

(nrsv, page 720 OT)

(After the singing of the psalm, children and youth are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font.)

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Mr. Wahlig

(After the lesson, children, ages three through eight may go to children’s Bible study in the Phillips Lounge; they will return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in communion. Or, the children may join the youth in returning to their parents now to participate in the rest of the service. Children three and under may be taken to the nursery on the 4th Floor.)

EPISTLE LESSON

Philemon 1-22
(nrsv, page 215 ff NT)

Mr. Louer

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

(nrsv, page 78 NT)

SERMON

“Christ’s Extended Family”

Mr. Wahlig

*HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(We will repeat the first stanza at the end of the hymn)

Trentham

*THE NICENE CREED

Mr. Louer

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.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Mr. Wahlig

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

*Harold Friedell
(1903-1956)*

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether,
For when humbly in Your name
Two or three are met together,
You are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Touch we now Your garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! So now bind our friendship

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of You,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may be disciples true.
Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.
(Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936)

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Mr. Louer

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)

INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

“...who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:”

SANCTUS

Weaver

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. Bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Communion Prayer continues) “...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:”

ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

INTERCESSIONS

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

...all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther in heav-en hal-lowed be Your name, Your king-dom come, Your will be done, on
 earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those
 who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the
 king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are Yours now and for ev-er. A-men.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

Come forward using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands and bread will be placed in your palm. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.

COMMUNION MOTET

Thou Knowest, Lord

Henry Purcell
(1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God, most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

(from the Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take heart!

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RESPONSE

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

choir congregation
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with-in me bless God's ho-ly name.
 choir congregation
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and for-get not all God's ben-e-fits.

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 391

Take My Life And Let it Be

Hendon

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mr. Wahlig

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*POSTLUDE

Allegro con Spirito in B-flat Major

Frank Bridge
(1879-1941)

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Herbert P. Stellwagen.

Welcome! We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you and discuss whatever questions you might have. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

Children are especially welcome in our worship services. Special bulletins are available for them in the Narthex. Parents who prefer childcare for infants and children through age three will find our nursery on the fourth floor. A greeter will be glad to assist you.

MAPC 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.

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