

MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Prelude *Miniatures* Flor Peeters

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* K. Thomerson

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 86

Song *Every Grain of Sand* Bob Dylan
Solo: Richard Binder

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 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts!" No. 51

*Hymn "Transform Us" No. 182

Scripture Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon "Open the Sunroof"

Offering

Offertory Anthem *Heavenly Light* Peter J. Wilhousky, arr.

Doxology

*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 "Twofold Amen" No. 316

Postlude *Andante Nobile* Flor Peeters

**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.*

“There Jesus was transfigured
before them. His face shone
like the sun, and his clothes
became as white as the light.”

Matthew 17:2

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
Ushers: Joe and Tracy McMillen
Coffee Hour: Joe and Tracy 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!

Wednesday, February 14th - Ash Wednesday. Stop by the church between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. for the Imposition of Ashes to mark the beginning of the Lenten season.

Sunday, Feb. 18
10:00 a.m. Bible Study
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Sunday, March 4th, Card and Letter Writing with Wisconsin Church - We are partnering with Living Water Lutheran Church in Cameron, WI, via Facetime to send out cards and letters to a variety of individuals, ranging from elderly and sick members of the congregation; incarcerated youth; veterans; and more. We need your help in this fun process! After the service we need volunteers to help write these letters in what is always a great time of fellowship and service. For more info contact Adom Crew, adom.crew@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 10th, Bowery Mission Food Truck. We need six to eight volunteers as we again assist the Bowery Mission food truck. We'll arrive at Tompkins Square Park at 8:00 a.m. 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 10:30 a.m. For more information and to sign up, please contact Adom Crew, adom.crew@gmail.com.

Thursday, March 15th, Beer and Bible. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fellowship and lively conversation. This Beer and Bible event will be hosted by Jacki Friedmann and will use sections from Susan Sparks' book, *Laugh Your Way to Grace*, as a basis for conversation. Contact Jacki, jacki@maavs.com.

Winter Coat Drive Continues - Through our partnership with Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries (RMM) - for which Susan Sparks serves as a board member - MABC continues to participate with their Winter Clothes Closet program. We especially need adult winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks and underwear. There is a donation box at the back of the sanctuary.

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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



Save the Date for these upcoming Spring events!

- Saturday, April 21st, MABC Cares. Join the MABC team of volunteers for this Saturday of service in our community as we work to replant and refurbish the Project Harmony Garden in Harlem. For more information, please contact Jacki Friedmann, jacki@maavs.com.
- Sunday, May 20th - Author and journalist Jennifer Haupt will speak about her new novel, *In The Shadow of 10,000 Hills*, a riveting family saga that spans from the turmoil of Atlanta during the Civil Rights Movement through the struggle for reconciliation and forgiveness in post-genocide Rwanda.

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.

If you need assistance signing up, please contact Joseph Pilla, JosephPilla@me.com.

Weekly 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 of 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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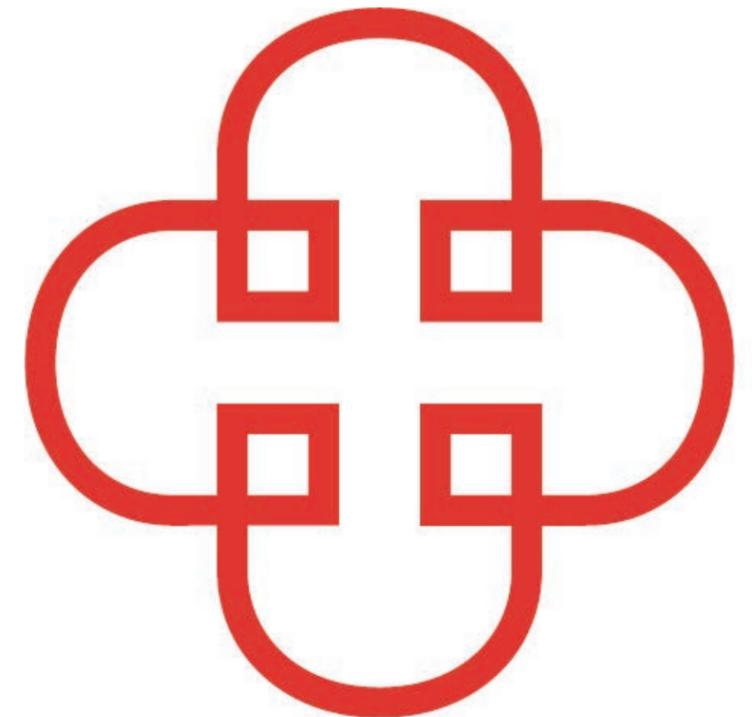
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Associate Pastor: Rev. B. J. Hutto
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