

MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Prelude *Adagio* W. A. Mozart, Lani Smith, arr.
Beautiful Savior David Paxton, arr.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *For the Beauty of the Earth* F. S. Pierpont,
Conrad Kucher, Wm. H. Monk

Call to Worship

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

Choral Anthem *The Mighty Power of God* Mark Hayes

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 "Spirit of the Living God" No. 259

*Hymn "Stand By Me" No. 629

Scripture Numbers 21:4-9

Sermon "Let 'er Blow"

Offering

Offertory Music *Breathe* M. Tumes, John Mallory,
Solo: Alexandra de Suze and Leigh Nash

*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 "I Shall Not Be Moved" No. 615

Benediction

Benediction Response "Twofold Amen" No. 316

Postlude *The Awakening Call* David Paxton

**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.*

"Everyone who is bitten shall look at [the snake] and live."

Numbers 21:8

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: Roksolana Florco and Joseph Pilla
Coffee Hour: Roksolana Florco
Camera: Travis Dover

Choir: Jenny Lindsey (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!

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| Sunday, Sept. 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Sermon, Rev. Dr. B. J. Hutto; music, Paul Stephan & the MABC Choir |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Coffee Hour |

Save the Date! Thursday, October 4 - Beer and Bible is Back! Yes, the always popular MABC Beer and Bible is back this Fall! Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 4th, for an evening of fellowship and lively discussion. The evening will be hosted by Rev. Susan Sparks at her apartment and the program will be led by Nancy Rivera. Stay tuned for more information about the topic for the evening. All are welcome!

New York Cares Volunteer Day, Saturday, October 20 - Once again MABC will send a team to participate in New York Cares Day, a day for volunteers to help beautify the City's schools, parks, and other public spaces. (Stay tuned for more information about start time and what our specific assignment will be.) Those interested in volunteering should go to the NY Cares web site (<https://bit.ly/2NSBtL8>), click on "join a team", and search for Madison Avenue Baptist Church. There is no fee for signing up. For more information, contact Jacki Friedmann, jackikf@icloud.com or 917-370-7305.

New Sunday Bible Study Book Discussion - Last Sunday we started reading Rob Bell's 2011 book, *Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*. In this book Bell helps his readers wrestle with the age old question(s) about what happens after our lives on earth are over and we are committed into the hands of our loving God. All are welcome! The class meets each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the upper room. Copies of *Love Wins* will be available, free of charge. If you would like to be added to the class's email list, please contact our class's leader, Kevin Davis, at kevinwdavis@mac.com.

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!

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Envelope Giving: Cash or Check

Online: www.mabcnyc.org

Mobile*: Text "MABCNYC" to 77977

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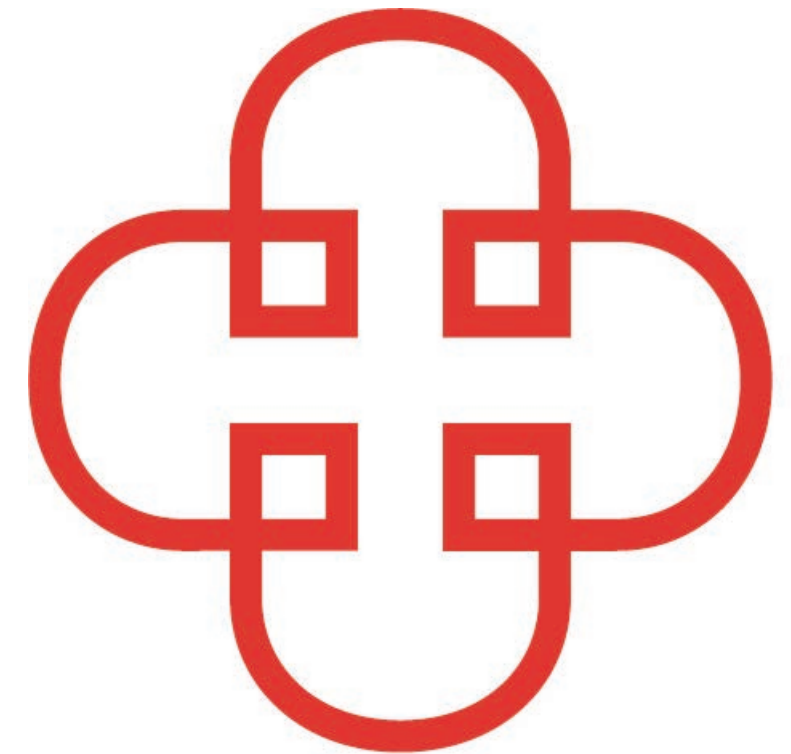
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