

## MORNING WORSHIP

OCTOBER 8, 2017

Prelude Sanctus from François Couperin  
*Mass for the Convents*

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *O Lord, Our Lord, How Majestic Is Your Name* HOW MAJESTIC

Call to Worship

\*Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” No. 2

Choral Anthem *I Go to the Rock* Mark Hayes, arr.

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 “All Creatures of Our God and King” No. 22

Scripture Matthew 22:37-39, Colossians 3:12-14, Matthew 7:1-3

Sermon “Laugh Your Way to World Peace . . . One Joke at a Time”

Offering

Offertory Music *Be Thou My Vision* Bob Chilcott  
Solo: Jennifer Townshend

\*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 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” No. 65

Benediction

Benediction Response “Threefold Amen” No. 315

Postlude Deo Gratias from François Couperin  
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*\*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.*

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“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

*Colossians 3:14*

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### 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

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!

<b>Sunday, Oct. 15</b>	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

Join us next Sunday, October 15th, at the 11:00 a.m. service as we celebrate Paul Stephan’s 10th anniversary at MABC! Music will include: *Out Of The Depths*, which Paul wrote for the first church he served in NYC; *Consider The Lilies*, which was the first piece he wrote for MABC; and *Musica Dei Donum*, which has never been performed before.

**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.

**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.

**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 AM EST. If you live in Manhattan, you can watch on local cable on one of the following channels: 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](http://www.mnn.org/live/3-spirit-channel).

### 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://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](mailto: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](mailto:adom.crew@gmail.com).

For more information about our Community Ministries efforts, check out the volunteer section of the MABC website.



**W**e 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.



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



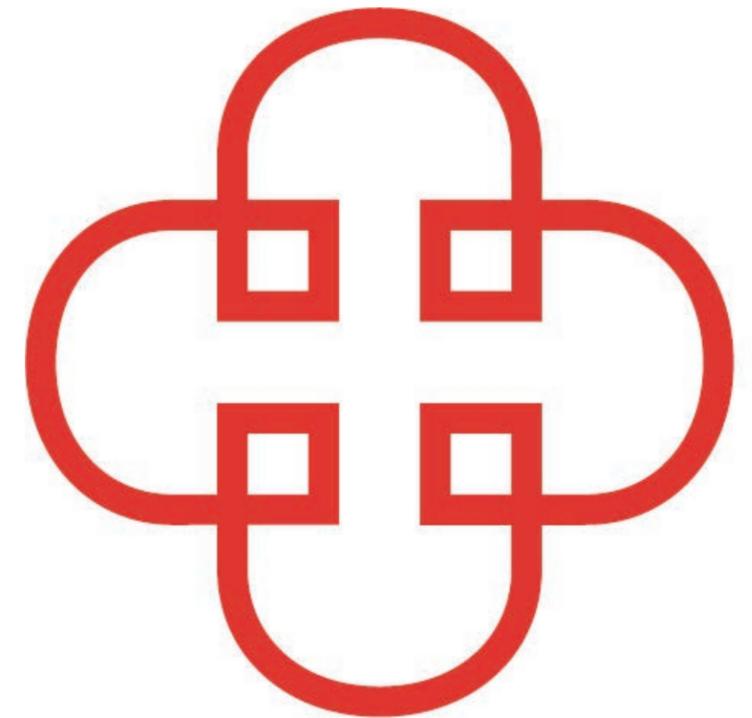
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FAITH, WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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