

## MORNING WORSHIP

OCTOBER 7, 2018

Prelude *I Would Be True* Robert J. Powell, arr.  
*This Is My Prayer* Edward Broughton

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *These I Lay Down* John Bell

Call to Worship

\*Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” No. 16

Choral Anthem *Count Your Blessings* Lari Goss, 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 “Spirit of the Living God” No. 259

\*Hymn “When Our Confidence Is Shaken” No. 534

Scripture Haggai 2:1-5

Sermon “This Old House”

+Offering

\*Please stand as you are able.

+If you would prefer to give your offering electronically, options for doing so using your mobile phone are available on the back of this bulletin.

Offertory Music *Jesus Shall Reign* Amy Tate Williams, arr.  
Solo: Karen Rich

\*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.*

\*Communion Hymn “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” No. 392

Silent Preparation

The Bread (unison)

*Let us recall that the Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”*

The Cup (unison)

*In the same way he took the cup after supper saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

*Gracious and Holy Lord, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion with you and one another. May this bread and cup nourish us so that we may grow in our faith and in the knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.*

\*Hymn “Blessed Assurance” No. 543

Benediction

Benediction Response “Twofold Amen” No. 316

Postlude *Communion with Thee* Franklin Ritter

*Please, no food or drinks in the Sanctuary during the service.  
Please silence all mobile phones and electronic devices before the service.*

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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



## 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: Livia Rivera and Joseph Pilla  
Coffee Hour: Joseph Pilla  
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!

**Sunday, Oct. 14** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Cheryl Dudley;  
music, Paul Stephan &  
the MABC Choir  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

**Lecture on “God in the Age of Science”, Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.** - Join Susan Sparks and other MABC’ers for an evening of enlightening discussion at Union Theological Seminary. “Renowned author on science and religion, John Haught will discuss his latest book, *The New Cosmic Story: Inside Our Awakening Universe*, exploring the deep questions science poses to faith, and those faith pose to science. . . . He will be joined by Robert Wright, Union’s visiting professor of science & spirituality, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Why Buddhism Is True*, *The Evolution of God*, *Nonzero*, and *The Moral Animal*.” The program is free and begins at 6:30 p.m. However, registration is required. Follow this link (<https://bit.ly/2OcwJ6v>) for more information and to register. Please let Susan know by Wednesday, October 10th, if you are planning on attending.

**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](mailto:jackikf@icloud.com) or 917-370-7305.

## 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!

### Options for Electronic Giving

Would you like to support MABC's ministries? MABC accepts contributions through the following methods:

Envelope Giving: Cash or Check

Online: [www.mabcnyc.org](http://www.mabcnyc.org)

Mobile\*: Text "MABCNYC" to 77977

\*When you send 'mabcnyc' to 77977 you will receive a one time reply containing a link to give to Madison Avenue Baptist Church (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

### MABC on Social Media

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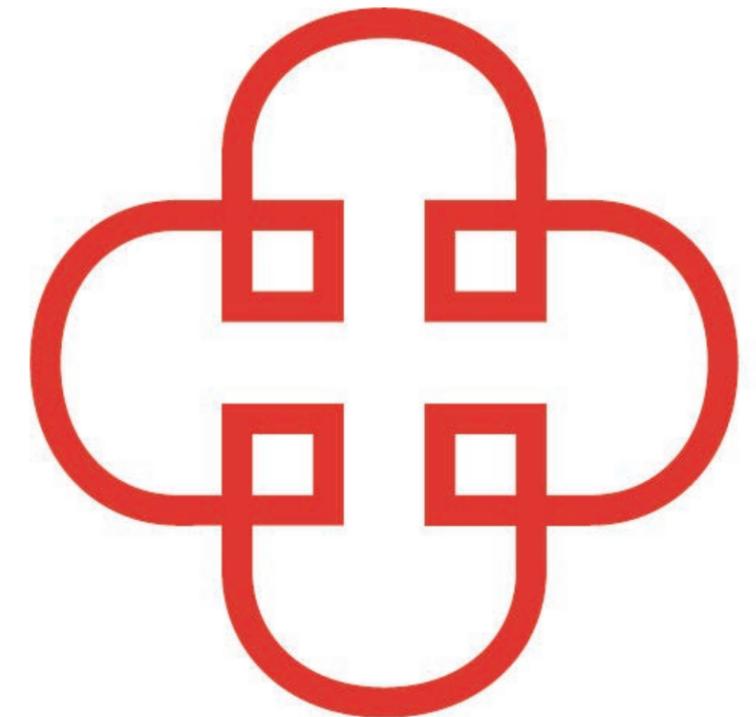
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