

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

Prelude *Prelude in G minor from Well-Tempered Clavier, Book II* J. S. Bach

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Behold the Lamb of God from Messiah (No. 22)* G. F. Handel

Call to Worship

***Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 66

Choral Anthem *O Divine Redeemer* Charles Gounod
Karen Rich

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** "Spirit" No. 249

Scripture Psalm 23 (KJV)

Sermon "God Is Not Sheltered in Place - Part II" Rev. Susan Sparks

+Offering

Offertory Music *Wood and Nails* Madison Cunningham,
Issac Wardell, Keith Watts;
Heather Sorenson, arr.

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

Benediction

Benediction Response "Fourfold Amen" No. 313

Postlude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Lowell Mason, arr.

**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.

“Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy
rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

Psalm 23:4 (KJV)

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



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

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 Ragunathan

*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.*



Check Out These Programs and Upcoming Events!

Sunday Bible Study Class - Lenten Series on the Gospel of Matthew: Crucifixion & Complicity. "In Matthew 27, there are several moments in the Passion narrative that involve characters in the story and moments unique to Matthew. We will be looking at a few of these unique moments/texts." The class is led by Rickey Letson and Chris Aho and lasts four weeks (with a break on March 26th).

- March 19: Matthew 27:62-66 - The Roman Guards at the Tomb
- April 2: Matthew recap

This is a hybrid class, so you can either attend in person at MABC, or remotely via Zoom. Check the MABC weekly eblast or the website for Zoom connection details.

Community Ministries March Focus - Women's History Month. In celebration of Women's History Month, the Board of Community Ministries is excited to support both a national and international charity in March. Locally, we have decided to support the organization **Planned Parenthood**. With the recent laws that have altered access to reproductive rights for women, we believe it is very important to support the work they are doing throughout the country. To read more specifically on how your funds could help, see their website at www.plannedparenthood.org.

The international foundation we will support is **UPAVIM (United for a Better Life/Unidas Para Vivir Mejor)**, a Guatemalan-based charity that empowers women economically through its income-generating initiatives. Starting initially in 2001 as a craft program to help support the local Montessori school, it has grown substantially over the years and is now a place of employment for women as a bakery, pharmacy, library, and place for textiles within their community. To learn more about their initiatives, read about their mission at www.upavim.org. (continued)

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

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



If you are interested in helping us support these organizations, 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.

Dial-In Sermons Available - Do you know someone who would like to hear the sermon each week but doesn't have an internet connection to view our services or access podcasts? Now they can listen to the sermon on their phone! Simply dial 833-765-0617 to hear the sermon from the most recent Sunday service.

MABC Members-in-Need Fund - MABC has established a fund specifically dedicated to assisting members in need during this COVID19 crisis. We would greatly appreciate your support. Please make a notation on your check or electronic transfer that the money is to go to the "MABC MEMBERS-IN-NEED FUND." The account will be overseen by the Board of Deacons. Thank you in advance for your help! To learn more about this program or to apply for assistance, please check out the MABC website: mabcnyc.org/get-involved/mabc-in-need-fund/.



MABC Covid Protocols

To view MABC's current COVID protocols, scan the QR code below or visit our website at: www.mabcnyc.org/worship/



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!

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

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.

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