

MORNING WORSHIP

MAY 21, 2017

Prelude *My Lord, What a Morning!* R. W. Thygerson, arr.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Surely the Presence of the Lord* WOLFE

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" No. 216

Choral Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter

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

Right Hand of Fellowship See insert.

*Hymn "My Hope Is Built" No. 537

Scripture Acts 17:22-31

Sermon "American Gods"

Offering

Offertory Music *The Call* Ralph Vaughan Williams
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 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 16

Benediction

Benediction Response "Alleluia, Amen!" No. 320

Postlude *A Song of Rejoicing* John M. Rasley

**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.*

**"From this we may gather
that man's nature, so to speak,
is a perpetual factory of idols."**

John Calvin, *Institutes of
the Christian Religion* (I.XI.8)

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sermon by Rev. B. J. Hutto; music by
Paul Stephan and the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour; Spring Business Meeting

Spring Business Meeting - Join us after the service for the MABC Spring Business Meeting. Committee chairs will provide updates and the Treasurer will present a budget report.

Worship Leader: Gloria Moy
Ushers: Dennis Nigro, Livia Rivera
Coffee Hour: MABC Board of Deacons
Camera: Travis Dover

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

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*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!*

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sunday, May 28 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;

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.

Join Us for Bible Study Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m! "Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe" - Our current Bible study is covering "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 provides copies of the book. All are welcome to join us.

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!

Would you like to support MABC's ministries? MABC accepts contributions through PayPal on the internet. Just follow this link via the QR code below.



MABC on Social Media

Follow us on social media, including Facebook and Twitter, by visiting our website at www.mabcnyc.org or via the QR code below.



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Associate Pastor: Rev. B. J. Hutto
Minister of Music: Paul Stephan
Parish Administrator: Brian Crowson
Sexton: Troy Gordon

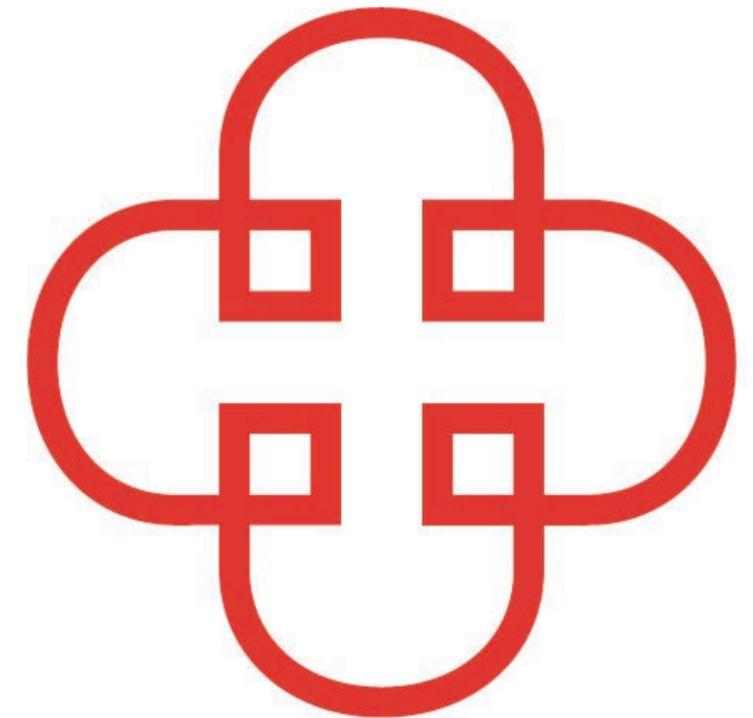


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