

## MORNING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Prelude *Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir* Friedrich Zachau

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Spirit of the Living God* Daniel Iverson

Call to Worship

\*Hymn "Lift High the Cross" No. 108

Choral Anthem *Work of Art* Shannon Wexelberg,  
Tom Fettke

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 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" No. 306

\*Hymn "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" No. 518

Scripture Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Sermon "L'Chaim, and Don't Mess It Up!"

+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 *Come on Up to the House* Tom Waits,  
Solo: Richard Binder Kathleen Brennan

\*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 "When Peace, Like a River" No. 561

Benediction

Benediction Response "Danish Amen" No. 312

Postlude *Christ ist erstanden* Johann K. F. Fischer

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

# "Choose life so that you and your descendants may live."

## Deuteronomy 30:19

### 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; Board of Deacons Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Dinner Shift at the Bowery Mission

**Today, Dinner Shift at the Bowery Mission** - We're still 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 please contact Adom Crew, [adom.crew@gmail.com](mailto:adom.crew@gmail.com).

Ushers: Nancy Rivera, Jacqueline Hand  
Coffee Hour: Matthew and Rodney Dunlap-Keener  
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, Sep. 15th** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks;  
music, Paul Stephan &  
the MABC Choir  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour; Board of Christian  
Education Meeting

**Sunday Bible Study** - Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. This fall we'll be reading Anne Lamott's *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith*. Books are free and are available at the church.

### Reading Schedule

- Sep. 15 – Overture: Lily Pads, part 2, pp. 31-55
- Sep. 22 – Part 1: Mountain, Sky, Valley, pp. 59-88
- Sep. 29 – Part 2: Church, People, Steeple, pp. 91-114
- Oct. 6 – Part 3: Tribe, pp. 117-144
- Oct. 13 – Part 4: Kid, Some Sick, pp. 147-168
- Oct. 20 – Part 5: Body and Soul, pp. 171-206
- Oct. 27 – Part 6: Family, pp. 209-243
- Nov. 3 – Part 7: Shore and Ground, pp. 247-272

**Wednesday, September 18 @ 7:00 p.m., Build the Block: Neighborhood Policing and Safety Meeting at MABC** - The NYPD officers serving our community invite you to MABC for a discussion of the public safety challenges in our neighborhood. Our Neighborhood Coordination Officers have been given more time and opportunity to collaborate with residents in identifying and solving local quality of life conditions and crime concerns. They want to hear from a broad range of voices about what it will take to make all the residents of our neighborhood (including MABC parishioners) to feel safe and secure. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

**Thursday, September 19, 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 Jacki Friedmann at her home. Stay tuned for more info on the topic for discussion as well as directions to Jacki's.

**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://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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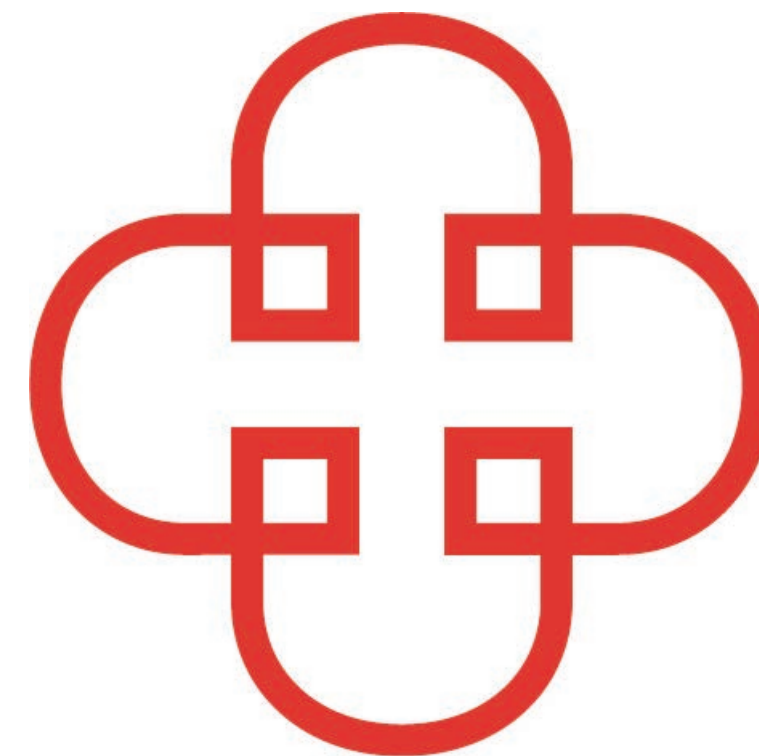
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FAITH, WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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