

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2019

Prelude *Fantasia* Johann Pachelbel
Ricercare in C Minor

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Lord, Who Throughout* Claudia F. Hernaman,
These Forty Days John Day

Call to Worship

*Hymn "Morning Has Broken" No. 53

Choral Anthem *Footsteps* Craig Courtney

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 "You Are My Hiding Place" No. 554
*You are my hiding place, you always
fill my heart with songs of deliverance.
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in you.*

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

Scripture Ephesians 2:10, Romans 12:4-8, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-12

Sermon "Life Lessons from a Woolly Mammoth"

Offering

Offertory Music *On Eagle's Wings* Mark Hayes, arr.
Solo: Doug Shapiro

*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.

*Doxology See insert.

*Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" No. 545

Benediction

Benediction Response "Peace Be Upon You" No. 441

Postlude *Toccata in G Minor* Johann Pachelbel

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

"For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to do
good works, which God prepared
in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

TODAY

10:00 a.m. Sunday 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 Steve Asikin
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 Lent is purple.
As it reflects the bruises and wounds of Christ's suffering,
purple calls us to self-examination and love as we prepare
ourselves to receive the good news of the Easter resurrection.*

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Today! 12:00 p.m. - MABC Lenten Labyrinth Journey. This year, MABC invites you on a weekly Lenten Labyrinth Journey. It will begin with a short conversation on the spiritual practice of walking the labyrinth by Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley, Rev. Susan Sparks, and Student Intern Heather Ketchum. Those choosing to participate will commit to walking a labyrinth each week until Easter. For more information and links to helpful resources on labyrinths, check out the MABC website or app.

Sunday Bible Study Topic - We are finishing a study of Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World*. Next week's assignment: Chapter 12 (pp. 193-209). Stay tuned for info about a new Bible Study topic.

Thursday, March 14, 6:30 p.m. - Beer and Bible. Join us for an evening of fellowship and lively discussion! This month's Beer and Bible will be hosted by Susan Sparks and Toby Solberg. Stay tuned for more info about the topic for the evening. All are welcome!

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10:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks;
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the MABC Choir
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour

Sunday, March 31, 12:00 p.m. - Letter and Card Writing Volunteer Opportunity. After the service we'll gather to write cards and letters which will be sent to a variety of individuals, ranging from elderly and sick members of the congregation, incarcerated youth, veterans, our troops overseas, and more. We need your help in this process! If interested, please RSVP to Adom Crew at adom.crew@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. - MABC Church Retreat: "Why Church? What Are We Doing Here?" On Saturday, April 6th, join us at the church for a half-day retreat in which we will reflect on what it means to be a worshiping Christian in New York City and a member of Madison Avenue Baptist Church in 2019. We will listen to one another share stories and reflections on what brought us here in the first place—both to church and to this church—and what has brought us back. Hopefully, we will leave with a better sense of who we are as a community, who we are as individual believers knit together in that body, and how that unique message can be shared with the world! Lunch will be provided. If possible, please contact Brian Crowson at bcrowson@mabcnyc.org by March 31st to register.

Urgent Need for Winter Clothing!! - The groundhog may not have seen his shadow, but there's plenty of winter remaining here in New York City. We'll continue to collect clothing until the Spring. **They are in dire need of: Men's coats and jackets (larger sizes preferred); Men's sweatshirts and sweaters (larger sizes preferred); Men's long sleeved shirts (larger sizes preferred); Men's pants (larger sizes preferred); Gloves, scarves, and hats underwear; Large-sized practical shoes.** You can bring donations to MABC and drop them in the box at the back of the Sanctuary. Or you can bring them to Metro Baptist at 410 West 40th Street in Manhattan. For more information, contact Adom Crew (adom.crew@gmail.com).

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're Searching for Volunteers

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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Online: www.mabcnyc.org

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*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.

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