

MORNING WORSHIP

MAY 13, 2018

Prelude	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Henry Smart
Welcome and Passing of the Peace		
Introit	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	Clara H. Scott
Call to Worship		
*Hymn	“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”	No. 82
Choral Anthem	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Mark Hayes, arr.
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	“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”	No. 83
Scripture	Proverbs 3:13-20	
Sermon	“Saints and Sumo Wrestlers”	
Offering		
Offertory Anthem	<i>I Quietly Turned to You</i> Solo: Brian Long	Buryl Red

*Doxology	See insert	
*Hymn	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	No. 86
Benediction		
Benediction Response	“Peace Be Upon You”	No. 441
Postlude	<i>Response</i>	George W. Chadwick

**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.*

“We are all meant to be mothers
of God. What good is it to me if
this eternal birth of the divine
Son takes place unceasingly, but
does not take place within myself?”

*Meister Eckhart, 1260-1328,
German Dominican monk*

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: Nancy Rivera and Joseph Pilla
Coffee Hour: Joseph Pilla
Camera: Travis Dover

Choir: Jennifer Townshend (soprano), Karen Rich (soprano),
Alexandra de Suze (alto), Richard Binder (tenor),
Brian Long (baritone), Doug Shapiro (bass)

Special Offering for Jamie Rodriguez-Wise Mission Trip - In June, Jamie Rodriguez-Wise will be taking a mission trip to Puerto Rico to rebuild homes, clean up communities, and help in the recovery. You can support this ministry with your generous offering, using the envelope provided.

*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!

Sunday, May 20	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
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Graduation Weekend, Sunday May 20th - Join us for a celebration of the graduation of MABC members Gloria Moy, Oxana Gureeva, and Roksolana Florko.

Author Jennifer Haupt, Sunday, May 20th - Author and journalist Jennifer Haupt will speak at the service 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.

Dinner Shift at the Bowery Mission, Sunday, May 20 - MABC is again looking for volunteers to serve dinner to homeless guests at the Bowery Mission. Volunteers arrive at 227 Bowery at 5:30 p.m. We will report to the kitchen staff on duty, get oriented, help prep the meal, serve, and clean up after dinner. We’ll be finished by 7:30 p.m. (The Bowery Mission is between Prince and Rivington Streets on the northeast side of the street. A large red door makes this building stand out.) For more information or to sign up, please contact Adom Crew, adom.crew@gmail.com.

MABC Anniversary - Join us on Sunday, June 3rd as we celebrate MABC’s 170th anniversary!

New Members Meeting, Sunday, June 3 - Interested in becoming a member of MABC and have questions about the process? Join us after the service to meet with our Deacons and other members who can answer your questions.

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.



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!

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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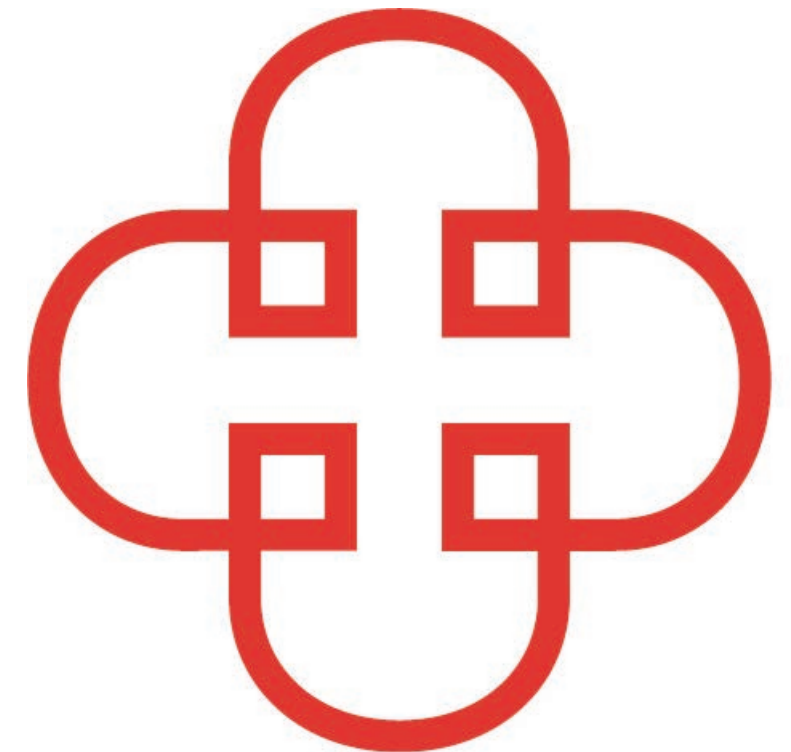
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Associate Pastor: Rev. B. J. Hutto
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