

MORNING WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY
 APRIL 16, 2017

Prelude	Prelude from <i>Celebrate Life!</i>	Buryl Red
Voluntary	Festive Trumpet Tune Zack Rawlings, Trumpet	David German
Welcome and Passing of the Peace		
Introit	<i>The Tomb Is Empty Now</i>	Larry Shackley
Call to Worship		
*Hymn	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”	No. 216
Choral Anthem	<i>I Am Not My Own</i>	Craig Courtney
Morning Prayers and 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 trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom And the power, And the glory, forever. Amen.		
Prayer Response	“Alleluia”	No. 106
*Hymn	“He Lives”	No. 226
Scripture	John 19:28-30, 20:1-18	
Sermon	“Resurrection! Just Add Water.”	
Offering		
Offertory Music	<i>Resurrection Joy</i>	Lloyd Larson

*Doxology No. 46
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God all creatures here below;
 Praise God above ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” No. 234

Benediction

Benediction Response “Hallelujah!” G. F. Handel
 Please join us singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s *Messiah*.

Postlude Buryl Red
 Postlude from *Celebrate Life!*

**Please stand as you are able.*

*Please, no food or drinks in the Sanctuary during the service.
 Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices before the service.*

“Jesus knew that his
 mission was now finished,
 and to fulfill Scripture he
 said, ‘I am thirsty.’”

John 19:28

TODAY

11:00 a.m. Sermon by Rev. Susan Sparks; music by Paul Stephan and the MABC Choir
 12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Ushers: Jacki Friedmann, Cheryl Sims, Livia Riviera
 Camera: Travis Dover

Choir: Jennifer Townshend (soprano), Karen Rich (soprano),
 Alexandra de Suze (alto), Richard Binder (tenor),
 Brian Long (baritone), Doug Shapiro (bass)

Trumpet: Zack Rawlings

*The liturgical color for the great fifty days of Easter is white.
 As it is spotless, white signifies the forgiveness, the new life,
 that the world is offered in Christ’s resurrection.
 Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

New Bible Study Began Last Sunday - *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God’s Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe* - Our new Bible study will cover *Manna and Mercy* - “a 100-page hand-printed paraphrase of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation - a graphic novel of sorts, written with imagination, clarity, humor, and cartoons. Built around the twin themes of food sharing and forgiveness, it helps us to look at scripture with new eyes and rediscover how it can become a means of life and grace rather than destruction and death.” MABC will provide copies of the book. All are welcome to join us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. **Bible Study will resume next Sunday, April 23rd.**

Sat., April 22 New York Cares Day - Join as we participate in the Spring New York Cares Day, Saturday, April 22nd, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers work around the city to clean and beautify schools, parks, and other public spaces. To sign up, visit the MABC team page at the NY Cares website: www.goo.gl/A64LQF. For more info, contact Jacki Friedmann at Jacki@maavs.com.

Sunday, April 23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music, Paul Stephan & the MABC Choir
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MABC Drive to collect hygiene supplies and toiletries - Working with Metro Baptist Church and New Alternatives for LGBT Homeless Youth, MABC will begin collecting supplies, including: toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, brushes and combs, deoderant, soap, feminine hygiene products, q-tips, as well as new and gently used towels. Donated items can be left in the box at the rear of the sanctuary. Items will provide LGBTQ homeless youth with the essential items they need for self-care.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
 MABC is equipped with a hearing assistance system.
 Please ask an usher for a receiver.



MABC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming signups for Coffee Hour and ushering. Here's how it works in three easy steps:

- 1) Go to this page to see our Sign-Up on SignUp.com: [vols.pt/hJCuf2](https://www.signup.com/vols.pt/hJCuf2)
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's easy—you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.

Letter-Writing Volunteers Needed

New Alternatives for LGBT Youth, an organization MABC partnered with earlier in the year for a soup kitchen ministry, has asked for volunteers in writing letters to some of their incarcerated clients. These at-risk individuals often become isolated and vulnerable in jail and this communication helps provide them with support along their journey. If anyone is interested in participating, please email Adom Crew at adom.crew@gmail.com for more information.

Early Morning Volunteer Opportunity

Every Tuesday morning from 6:45 to 8:30 a.m., St. Peter's Church in mid-town Manhattan (619 Lexington Ave. @ 54th St.) runs a soup kitchen. They are always looking for volunteers to help out and would welcome members our MABC family with open arms. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Adom Crew, who participates in this ministry weekly. For additional details, contact adom.crew@gmail.com.

For more information about our Community Ministries efforts, check out the volunteer section of the MABC website.



We welcome you to our service this morning! Our church is committed to being one which is inclusive regardless of race, sexual orientation or socio-economic situation. Jesus gave us the supreme example of inclusiveness. In our human way, we attempt to follow.

If you are a visitor, we're glad you're here! Please make sure to fill out a visitor's card and give it to an usher. This is a community of faith where everyone is welcome. We hope to see you again!

Support MABC Online!

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