

MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Prelude *My Soul Waits in Silence* Michael Shea

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" No. 214

Choral Anthem *The Best of Rooms* Randall Thompson

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 "Built on the Rock" No. 273

Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Sermon "You Gotta Have Heart"

Offering

Offertory Music *We Can Be Kind* David Friedman
Solo: Doug Shapiro

*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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 464

Benediction

Benediction Response "Greek Amen" No. 316

Postlude *Recessional* Stanley E. Saxton

**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.*

**"Like a skilled master builder
I laid a foundation . . . Each
builder must choose with care
how to build on it."**

1 Corinthians 3:10

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

Ushers: Faith Grill and Raquel Tresvant
Coffee Hour: Joseph Pilla
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. 26	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Sermon, Rev. B. J. Hutto; music, Paul Stephan & the MABC Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour; New Members Meeting

New Members Meeting, Sunday, February 26 - 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!

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

From Iran to America: A Discussion, Sunday, March 5 - This spring, the Christian Education program at MABC will focus on the topic of immigration. Join us after the service on Sunday, March 5th, for a discussion with our new attendees Mona and Shiva about their experiences growing up in Iran and the experience of immigrating to America.

"Immigration in Trump's America," Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. - As MABC focuses on immigration this spring, please join Rev. Susan Sparks and Kevin Davis for a program at the CUNY Graduate Center. "WNYC's Brian Lehrer hosts a panel of experts with diverse viewpoints on what US immigration policy should be and how it will affect undocumented workers and the economy." The program is free but registration is required. For more information and to register, visit The Graduate Center website: www.goo.gl/S42KJW.

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), MABC will participate in the annual winter coat drive until March.. 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.

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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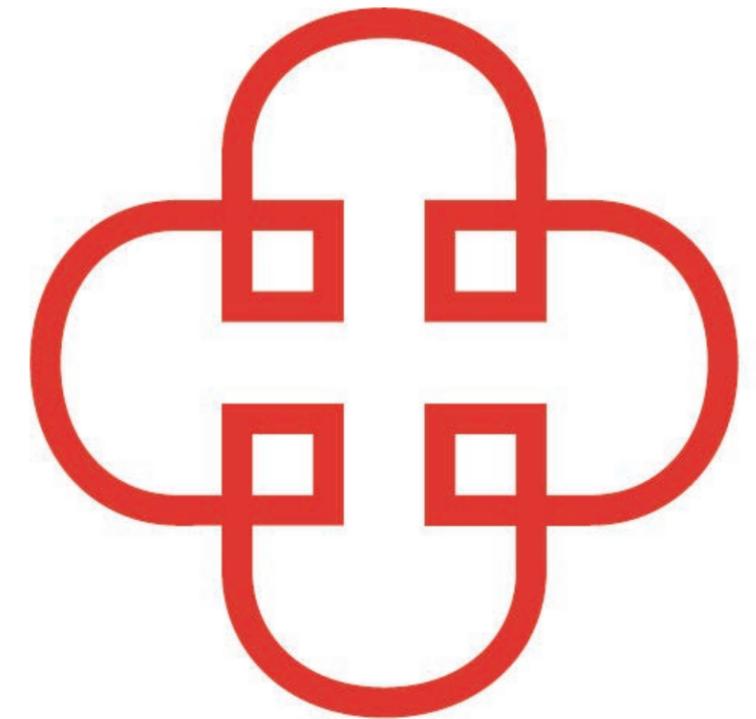


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