



**MARBLE
COLLEGIATE
CHURCH**

WELCOME
**Thank You for Worshipping
with Us Today!**

**We continue to
stay in community
during these
uncertain times.**

***But we appeal to you,
brothers and sisters,
to respect those who
labor among you,
and have charge of
you in the Lord...
Be at peace among
yourselves. And we
urge you, beloved,
to admonish the
idlers, encourage
the fainthearted,
help the weak,
be patient with
all of them. See that
none of you repays
evil for evil, but
always seek to do
good to one another
and to all. Rejoice
always, pray without
ceasing, give thanks
in all circumstances...***

— 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

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

Order of Service

Sunday

November 8, 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.

PRELUDE Prière Joseph Jongen
Recorded May 5, 2019

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT Plenty Good Room . . . *African American Spiritual*, arr. William Henry Smith
The Marble Choir
Recorded February 9, 2020

HYMN 508 When in Our Music God Is Glorified Engelberg
Recorded February 9, 2020
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM How Can I Keep from Singing arr. Taylor Davis
Virtual Video: Marble Festival of Voices
Susan Heerema, *violin*; Ryan Walsh, *oboe*
My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentations. I hear the real, though far-off
hymn that hails a new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing? While though the tempest loudly
roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it
giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is lord of
heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing? When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear
their death-knell ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing.
In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging, when friends by shame are
undefiled, how can I keep from singing? — *Robert Lowry; verse 3 by Doris Plenn*

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
The Marble Choir
Recorded November 22, 2015

HYMN 445 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart *Morecambe*
Recorded September 9, 2018
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON GRATITUDE IN DIFFICULT TIMES:
STRUGGLING GRATEFULLY** Dr. Michael Bos
Part 2 of Sermon Series

A MARBLE GRATITUDE STORY Betty Franklin

HYMN **God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending** *Rustington*
Recorded October 14, 2018
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Please click “Make a Donation” on bottom of any page at MarbleChurch.org and it will take you to a secure website, Realm, to give. You may also mail a check; keep in mind processing takes longer. We are grateful for your faithful support especially during this time.

ANTHEM **We Praise Thee, We Bless Thee**. James Mulholland
The Marble Choir

Recorded November 25, 2018

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we give thanks to Thee, O Lord. O God our heavenly Maker, we thank Thee for the beauty and plenty of the world. We thank Thee for the web of family ties that bind us together in forgiveness, in understanding and in love. We thank Thee for the happiness and challenge of each day and the joyful thanksgiving of this hour as we lift up our hearts in gratitude unto Thee. — *Traditional*

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

Recorded November 25, 2018

**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!**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Thank You, Lord *African American Spiritual*
Marble Festival of Voices, Paolo Bordignon, *conducting*

Recorded November 19, 2017

POSTLUDE **Toccata** Joseph Jongen

Recorded May 5, 2019

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Rashad McPherson, Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.
Kim Sebastian-Ryan, *director of membership & connecting*
The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION BEGINS TODAY! 12:00pm
To participate, please call the Marble receptionist, 212-686-2770, for video chat/phone-in details. More information on page 4.



REFLECTING ON THE ELECTION, 12:15pm
The 2020 election season has been among the most divisive in US history, arousing fear, anger, and anxiety in many of us. Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi via [video chat](#) or phone for a time of healing and hopeful conversation as we reflect upon what we have been through together.

UPCOMING EVENTS — *Please see pages 4, 5 & 6.*



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT MARBLECHURCH.ORG/GRATITUDE

Our ability to live into God's calling for Marble depends upon all of us prayerfully considering our grateful response to God. You should have received this year's **Our Grateful Response** card in the mail or can also find it online. On this card you can declare and mail to Marble your **Estimate of Giving for 2021**. Please return **by November 21**. Online 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*.

On November 22, be sure to stay online after Worship for a Gratitude Celebration. Our incredible Marble team has some wonderful plans for us to connect virtually and continue our celebration of God's gifts and Marble.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Marble gives me the courage, strength, and peace of mind to face any situation. Now, during the pandemic, when we must distance ourselves, cover our faces, and avoid personal contact, belonging to a church family is more vital than ever. Marble offers a "safe space" during any storm. I can't imagine my life without Marble. — R. Romagnoli

MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Sundays, November 8 & 15, 12:00-1:00pm

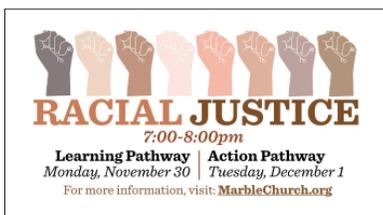
Don't go it alone. Wherever you are in your faith journey, whether local or online only — journey with us. Join the Marble Family. We're better together! **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION BEGINS TODAY!** To participate, please call the Marble receptionist, 212-686-2770, for video chat/phone-in details.



CELEBRATION OF GIVING BACK: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PEALE SOCIETY

Thursday, November 19, 7:00-8:00pm

This virtual event features John Temple, CEO of *Guideposts*, Ty'Ann Brown, *Guideposts'* Director of Ministries, Rebecca Ehrhardt, Dr. and Mrs. Peale's Granddaughter, Sr. Carol Perry, music by Peale Society Member Kenneth Dake, hosted by Gary Thompson (also a Peale Society Member). No cost. Register with Mike Thurlow, MThurlow@MarbleChurch.org.



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.

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 11 — God Is Our Refuge
Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph. D.



Sunday Worship, 11:00am
**November 15 — Gratitude in Difficult Times:
Grounded in Gratitude**
Dr. Michael Bos, *Part 3 of Sermon Series.*

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.

Jazz Vespers, 6:15pm
Wednesday, November 18 — Rev. Anthony Livolsi

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.

Norman Vincent Peale Awards for Positive Thinking / Monday, November 9, 6:30pm: Pre-Show; 7:00pm: Program & Paddle Raise — Blanton Peale honors Marble's own Stephanie M. Bailey, Elder and former Board Chair, along with Joe Namath and Schott Shute. On YouTube, hosted by Rev. Dr. Shari Brink, President and CEO, and Keyon Dooling, Former NBA player, celebrating **Mental and Spiritual Health: Healing, Growing, Flourishing** and supporting those hit hard by the pandemic. Register at blantonpeale.org/event/2020-norman-vincent-peale-virtual-awards/. Questions? Contact Alex, aingrassano@blantonpeale.org.

Women's Ministry Virtual Tour: Central Park's Conservatory Garden / Saturday, November 14, 1:00-2:00pm — Join us as we embrace nature by making a virtual visit to one of Central Park's hidden treasures. In addition to learning about the history, we deepen our connections through sharing and a moment of meditation. No charge. Register online by November 13. Inquiries to Don Piper, DPiper@MarbleChurch.org.

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Virtual Coffee Hour / Sunday, November 15, 12:00pm — LGBTQ people and allies, bring your own coffee and check in via video chat.

Young Adult Pub Theology Online / Monday, November 16, 7:00-8:00pm — Grab a beverage and join our casual conversation on faith and life. For details, contact Rev. Anthony, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org.

Afternoon Tea / Thursday, November 19, 4:30-5:30pm — Gather via video chat for a virtual **Gratitude Walk & Talk** from the comfort of your home. You can still sip your tea or favorite beverage as we go. Register online or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org, or Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org.

Precious & Honored: An Arts Ministry Online Workshop / Thursday, November 19, 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.

CYF Movie Night / Friday, November 20, 6:00-8:00pm — Grab your favorite snacks and join your CYF friends online to watch the 1996 family-favorite movie, **Matilda!** Based on the book of the same name, *Matilda* shows us that inside us all is the power to change the world. See you at the movies!

More events on next page.

More at Marble

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.

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.

Small Groups — Grow deeper spiritually and stay connected with others even though we are online only. If you have an idea for a Small Group or are interested in future groups, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.



If you need to speak to someone during these challenging times – if you feel lonely, have experienced loss, lost your job, lost a loved one, are ill or perhaps you feel stuck and cannot decide how to move forward, call the Marble Care Line and a trained volunteer will be there to listen to you with a Christ-centered ear, a caring heart and a commitment to keeping all you share in confidence. Don't walk this journey alone.

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, white logo or full-color logo; \$9.95 each, 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, practice social distancing and good hand washing hygiene. We wish you good health!

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt; Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1897



1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
2. Skills and time are ours for serv-ing, that your will on earth be done;
3. Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain thru pow'rs your grace conferred;



Na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:
All at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the Church made one.
Ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.



Gift-ed by you, we turn to you of-fering up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing as we heed Christ's age-less call,



Thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gracious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
Heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, honoring you by lov-ing all.

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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.



HERE TO HELP

Have you been participating in programs with us over the phone and want to try video but don't know where to start? Or have you been participating but have some challenges due to new technology? We are here for you! If you need assistance getting connected, please reach out to Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org, or Clay Hale, CHale@MarbleChurch.org, who will be happy to help. There are no silly questions, just support and care.

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.

BEING OF SERVICE TO OTHERS ENCOURAGES US TO STEP OUTSIDE OURSELVES AND ENRICH THE LIVES OF THOSE THAT WE TOUCH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR WORLD. Maybe volunteering with one of these organizations can be a way for you to give back and feed your own spirit at the same time. For questions and other opportunities, contact Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org.



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.



HOLY APOSTLES SOUP KITCHEN

Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen remains open and has launched *Operation HopeFULL* to support New York City's Hunger relief efforts. holypostlessoupkitchen.org.



GOD'S LOVE WE DELIVER

God's Love We Deliver cooks and home-delivers nutritious, medically tailored meals for people too sick to shop or cook for themselves. They need volunteers who can assemble personal care items and help with food delivery. glwd.volunteerhub.com/ or email: volunteer@glwd.org.



NEW YORK CARES

Serve those impacted by hunger and homelessness, as well as health and wellness for seniors and other vulnerable groups. newyorkcares.org/volunteering/volunteering-made-easy.



HURRICANE RECOVERY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

We join Intersections' campaign to support hurricane recovery in the Dominican Republic. There has been so much devastation there following Hurricane Isaias and Tropical Storms Laura and Marco. They have sent a donation for purchase of food packages for 100 families and hope to do much more. \$57 goes a long way in the developing regions of our world and we want to share this opportunity with as many as we can. intersections.org.



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Rev. Susanah Wade, *Associate Minister*; Dr. Kenneth Ruge, *Minister for Pastoral Care & Counseling*

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Rev. Rashad McPherson, *Director of Marble Community Gospel Choir*
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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.