

## MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

**Prelude** *This Is My Father's World* Franklin L. Sheppard

### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

**Introit** *Ave Maria* J. S. Bach;  
Charles Gounod, arr.

### Call to Worship

**\*Hymn** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 558

**Choral Anthem** *Equipment* Paul Stephan  
Doug Shapiro

### 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** "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" No. 305

**\*Hymn** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" No. 557

**Scripture** Genesis 1:1-3, 14-18

**Sermon** "Let There Be Light" Rev. Susan Sparks

### +Offering

**Offertory Music** *In Christ Alone* Don Koch, Shawn Craig

**\*Hymn** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" No. 609

### Benediction

**Benediction Response** "Fourfold Amen" No. 313

**Postlude** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* Oliver Holden

*\*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.*

*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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“Then God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

*Genesis 1:3*

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### TODAY

9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Sermon, Rev. Susan Sparks; music by  
Aza Sydykov and the MABC Choir  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour  
12:45 p.m. CPR Class

Choir: Jenny Lindsey (soprano), Karen Rich (soprano),  
Alexandra de Suze (alto), Richard Binder (tenor),  
Brian Long (baritone), Doug Shapiro (bass)

Video and Audio: Travis Dover, Reghu Rangunathan

### Check Out These Programs and Upcoming Events!

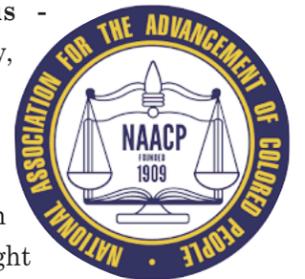


**CPR Training Class, Today @ 12:45 p.m.** - Join us after coffee hour today at 12:45 p.m., for a CPR class taught by FDNY personnel. From the FDNY website: "An AHA-accredited instructor will teach compression-only CPR (on adults-only mannequins) with automated external defibrillation (AED) usage. It is a non-certification class that combines audio/visual instruction with hands-on participation. Each class size ranges from 15- 50 people and takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete." There is no charge for the class.

**The Laugh in Peace Comedy Tour is coming to New York City!** Catch Susan Sparks with Muslim comedian Gibran Saleem and Rabbi Bob Alper at the Triad Theater (158 W. 72nd St.) on February 20, and 27. Shows start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (Students \$15) and there is a two-drink minimum. You can get tickets at [www.triadnyc.com](http://www.triadnyc.com). Don't miss it!

### Community Ministries February Focus -

**NAACP Memphis.** For the month of February, the Board of Community Ministries has chosen to turn its focus on supporting social justice reform after the heartbreaking death of Tyre Nichols at the hands of police officers in Memphis. This situation continues to highlight the racial inequalities suffered within this country and the ongoing need to maintain the fight against such hatred. Please help us support the NAACP Memphis branch in their fight for justice for African Americans in all aspects of life, including against police violence and racial profiling. With February being Black History Month, we believe it is that much more important to support the work of this organization. **If you are interested in helping us support this mission, please earmark the funds for this specific purpose so we know how to allocate them. Remember, the Community Ministries Board will match donations provided by the congregation so we can really make a difference for those in need. You can send your donations directly to the church or make your donations here: [www.shorturl.at/nqv02](http://www.shorturl.at/nqv02).**



### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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



**Ash Wednesday - Imposition of Ashes & Piano Music,**  
**February 22, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.** This year, Ash  
Wednesday at MABC will be a little different. First, after  
a two-year hiatus, we are happy to open our doors to  
the community once again for the imposition of ashes.  
In addition, Aza Sydykov, MABC's Minister of Music,  
will offer a piano concert during the time ashes are distributed.



#### **MABC Winter Clothing**

**Drive** - Each year MABC partners  
with Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries  
in their winter clothing drive. They  
need adult winter coats, pants, sweat-  
shirts, hats, gloves, and underwear. In  
addition, they can always take adult shoes! They take clean, gently  
used or new items. If you want to donate through their Amazon  
Wishlist, they can do so at <https://tinyurl.com/5b9c26jk>. If you are able  
to donate any of these items, you can bring them to MABC and drop  
them in the box at the back of the Sanctuary. Or you can bring them to  
RMM at 410 West 40th Street in Manhattan. For more information or  
to volunteer, contact either Adom Crew ([adom.crew@gmail.com](mailto:adom.crew@gmail.com)), or  
RMM directly (212-594-4464 or [volunteer@rmmnyc.org](mailto:volunteer@rmmnyc.org)).



**Have you made your Stewardship pledge yet?** It's not too late!  
Prayerfully consider your contributions for 2023. You can make your  
pledge online through PushPay at the MABC website  
([www.mabcnyc.org](http://www.mabcnyc.org)) or you can fill out one of the available pledge cards  
and give it to an usher. Your pledges will support the mission of Madison  
Avenue Baptist Church and allow the church to continue its ministries in  
this community. Thank you for your support.

**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 contribu-  
tions 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).*

*Instagram - @Madisonavenuebaptist*

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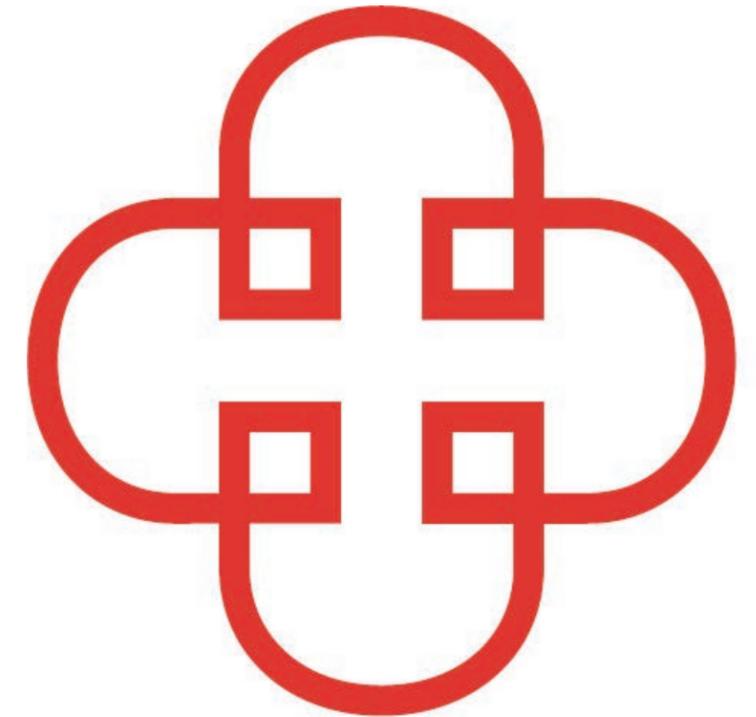
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