

Frequently Asked Questions
GRATITUDE CELEBRATION PROGRAM
November 2021

Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back – given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity – Luke 6:38 (The Message)

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 we grow spiritually by giving?* We will grow in joy – because giving feels good! We will grow in hope that we can help change lives. We will grow abundantly in the ways God is blessing us 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 Brian Hampton or Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin in the CYF Ministry for specific ideas on how parents, grandparents, and caregivers can involve children and youth.
- *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?* We will have in-person Worship and live streaming, as usual. The Gratitude Celebration will be at the Prince George Ballroom with **proof of vaccination** and masking required. Children under the age of 12 will be masked in accordance with NYC Guidelines for Indoor Spaces. We will also offer a Virtual Gratitude Celebration. The approach to gratitude and giving remains the same.

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

- *Pledging is a commitment you make to give at a certain level throughout the year.* Please know your actual giving might differ from your pledge and that is o.k. Pledging enables a commitment to be made that one works toward throughout the year and helps Marble in our planning.
- *What are the different ways in which I can give?*
 - Online giving is safe and secure and is our preferred method of giving
 - Visit **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.