

MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

Prelude *Morning by Morning* Dennis Eliot

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" No. 595

Choral Anthem *Ubi Caritas* Paul Stephan
*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.*

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
Likewise, therefore, when we come together let us be united as one.
Let us be careful, lest we be divided in intention.
And let Christ dwell amid us.*

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
May we also see, along with the blessed, the glory of your face, O Christ.
And let there be immeasurable joy
Both now and for evermore.*

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

Morning Prayers and 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 "Into My Heart" No. 304

*Hymn "Stand By Me" No. 629

Scripture Mark 4:35-41

Sermon "Jesus' To Do List"

Offering

Offertory Music *Lord, Make Me an Instrument* Jonathan Willcocks
Solo: Brian Long

*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 "Marching to Zion" No. 707

Benediction

Benediction Response "Greek Amen" No. 316

Postlude *Delight in the Lord* Gregg Swell

**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.*

"Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

Mark 4:38

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sermon by Rev. Susan Sparks; music by
Paul Stephan and the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour; Discussion on Forgiveness

Ushers: Nancy Rivera and Raquel Tresvant
Coffee Hour: Lisa Tharps
Camera: Travis Dover

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

*The liturgical color for Ordinary Sundays is green.
Green, the vibrant color of field and forest, reminds us of our call to
steadily grow in faith and mission as we are formed into Christ's image.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, Feb. 19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks;
music, Paul Stephan & the
MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour;

Thursday, February 16, Beer and Bible - Join us at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and lively discussion hosted by Livia Rivera. Location: 224 East 28th Street #19G, between 2nd and 3rd Avenue. Questions? You can contact Livia at 212-684-2163 or 787-718-5659.

Sunday, February 26, New Members Meeting - Interested in becoming a member of MABC and joining our community of faith? Join us after the service to learn about the process. Our Deacons and other members will be available to answer your questions. All are welcome!

Coming in March . . .

Ash Wednesday, March 1 - Stop by MABC between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. for the imposition of ashes.

Laugh in Peace Comedy Show, Saturday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. at Madison Avenue Baptist - Join Rev. Susan Sparks and her interfaith comedy partners Rabbi Bob Alper and Aman Ali for a night of laughter, dialogue and thought here at MABC. Suggested contribution: \$20. Tickets sales will be donated to the New York Immigration Coalition. Also plan on being with us the next morning, Sunday, March 19th, for an interfaith service!

Winter Coat Drive Continues - Through our partnership with Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (RMM) - for which Susan Sparks serves as a board member - MABC will participate in the annual winter coat drive until March 2017. We will collect coats, shoes, scarves, gloves, hats, and socks each Sunday in a donation box at the back of the sanctuary. The greatest need is for men's larger sizes and toiletries. RMM will also need volunteers to distribute the winter clothing on Mondays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. To participate, contact the RMM volunteer coordinator, volunteer@rmmnyc.org or 212-594-4464.

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 midtown 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!

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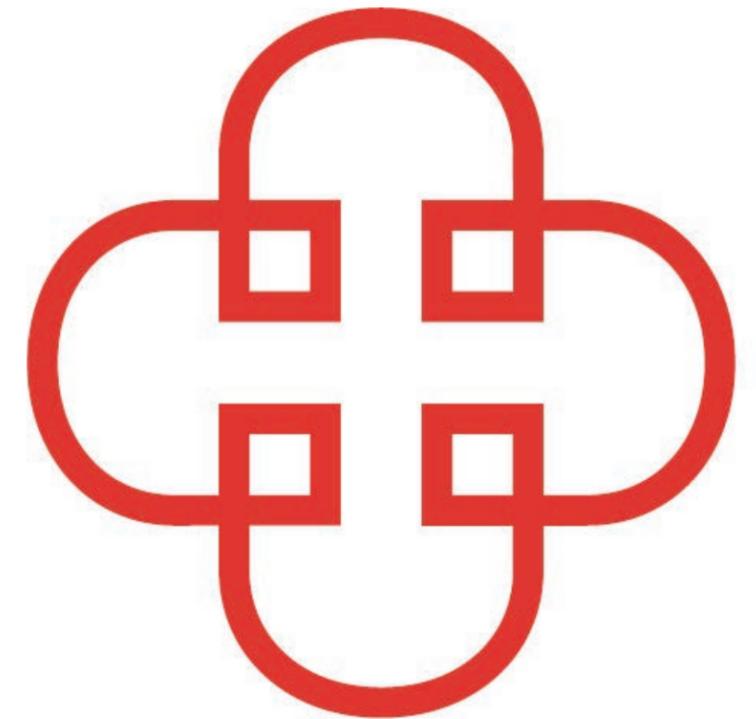


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