

## MORNING WORSHIP

MAY 12, 2019

Prelude "Gloria," Verses 6-8, François Couperin  
from *Mass for the Parishes*

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *The Lord's My Shepherd* Jessie Seymour,  
David Grant

Call to Worship

\*Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 61

Choral Anthem *Psalm 23* Paul Stephan

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 "The Strife Is O'er," v. 1 No. 221

\*Hymn "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" No. 83

Scripture Matthew 18:1-5

Sermon "A Letter to Madeleine"

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 *The 23rd Psalm* Bobby McFerrin  
(Dedicated to my mother)

\*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 "All Creatures of Our God and King" No. 22

Benediction

Benediction Response "Go in Peace" No. 445

Postlude "Gloria," Verse 9, from François Couperin  
*Mass for the Parishes*

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

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"Truly I tell you, unless you  
change and become like  
children, you will never  
enter the kingdom of heaven."

*Matthew 18:3*

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

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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



Choir: Jenny Lindsey (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!

**Sunday, May 19th, 10:00 a.m., New Bible Study Book** - This Sunday we finished up our study of Fleming Rutledge's book. However, next Sunday, May 19th, we're starting a new book: *Heresies and How to Avoid Them: Why It Matters What Christians Believe*. Copies of the book are free and are available here at the church. Stay tuned for the reading schedule. Sunday Bible Study meets each week at 10:00 a.m. in the room above the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

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	12:00 p.m.	Coffee Hour; New Members Mtg.; Christian Education Board Mtg.

**Sunday, May 19th, 12:00 p.m., New Members Meeting**—Are you considering joining MABC as a full member but aren't sure about the process? Join us after the service to discuss what it means to become a member of our community of faith. Representatives of our Board of Fellowship, as well as other members of the church, will be on hand to answer your questions. All are welcome!

**Sunday, May 19th, 12:00 p.m., Board of Christian Education Meeting** - Members of the board will meet at Noon after the service.

**Saturday, June 1, 1:00 p.m., "Love and Resistance: Stonewall at 50"** – MABC will visit the New York Public Library on Saturday, June 1st at 1:00 p.m. to see the exhibition, "Love and Resistance: Stonewall at 50." For more information about the exhibition, check out their website: [www.nypl.org/events/exhibitions/stonewall50](http://www.nypl.org/events/exhibitions/stonewall50). All are welcome to join us.

## 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

*Follow us on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram by visiting our website at [www.mabcnyc.org](http://www.mabcnyc.org).*

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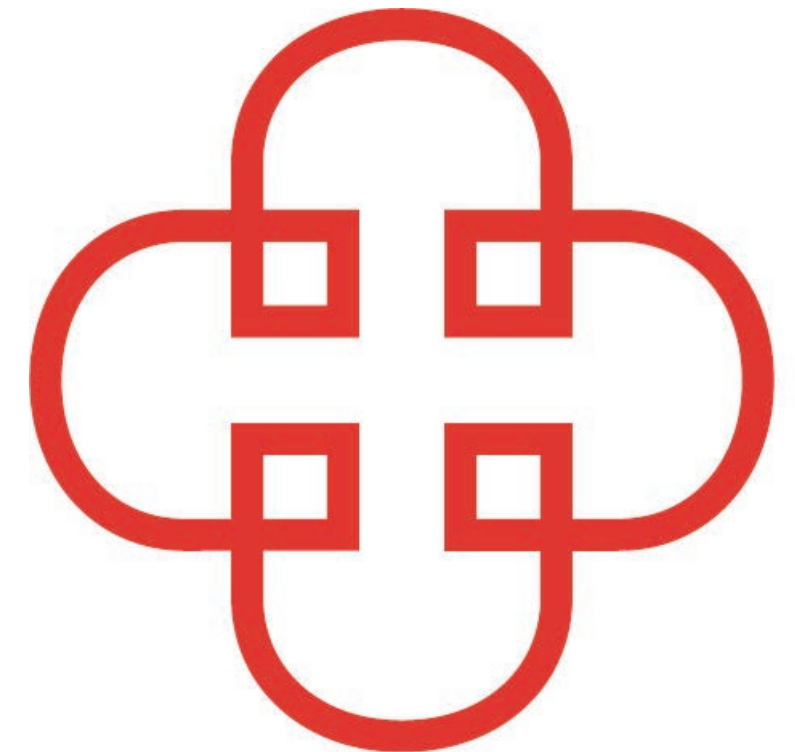
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