

# Frequently Asked Questions

## GRATITUDE CELEBRATION PROGRAM

November 2020

### Marble Collegiate Church

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,  
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

— 1 Peter 4:10

#### What is the Gratitude Celebration Stewardship Program?

The Gratitude Celebration Program invites us to grow spiritually as we grow in our financial giving. We give in response to the many gifts God has given us, as well as to advance God's realm of unconditional love, grace, and belonging.

- *How can one grow spiritually by giving?* We will grow in joy – because giving feels good! We will grow in hope that we can help change lives, and we will grow in faith as we practice trusting in God more than in what we have.
- *How can children and youth participate in the program?* Great question! Please speak with Rev. Brittany Hanlin in the CYF Ministry for specific ideas on how parents, grandparents, and caregivers can involve children and youth.
- *Do the clergy give?* Yes! Each clergy member at Marble is participating in Gratitude Sunday.
- *Who is aware of what I give?* Only staff members in the Marble Business Office are aware of your giving. As always, they will keep this information confidential.
- *How will our 2021 program be different from last year?* While some aspects of the program will be handled virtually this year (such as Worship on Gratitude Sunday), our overall approach to gratitude and giving remains unchanged.

#### What to Give

- *How do I determine what to give?* As part of the Gratitude Celebration Program, we encourage you to provide the church with an “estimate of giving,” which allows Marble to practice responsible and faithful stewardship, to support our ministries, and ultimately to encourage the practice of tithing – a scripturally based and ancient tradition in which individuals commit to provide 10% of their income to their church. You can calculate your estimate of giving for 2021 on a weekly or monthly basis by using the enclosed Guide.
- *Can I change my estimate of giving at any time during the year?* Yes! If your circumstances change, please contact the Business Office to discuss. Your conversation will remain confidential.

#### How to Give

- *What are the different ways in which I can give?*
  - Visit <https://MarbleChurch.org/Gratitude> to make one-time gifts and/or set up automatic, recurring deductions from a debit/credit card or a bank account.



- Mail checks to Marble Collegiate Church, attention: Business Office.
- *Can I use stocks and other assets as part of my gifts?* Yes! Please contact the Business Office for assistance.
- *Whom do I talk to if I have a question about my giving?* Contact the Business Office at (212) 686-2770 with questions about the financial aspects of giving. Contact any minister at Marble with questions about the spiritual aspects of giving.