

## MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 15, 2018

Prelude *Vorspiel* Johann G. Herzog

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY

Call to Worship

\*Hymn "Let the Whole Creation Cry" No. 21

Song *Sometimes a Light Surprises* Craig Courtney  
Solo: Karen Rich

Morning Prayers

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 "Into My Heart" No. 304

\*Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" No. 628

Scripture Jeremiah 18:1-6

Sermon "Squish It Down and Start Again"

Offering

Offertory Anthem *But Thanks Be to God* G. F. Handel

\*Doxology See insert

\*Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" No. 618

Benediction

Benediction Response "Peace Be Upon You" No. 441

Postlude *Adagio* Johann C. H. Rink

*\*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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"But the jar the potter  
was making did not turn  
out as he had hoped, so he  
crushed it into a lump of  
clay again and started over."

*Jeremiah 18:4*

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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

Ushers: Jacki Friedmann and Molly Chan  
Coffee Hour: Jacki Friedmann  
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 the great fifty days of Easter is white.  
As it is spotless, white signifies the forgiveness, the new life,  
that the world is offered in Christ's resurrection.  
Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!*



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING 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 Joseph Daniel Garden in Harlem. For more information, see the insert in today's bulletin.

<b>Sunday, April 22</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

**Sunday School Class Reading Fleming Rutledge's *The Undoing of Death*** - Join the MABC Sunday School class as it continues to read Fleming Rutledge's *The Undoing of Death*. The class meets every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upper room. Please contact the church office or our leader, Kevin Davis, to be added to the weekly email reminder. Copies of the book are available upon request.

### Save the Date for these upcoming Spring events!

- **Sunday, May 6** - MABC Spring Business Meeting - MABC members are invited to join us after the service to discuss the year's budget and hear reports from the Treasurer and committee chairs.
- **Tuesday, May 8th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** - Susan Sparks and the Women's National Book Association of NYC will be hosting an open mic at MABC where WNBA-member authors will read selections from their books. Everyone is welcome!
- **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.

### 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.

*If you need assistance signing up, please contact Joseph Pilla, [JosephPilla@me.com](mailto: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](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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Associate Pastor: Rev. B. J. Hutto  
Minister of Music: Paul Stephan  
Parish Administrator: Brian Crowson  
Sexton: Troy Gordon



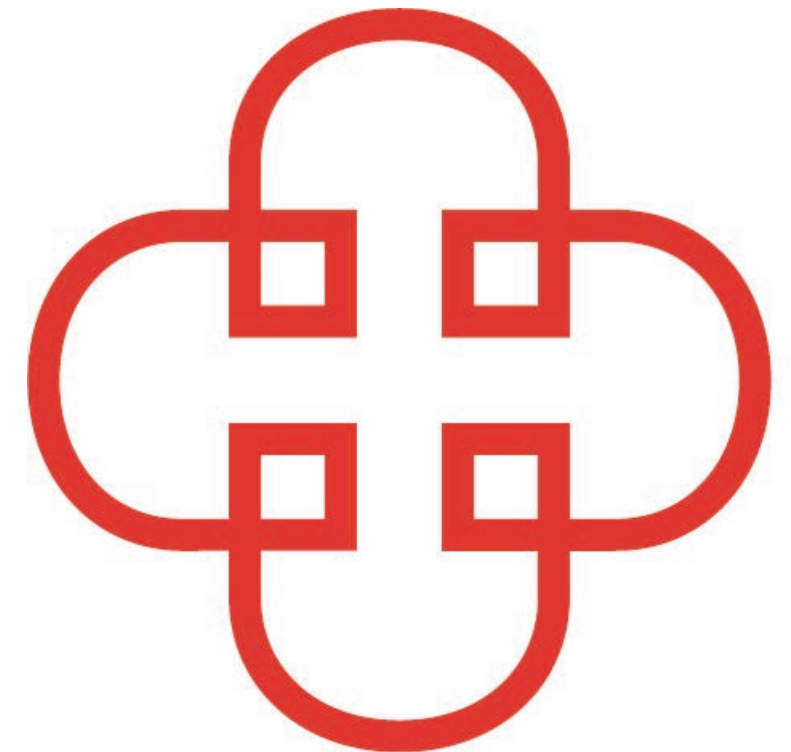
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FAITH, WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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