



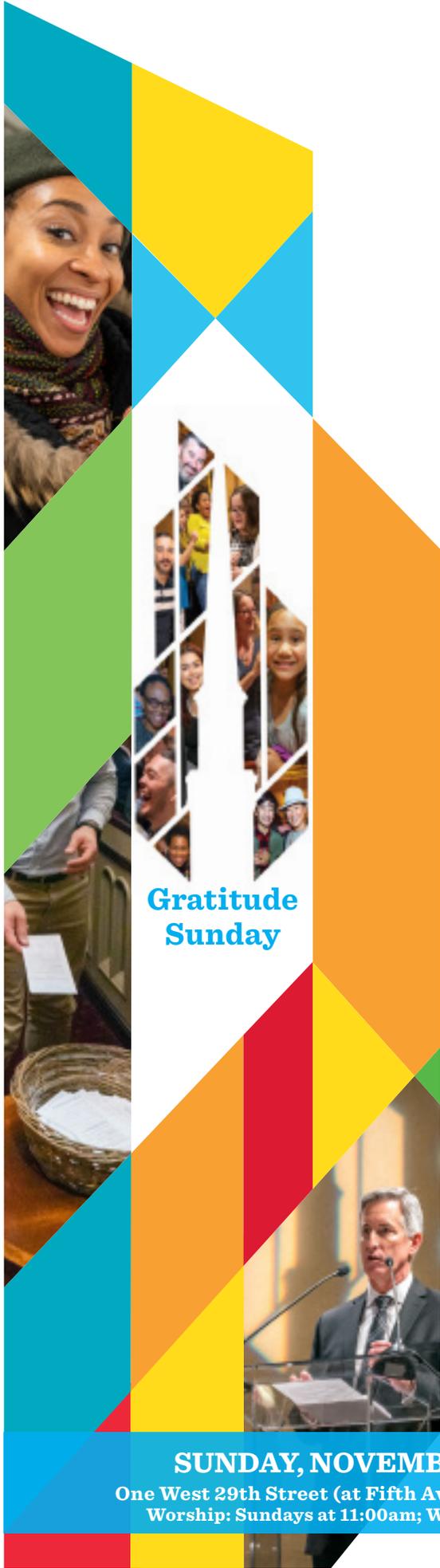
MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

WELCOME
Thank You for Worshipping
with Us Today!

We continue to
stay in community
during these
uncertain times.

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

— Luke 15:3-7



Gratitude
Sunday

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

One West 29th Street (at Fifth Avenue), New York City
Worship: Sundays at 11:00am; Wednesdays at 6:15pm

Order of Service

Gratitude Sunday

November 22, 2020

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR OUR REMOTE SERVICE BROUGHT TO YOU WITH THE SAME HEART AND SPIRIT AS IF WE WERE IN THE SANCTUARY.

Grace Notes: Inside the Music, 10:50am.

Starting next Sunday, Special Advent Preludes, 10:50am. Grace Notes returns in January.

PRELUDE March on a Theme of Handel (March Religieuse)Alexandre Guilmant

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN 18 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George's Windsor

Recorded November 10, 2019

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

LITANY OF INVOCATION

One: O God, fed by your Word and guided by your Spirit, we offer thanks and praise for your many blessings.

All: **Lord, grant us courage and sharp vision to discern the vastness of your blessings including those that may be clothed in unfamiliar garments.**

One: O God, help us to know that our gifts to you represent a portion of that which you have shared with us, as stewards of your bounty.

All: **Lord, permeate our beings with a prayerful attitude that prepares us in confidence, to know that our giving will find its rightful end in you.**

One: O God, meet us at the doors of your hospitality, as we move closer to each other and to you, and as we prayerfully give back in this act of community.

All: **Lord, bless the full spectrum of the gifts we share, multiplying them for impact, and re-directing them back into our lives for your work of transformation within us, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

ANTHEM Living Water Tom Trenney

Virtual Video: The Marble Choir

Spirit of God, come dwell within me. Open my heart, oh, come set me free. Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord, come, fill me with living water. Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak. Lord, come to me, You alone I seek. Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me. Lord, You are life and hope and love, come fill me with living water. Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me. Stretch out Your hand, bring comfort to me. Come, fill me with living water. — *Helen Kennedy*

PASTORAL PRAYER 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Praise and Thanksgiving *Hebridean folk melody, arr. Dake*
Festival of Voices

Recorded November 18, 2018

HYMN As Saints of Old Forest Green

Bryan Dunnewald, *organist*

Recorded October 21, 2018

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 8 of bulletin.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-7

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON THE WE GOD WANTS US TO BE Dr. Eric D. Barreto

*Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament
Princeton Theological Seminary*

A MARBLE GRATITUDE STORY Carolyn and Bill Thornton

SOLO If These Walls Could Speak . . Jimmy Webb; additional lyrics: Kenneth Dake

Nathan Scott Hancock, *soloist*

OUR GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We are looking at our giving through the lens of faith and how our gifts are a grateful response to God for all God has done for us. Our ability to live into God's calling for Marble depends upon all of us prayerfully considering our grateful response to God.

*If you haven't mailed back your **Our Grateful Response Card** you can find one online. On this card you can declare your **Estimate of Giving for 2021**. At MarbleChurch.org/Gratitude you'll also find several tools to aid you in discerning at what level of giving you can commit: Frequently Asked Questions "FAQ" and Our Congregation's Giving Patterns & Guide to Giving Options. Together, may we grow in faith, grow in gratitude, and grow in love.*

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

DOXOLOGY Lasst uns erfreuen (The tune is that of Hymn 4.)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God with saints in heav'n above,
Praise Jesus Christ who shows God's love,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

A LITANY OF GRATITUDE

One: Giving God, we express our deepest gratitude for the bounty of Your blessings, the vastness of Your love, and the richness of Your grace.

***All:* We gratefully acknowledge You as the source of all that we have, all that we are, and all that we hope to be.**

One: As You have freely given to us and lovingly made us what we are, we now freely give back to You the substance of our lives – our time, talents, service, and financial resources.

***All:* Receive these commitment cards as our thank-you note to You, O God, for the innumerable blessings You shower upon us.**

One: We thank You for entrusting to us the legacy of Marble Collegiate Church as a diverse, inclusive community of God's people whose faith is led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

***All:* We promise to welcome, love, and empower all persons to discover we are each made for more, to be people filled with hope, committed to making a difference in the world.**

One: We recall with gratitude those in generations past whose contributions have allowed us to experience Marble's Ministry today.

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All: By our gifts and Your grace, may Marble continue to spread “good news of great joy” to the ends of the earth, inspiring hearts and changing lives.

One: Knowing that what we claim as ours is really Yours, O God, we present these gifts, our pledges of financial commitment, to You today.

All: Bless them and multiply them by Your Holy Spirit, that they might provide miracles of hope, growth, and transformation in countless lives for years to come.

ANTHEM With Thanksgiving Kurt Carr
Virtual Video: Marble Community Gospel Choir
Rev. Rashad McPherson, *director*
Evan Ferguson, *piano*; DeVaughn Denegall, *bass*; Joshua Simpson, *drums*

HYMN 394 The Church’s One Foundation. Aurelia
Recorded October 7, 2018
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Now Thank We All Our God. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

GRATITUDE SUNDAY CELEBRATION!
After Worship, please join our Gratitude Celebration via [Zoom](#). This is a chance for us to celebrate what it means to be part of our community of faith. Gather with the whole Marble Community and our hosts, Don Piper and Baleta McKenzie, many special guests and music from the Marble Family. We want to “see” you, so turn on your video camera and join us!

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE
Dr. Michael Bos, Rev. Susanah Wade, Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.
Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, Rev. Anthony Livolsi
Renier van Aswegen, *deacon*
The Marble Choir; Festival of Voices, Marble Community Gospel Choir
Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



WELCOME DR. ERIC D. BARRETO!

We welcome Dr. Eric D. Barreto to Marble for our Gratitude Celebration. He is the Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING VIDEO MEET-UP
Thursday, November 26, 10:00-10:30am

Dr. Michael Bos, Tena Bos, and the Marble Ministers invite you to join them for morning coffee (or tea), a brief devotional and prayer for the day, and to wish one another a Happy Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING EVENTS — *Please see pages 5, 6 & 7.*



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Please join us in providing Thanksgiving food trimmings for families at Housing Plus and Children Rescue Fund (Icahn House). Both organizations work diligently to provide shelter and safety for homeless families with children, helping to restore their dignity and paths to independent living.

Consider a gift at the following levels:

- \$25 for family of 2
- \$30 for family of 3
- \$35 for family of 4
- \$40 for family of 5
- or whatever you can give will be appreciated.

Go to MarbleChurch.org and click on the Thanksgiving Basket image, or send your check to Marble Church, 1 W. 29th St, New York, NY, 10001, with memo: "Thanksgiving Basket".



RACIAL JUSTICE

Learning Pathway & Action Pathway

Learning: Monday, November 30, 7:00-8:00pm

Action: Tuesday, December 1, 7:00-8:00pm

From wherever you are in your understanding of and commitment to racial justice, we invite you to join us for these video chats as we continue to learn, grow and act on this important issue.

We are forging two pathways that will help shape

Marble's commitment to working on racial justice as a congregation from a place of faith and discipleship. Please register online.

Learning — Learn more about racial justice, what often-used terminology means, such as what is meant by things like systemic racism and white privilege, or why is there such a focus on mass incarceration and policing. Please read the book or watch the movie, *Just Mercy*, the story of Bryan Stevenson, and we'll discuss insights we gained or questions. Led by Dr. Michael Bos and Dr. Elise Brown.

Action — If you are ready to go, (or already going!) join us as we look at concrete ways for our faith to come alive and be activated in pursuing racial justice in our city, country and world. Reflect on your experience of racism, how it's impacted you and what it's impressed upon you. We'll discuss our experiences, the focus it brings to our shared work and the things we can do together. Led by Rev. Rashad McPherson and Rev. Nigel Pearce, Pastor of Grace Congregational Church of Harlem.



MASTERWORKS HERALDING

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

Special Preludes during Advent

Sundays, November 29 – December 20, 10:50am

Join us before Worship for this special time of music and quiet meditation. *Generously underwritten for many years by Lynda Packard in honor of her parents, Lynn and John Packard.*



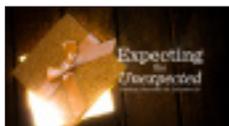
POINSETTIAS — Please Contribute by Sunday, December 6

In lieu of placing a multitude of live poinsettias on the Sanctuary Chancel this year, we will honor loved ones by listing their names onscreen at end of Worship on Sunday, December 20, as well as in the online bulletin. To pay tribute to someone in your life, please visit MarbleChurch.org/poinsettias or call the Business Office, 212-686-2770, to contribute.

WORSHIP

Tune in live and remember to click on the chat bubble to engage with others.
View the archives at MarbleChurch.org/watch.

#WeWo: Wednesday Worship, 6:15pm
November 25 — A Special Thanksgiving WeWo
Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin



Sunday Worship, 11:00am
November 29 — *Expecting the Unexpected: Unexpected Hope*
Dr. Michael Bos, *Part 1 of Sermon Series.*
First Sunday of Advent.

Call-In Worship: (866) 893-5381 — Please tell those without internet they can call on Sunday afternoons and during the following week to listen to the full service or sermon & scripture only.



INSPIRATIONS FOR YOUR ADVENT JOURNEY Sunday, November 29 – Thursday, December 24

Advent Blog Hosted by Marble Women's Ministry — In a year that has been unpredictable, filled with loss, and where we struggled to find hope, we need to remember that God created light to come out of dark times. Join us at MarbleWomen.com to experience light, love, and hope through stories, poems, and music from women of faith.

Online Advent Calendar — Join us again this year for our Social Media Advent Calendar, **#ADVENTures**. While there will be no little doors to open, or candy hidden inside, we hope that the joy and wonder associated with the season will lift your spirits and help us all to welcome Christmas into our hearts and homes.



VIRTUAL ARTISTS' BOUTIQUE Launching 8:00am, Friday, December 4

This year, help support Marble's artists and get some Christmas shopping done online. Through Marble's **Facebook** and **Instagram** pages you can access links to the artists' websites or emails. See artwork of all kinds and beautiful handmade items to purchase.



OPERATION SANTA LETTERS All-Church Coffee Hour & Outreach Sunday, December 6, 12:15pm

Christmas isn't cancelled and Santa needs your help. Join us online after Worship for this time of fellowship and a chance to help others. Let's make sure everyone has a Merry Christmas!

More events on next page.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED

We are blessed that there are many ways we can gather together online even as the physical distance created by the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Visit MarbleChurch.org for direct links, more details and the most up-to-date information.

Precious & Honored: An Arts Ministry Online Workshop / Monday, November 30, 6:30-8:30pm — Mario Sprouse focuses on several chapters of his book *Precious & Honored: A Spiritual Handbook for Artists*. Purchase of the handbook recommended; visit www.preciousandhonored.net. Register online. Questions? Contact, Mario, MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org. **Please note date change.**

ON-GOING

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark / Weekly, 10:00-10:40am — This fall, join Rev. Anthony Livolsi for a read through of the Gospel of Mark. Can't tune in live? View the archive at MarbleChurch.org/watch.

Prayer Circle via Video Chat / Sundays, 10:00-10:40am — Join us for this weekly time of prayer and music. All you need is a willing heart, an internet connection or telephone.

Bereavement Group / Every Monday, 11:00am-12:00pm — Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? You need not travel this road alone. Led by Dr. Ken Ruge. For video link and more information, contact Judy Tulin, (212) 686-2770, ext. 207.

Afternoon Prayer / Weekdays, 4:00-4:20pm — Wind down your day with a brief time of sharing and prayer, led by Marble ministers. Join us via video chat or call. **Not meeting November 25 & 26.**

Tuesday Evening Bible Study / Weekly, 6:30-7:30pm — Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi via video chat for an in-depth discussion of the second half of the **Book of Acts**. Please contact Rev. Livolsi ahead of time for the week's reading, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org.

PrimeTime (55+) Online Gatherings / Wednesdays, 1:00pm — Gather via video chat or phone to visit with friends and meet new people. For details, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

Chair Yoga / Every Thursday, 10:00-10:45am — Center yourself physically and spiritually with this beginner-friendly time of gentle movement. **Not meeting November 26.**



If you need to speak to someone during these challenging times, call the Marble Care Line and a trained volunteer will be there to listen with a Christ-centered ear and a caring heart.

Call (800) 531-1913
Wednesdays through Sundays, 12:00-8:00pm
Available to adults 18 years and older.

For more details, visit MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-line or contact Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org, or Judy Tulin, JTulin@MarbleChurch.org.



ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Marble is dedicated to sharing the best resources we have found on learning and growing in our shared commitment to racial justice and anti-racism. Please visit MarbleChurch.org/anti-racism-resource-guide for a list of books, articles, podcasts and films so you can learn and help us in the on-going conversation.



MARBLE MASKS

Proudly wear one of our face masks with the Marble Church logo. \$9.95 each, white logo or full-color logo, at MarbleChurch.org; **buy 5 masks, get 1 free.** These cotton masks are re-usable and come with an adjustable sliding ear loop for a good fit. Help protect others and yourself from COVID-19 by wearing masks, practicing social distancing and good hand washing hygiene. We wish you good health!

AS SAINTS OF OLD

Text: Frank von Christerson 1960; Tune: *Forest Green*, English folk tune



1. As saints of old their first - fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
 2. A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
 3. In grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun - teous yield;
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring; the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re - deemed, by Christ - like love, all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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PS30 TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

Marble continues its 6th year of tutoring to students at PS30 in Harlem. We are looking for new tutors to teach Math and English Language Arts to 2nd through 5th graders, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. You will be trained to tutor remotely via the Google classroom platform. For more information or to complete an application, please contact Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org or 212-686-2770.



STEPHEN MINISTRY AT MARBLE

Stephen Ministry is an integral part of the Marble Community – a one-to-one ministry that empowers lay members to provide high-quality, confidential, and Christ-centered care for those who are hurting. **If you or someone you know can use the services provided by this ministry**, or if you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, please email StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org.

HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

If you've recently relocated, either permanently or temporarily, or if your email address has changed, please let us know. We want to stay connected with you! Sign into onrealm.org/marblechurch to update your information or contact the business office.



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Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, *Associate Minister*; Rev. Anthony Livolsi, *Associate Minister*
Rev. Susanah Wade, *Associate Minister*; Dr. Kenneth Ruge, *Minister for Pastoral Care & Counseling*

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Kenneth V. Dake, *Director of Music*; Pascal Kabemba, *Chief Financial Officer*
Rev. Rashad McPherson, *Director of Marble Community Gospel Choir*
Christina Morano Keiser, *Director of Media & Communication*
Kim Sebastian-Ryan, *Director of Membership & Connecting*

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Vision:

We envision a world where we all become the individuals God created us to be.

Mission:

Marble Collegiate Church is a diverse, inclusive community of God's people led by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We inspire everyone to become positive thinkers who make a difference in the world.



MARBLE'S MISSION PRIORITIES

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,...to give you a future with hope.
— Jeremiah 29:11

Growing Deeper — Seeking to grow in our faith in God, we commit to being a safe place to explore what it means to follow the way of Jesus who, as our source of hope, leads us to new possibilities.

Growing Relationally — Seeking to grow in our relationships with God and one another, we commit to being good neighbors in the world by seeking peace and justice for all people and cultivating a community of healing, reconciliation and transformation.

Growing in Generosity — Seeking to grow in our generosity as a grateful response to God's blessings in our lives, we recognize everything we have belongs to God, and we commit to giving and serving as acts of worship.

Growing Young Across Generations — Seeking to grow in our capacity to be a beacon of hope and life for all people, we commit to welcoming young people and their ideas, building an inter-generational community of respect, care and belonging.