

MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

Prelude Prelude and Passapied Claude Debussy
from *Suite Bergamasque*

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Near to the Heart of God* McAfee

Call to Worship

*Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 5

Choral Anthem *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* André Thomas

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 "I Come With Joy," v. 1 No. 420

*Hymn "The Voice of God Is Calling" No. 666

Scripture Acts 18:1-4, 9-10; Proverbs 31:8-9

Sermon "If You Don't Roar, What's the Point?"

Offering

Offertory Music *People Get Ready* Curtis Mayfield
Solo: Alexandra de Suze

*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 "I Shall Not Be Moved" No. 592

Benediction

Benediction Response "Threefold Amen" No. 315

Postlude *Ricercare in F# minor* Johann Pachelbel

**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.*

"Do not be afraid,
but speak and do not be
silent, for I am with you."

Acts 18:9-10

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music by
Chris Fecteau and the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

This morning we welcome Chris Fecteau as our guest organist.

Ushers: Nancy Rivera and Joe McMillen
Coffee Hour: Joe McMillen
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, Nov. 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

Sunday Bible Study, A Course on the Old Testament Heroines, Esther and Ruth - Our Sunday School class will begin a study of the entire Old Testament books of Esther - with its stories of faithfulness, courage, and survival, and the ethical questions posed by its ending - and Ruth, with its themes of community, loyalty, and relationship. As an aid, the class will be using a well-regarded study guide produced by Patricia K. Tull, professor-emeritus of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. All are welcome!

Save the Date! Annual MABC Christmas Party - Friday, December 1, 6:30 p.m. Join us in the MABC sanctuary for our annual Christmas Party. The party will include great food, Christmas treats, caroling, holiday crafts, and a visit from Santa for kids of all ages.

Save the Date! Thursday, December 7, Time (TBD) - Movie Screening: *Milwaukee 53206*. Join us for a screening of the award-winning documentary film, *Milwaukee 53206*. From the film website: "MILWAUKEE 53206 chronicles the lives of those living in the ZIP code that incarcerates the highest percentage of black men in America, up to 62%. Through the intimate stories of three 53206 residents, we witness the high toll that excessive jail sentencing takes on individuals and families that make up the community. The film examines Milwaukee's ZIP code 53206 to illuminate the story of people from across the United States who live with the daily effects of unjust and long jail sentences."

MABC Christmas Extravaganza, Thursday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. - Don't miss this fun evening of festive Christmas music, both sacred and secular. The concert is free but donations to benefit MABC church programs are welcome.

Lay Readers Wanted! Are you interested in reading scripture during the service? We'd love to include you! If you would like to participate, please contact Joseph Pilla, josephpilla@me.com, to find out more information.

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!

Support MABC Online!

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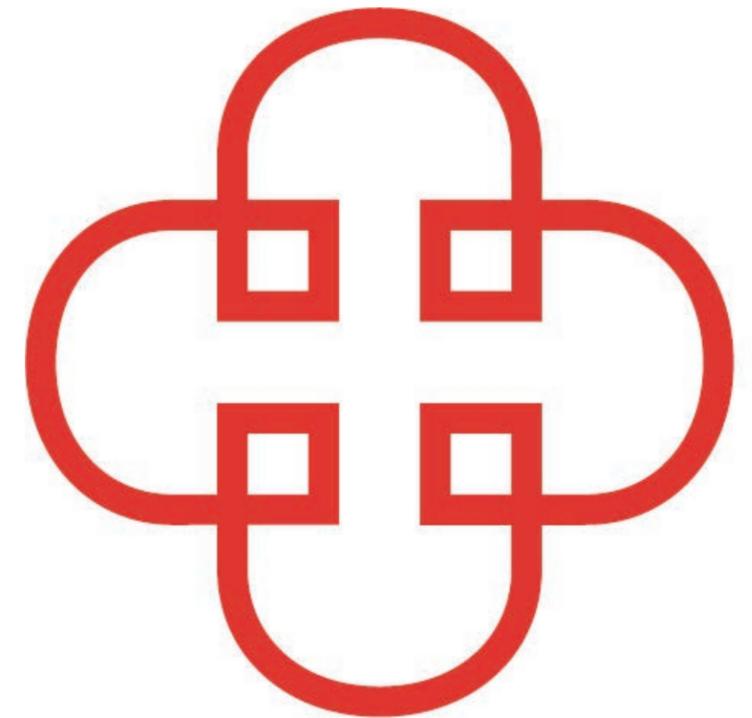
Pastor: Rev. Susan G. Sparks
Associate Pastor: Rev. B. J. Hutto
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