

MORNING WORSHIP

OCTOBER 15, 2017

Prelude *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling* Dale Wood, arr.
I Need Thee Every Hour
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Musica Dei Donum Optimi* Paul Stephan
Music, gift of the highest God, attracts mortals, it attracts gods.
Music calms angry souls and uplifts sad spirits.
Music even moves the very trees and the wild beasts.

Call to Worship

*Hymn "All Praise to God for Song God Gives" No. 8

Choral Anthem *Out of the Depths* Paul Stephan
Psalm 130

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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 90

Scripture Psalm 130 (see insert)

Sermon "The Universe Is Singing"

Offering

Offertory Music *Consider the Lilies* Paul Stephan
Matthew 6:28b-30

*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 "Threefold Amen" No. 315

Postlude *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!* Dale Wood, arr.

**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.

“And when they had
sung a hymn, they went
out into the mount of Olives.”

Matthew 26:30

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music by
Paul Stephan and the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour; MABC Fall Business Meeting

Ushers: Juan Nunez and Brad Blevins
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)

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, Oct. 22	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

Sunday Bible Study, "A Course on the History and Reality of Racial Discrimination" - Continuing for the next several weeks, our adult education class is studying the reality, and the history, of racial discrimination in America. While the class will engage sources from multiple disciplines (and more than a little bit of classic R&B), the focus itself will be distinctly theological, focusing on how the sin of racism distorts the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As always, our class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the upper room at MABC. If you are interested in joining us, please be sure to contact our class leader, Kevin Davis, at kevinwdavis@mac.com so that you will receive class readings, updates, etc.

November Beer and Bible! Join us for our next Beer and Bible, Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Susan Sparks. Our theme will be "The Healing Power of Humor." (Try to watch Susan's ChurchNext course on "Faith and Humor" in preparation).

Ecclesia Ministries Service and Volunteer Opportunity - Join us at Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 5th. We'll make sandwiches for the Ecclesia Ministries service in Madison Square Park. Rev. Susan Sparks will be preaching at the Ecclesia service. Ecclesia ministers to New York City's homeless population each Sunday.

Volunteer Opportunity with the Bowery Mission Food Truck - Join us on Saturday, November 11th as we again assist the Bowery Mission food truck. We'll arrive at Tompkins Square Park at 8:00 a.m. and report to Spencer Gaynes. Volunteers will help unload the truck, set up for food pantry and hot food service, serve hot soup, distribute groceries, and pray with those who request it. We'll be finished by 10:00 a.m. For more information and to sign up, please contact Adom Crew, adom.crew@gmail.com.

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 on TV! - In partnership with Manhattan Neighborhood Network, MABC is now broadcasting highlights from our church service on local cable access. The series, "Madison Avenue Baptist Church," will air every Saturday at 7:00 a.m. EST. If you live in Manhattan, you can watch on local cable on one of the following channels: Where to watch: FiOS : 35; RCN : 84; Spectrum: 1997. If you are outside of Manhattan, you can watch the recording on the following link: www.mnn.org/live/3-spirit-channel.

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
- 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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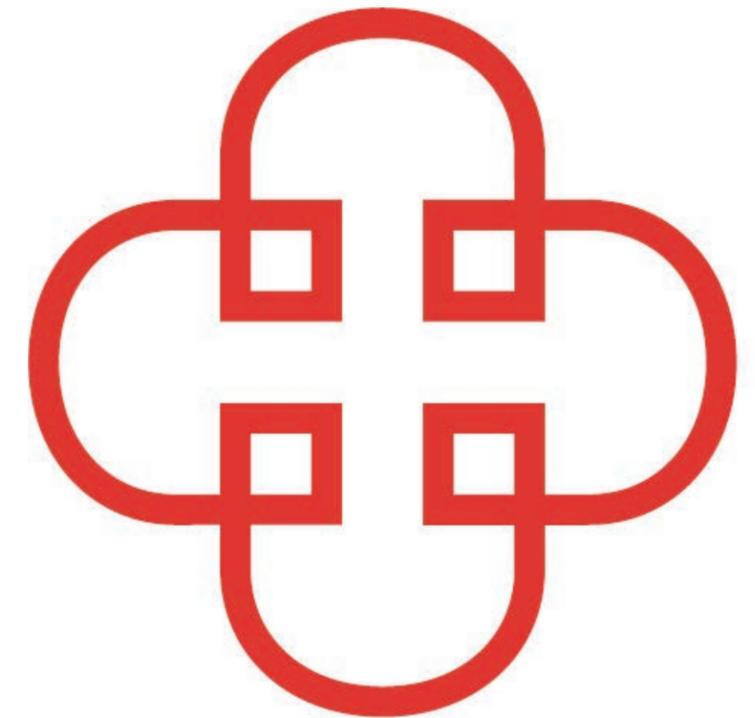
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