

MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Prelude Kyrie from *Mass for the Convents* François Couperin

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Blest Bew the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Abide with Me" No. 636

Choral Anthem *Prayer for Peace* Buryl Red

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 "My Life Flows On" No. 619

Scripture Genesis 6:11-22

Sermon "Just Build the Boat"

Offering

Offertory Music *Show the Way* David Wilcox
Solo: Richard Binder

*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 "How Firm a Foundation" No. 618

Benediction

Benediction Response "Threefold Amen" No. 315

Postlude 5th Kyrie from *Mass for the Convents* François Couperin

**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 God said to Noah . . . Make yourself an ark of cypress wood."

Genesis 6:13-14

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
5:30 p.m. Dinner Shift at the Bowery Mission

Ushers: Nancy Rivera, 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!

New Bible Study Begins Today, "A Course on the History and Reality of Racial Discrimination" - Beginning this Sunday, and continuing for the next several weeks, our adult education class will be 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 will begin broadcasting highlights from our church service on local cable access starting this Saturday, September 9th @7:00 AM. 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: 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. A huge thank you to Rodney Dunlap-Keener and the Media and Communications Board (Raquel Tresvant and Turner Roach), Rev. Susan Sparks, Music Minister Paul Stephan, our camera operator/editor Travis Dover, and the Advisory Council for helping to support this ministry.

Online Course on Humor and Faith - ChurchNext is now offering a course on humor and faith taught by our own Rev. Susan Sparks! We encourage you to take it, then join us for a discussion on September 17th during coffee hour. You can access the course at www.goo.gl/s7YHAb. From the course description: Humor, laughter... and God?!? It may sound counter-intuitive, but humor and laughter are some of God's greatest gifts. In this course pastor and stand up comic Susan Sparks offers clever insights into how we can see humor as essential to the spiritual journey. Her video presentations are entitled: Faith and Humor; Humor and the Bible; Humor and Healing; Humor and Empowerment. This course is ideal for those looking to make connections between humor and faith.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

*MABC is equipped with a hearing assistance system.
Please ask an usher for a receiver.*



Beer and Bible - Join on Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and lively discussion. This month's Beer and Bible will be hosted by Jacki Friedmann. B.J. and Rebekah Hutto will discuss their recent trip to Israel. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jacki at jacki@maavs.com.

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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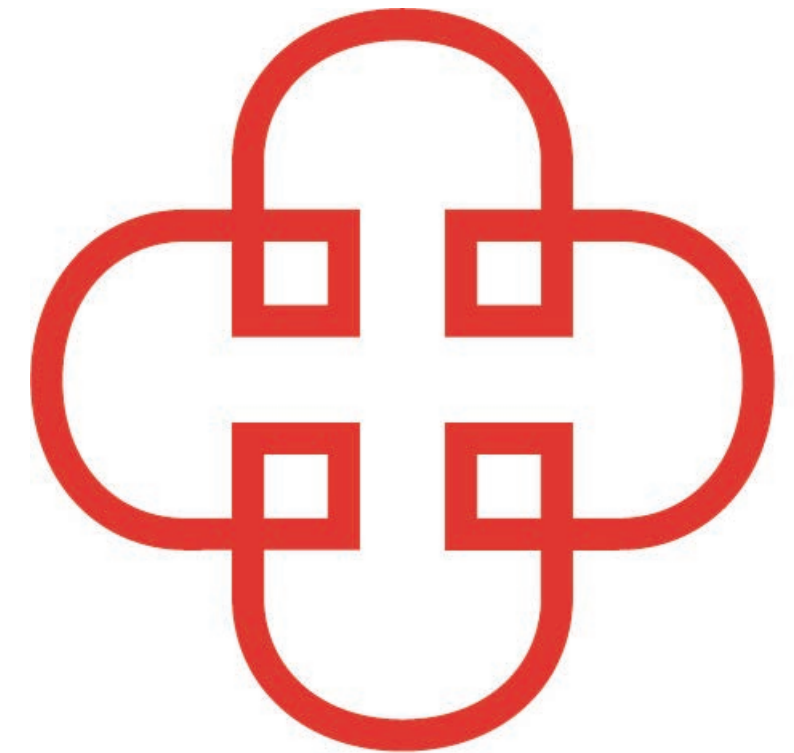
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