

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

Prelude *Prelude in C-sharp minor from Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I* J. S. Bach

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Introit *Stabat Mater Dolorosa* Pergolesi
from *Stabat Mater*

Call to Worship

***Hymn** "Rejoice You Pure in Heart" No. 15

Choral Anthem *Ave Maria* Caccini
Jenny Lindsey

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** "O God Our Help in Ages Past" No. 67

Scripture Haggai 2:1-9

Sermon "This Old House" Rev. Susan Sparks

+Offering

Offertory Music *Erbarme dich* J. S. Bach
from *St. Matthew Passion*
Karen Rich
*Have mercy, my God,
for the sake of my tears!
See here, before you
heart and eyes weep bitterly.
Have mercy, my God*

***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** "Standing on the Promises" No. 552

Benediction

Benediction Response "Fourfold Amen" No. 313

Postlude *Prelude in C-sharp minor, op. 3, No. 2* Rachmaninoff

“The latter splendour of this
house shall be greater than the
former, says the Lord of hosts.”

Haggai 2:9

**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.*



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 Rangunathan



Check Out These Programs and Upcoming Events!

Mark your calendars for these important Holy Week events:

- **Sunday, April 2nd** - Palm Sunday service, 11:00 a.m.
- **Thursday, April 6th** - Maundy Thursday meal and ritual, Time TBA
- **Friday, April 7th** - Good Friday service and concert, Time TBA
- **Sunday, April 9th** - Easter Sunday service, 11:00 a.m.

For Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, stay tuned for additional info and specific times.

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. (continued)

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 sup-



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port 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. **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.**

Save the Date! MABC Cares Day, Saturday, April 29 (Time TBA) - It may seem far off now, but MABC Cares Day is just weeks away. Mark your calendars now for this day of volunteer work and fellowship. In past years, a team from MABC has volunteered each spring and fall for projects around the city, from beautifying schools to planting flowers in community gardens. In fact, most recently we've been helping out at the Daniel Wilson Garden in Harlem. Stay tuned for more info about this spring's project and specific times. All are welcome to join us!

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 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

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