



**MARBLE  
COLLEGIATE  
CHURCH**

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

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

***Likewise the Spirit  
helps us in our  
weakness; for we do  
not know how to pray  
as we ought, but that  
very Spirit intercedes  
with sighs too deep  
for words.***

***We know that all  
things work together  
for good for those  
who love God, who  
are called according  
to his purpose.***

***— Romans 8:26 & 28***

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

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



**Order of Service**

**Sunday**

**September 20, 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 Lullaby.....Calvin Hampton

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT I Will Arise .....*American folk hymn*, arr. Kenneth Dake  
Marble Festival of Voices  
*Recorded March 26, 2017*

**HYMN 172 How Firm a Foundation** .....*Foundation*  
*Recorded March 1, 2020*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal on streaming page.*

INVOCATION

ANTHEM I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes ..... Leo Sowerby  
The Marble Choir  
*Recorded October 14, 2018*  
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Amen.  
— *Psalm 121*

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES MINISTRY

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

Have Mercy on Me ..... Mark Patterson  
Marble Children's Choir, Fred Meads, *director*  
*Recorded June 16, 2019*

**HYMN Be Not Afraid** ..... Bob Dufford  
*Recorded March 3, 2019*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 8 of bulletin.*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE ..... Romans 8:26-28  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Courage to Face the Future:*  
**FACING FEAR** . . . . . Dr. Michael Bos  
*Part 2 of Sermon Series*

**HYMN 458** **All the Way My Savior Leads Me** . . . . . *Pleading Savior*  
*Recorded April 30, 2017*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal on streaming page.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING**  
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**ANTHEM** Sweet Hallelujah . . . . . Mark Miller  
The Marble Choir  
*Recorded April 3, 2016*

**DOXOLOGY** . . . . . *Lasst uns erfreuen (The tune is that of Hymn 4.)*  
*Recorded January 5, 2020*  
**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**

**POSTLUDE** Trumpet Tune in A Major . . . . . David Johnson

**PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**  
Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, Ella Niewood, *lay reader*  
The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices, Marble Children’s Choir  
Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



***TO ENGAGE IN CONVERSATION WITH OTHERS  
DURING THE LIVE STREAM OF WORSHIP***  
*Please click on the chat bubble located on top right hand corner of your screen.  
If you are watching via Facebook Live, let us know you are there.*

**To sign up for our weekly email (“E-Blast”),** text “Marble” to 66866, or visit [MarbleChurch.org](http://MarbleChurch.org)  
*(see “Email Sign-up” on middle of the home page; you can also sign-up for other email lists).*  
If you have signed-up, but aren’t receiving the emails, please check your spam/junk folders.

**ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES** — *Please see pages 5 & 6.*



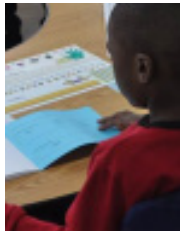
Life as we know it has changed drastically and with this has emerged a number of spiritual and emotional needs in our communities. The Marble Care Line Ministry is intended to help us spread God's love and hope through caring support. The Care Line's trained volunteers provide non-judgmental, active listening to callers. If you need to speak to someone during these challenging times – perhaps 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 get the support you need. A trained volunteer will be there to listen to you with a Christ-centered ear, a caring heart and a commitment to keeping all that you share in confidence. You do not need to walk this journey alone – we are here to walk alongside you.

**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](https://MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-line) or contact Rev. Susanah Wade, [SWade@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:SWade@MarbleChurch.org), or Judy Tulin, [JTulin@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:JTulin@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](mailto:SWade@MarbleChurch.org) or 212-686-2770.



#### **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/engage/anti-racism-resource-guide](https://MarbleChurch.org/engage/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.



#### **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](mailto:StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org).



### ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED

Visit [MarbleChurch.org/marble-online/](https://MarbleChurch.org/marble-online/) for direct links and the most up-to-date information.

In the midst of the physical distance the COVID-19 crisis has created between us, we are blessed that we can continue to gather together online! Here are ways for us to stay connected during this time.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark / Weekly, 10:00-10:40am** — New to Christian faith and wanting to know more about Jesus? Not sure what you believe about hard-to-swallow stuff like the virgin birth? Just like to learn and grow and geek out about what makes one gospel different from the others? This fall, join us for a read through of the Gospel of Mark. If you can't tune in live, view the archive at [MarbleChurch.org/watch](https://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.

**Through the Bible 2020 Online Gathering / Monday, September 21, 6:30-7:30pm** — **Intriguing Isaiah.** Isaiah may be the most beloved Old Testament prophet. Words from his prophecies come to life in Gospel pages and fill our ears in songs of faith. Why? Join us for a presentation that combines academic background with slides to help us understand this book's message and historical content. **Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at The General Theological Seminary, delves into some especially cherished passages to deepen our understanding and answer your questions on this complicated, cherished book. Inquiries to Baleta McKenzie, [BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org).

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study / Begins September 22, 6:30-7:30pm** — **The Book of Acts.** Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi via video chat for an in-depth discussion of the second half of the Book of Acts and its stories of the earliest Christians. (*Early sessions exploring the first half of Acts can be watched in archives at MarbleChurch.org/Watch.*) Please contact Rev. Livolsi ahead of time for the week's reading, [ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org).

*More events on next page.*

### WORSHIP

*Tune in live and remember to click on the chat bubble to engage with others.  
View the archives at [MarbleChurch.org/watch](https://MarbleChurch.org/watch).*



#### **Jazz Vespers** **Wednesday, September 23, 6:15pm**

Join us for a midweek service of spiritual renewal featuring accomplished jazz musicians under the direction of Chris Whittaker. Dr. Michael Bos explores Matthew 25:1-13 in his meditation, **Ready**, a hopeful

look at how we can work with what God has given us today to prepare for a future full of possibility.



#### **Sunday Worship, 11:00am** **September 27** **Courage to Face the Future: Facing Forward** 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.

**PrimeTime (55+) Online Gathering / Wednesday, September 23, 1:00pm** — Dr. Ken Ruge is our guest as we begin our new church year of fellowship, friendship and fun. For details or to be added to email list, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org. Next gathering: September 30 with Sr. Carol Perry.

**Arts Ministry Open House / Thursday, September 24, 6:30pm** — All designers and visual/performing artists are invited. We have been a part of Marble for almost 40 years, and this is a great opportunity to see what this dynamic group is all about. To attend participants must register online or contact Mario Sprouse, MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org.

**LGBTQ and Gospel Choir Virtual Meet & Greet / Sunday, September 27, 12:00pm** — GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship joins forces with the Marble Community Gospel Choir for a fun meet & greet by video conference right after morning Worship. Say hello to old friends and meet someone new. Invite a friend to join you.

**All-Church Monthly Virtual Coffee Hour / Sunday, September 27, 12:15-1:00pm** — After you've finished streaming Worship, grab a cup of coffee and join us for our first Virtual All-Church Coffee Hour.



**Homecoming / Sunday, October 4, 12:00pm** — Quarantine Fatigue? Us, too! We need a little laughter. Until we can be together again in the Sanctuary for a traditional Homecoming show, join the Marble Staff after Worship for a sneak peek with a few laughs, a little music and a whole lot of fun from our houses to yours!

**Through the Bible 2020: The New Testament / Beginning October 1** — If you are not one of the over 100 participants currently Reading Through the Bible 2020, we invite you to join us for The New Testament. We would love for you to journey with us! Register online or contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org. Next online gathering: Monday, October 19, *Jeremiah: Friend and Foe*, with Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker.

## **ON-GOING**

**Children, Youth & Families Ministry / Sundays** — **Online Sunday School** at 10:00am; **Cherub and Children's Choir Rehearsal** at 11:00am; **Youth Choir Rehearsal** at 12:30pm. For details, contact Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, BHanlin@MarbleChurch.org.

**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.

**Chair Yoga / Every Thursday, 10:00-10:45am** — Center yourself physically and spiritually with this beginner-friendly time of gentle movement.

**Call Ministry** — If you would like to help us call people from our congregation who live alone and might feel isolated, please fill out the online form or call us, 212-686-2770, 9:00am-5:00pm, to be added to the call list.



**Encouraging Word** — Hear an uplifting recorded message from one of Marble's ministers at 212-686-2774. The messages change periodically and are available 24/7.



## **TOUCHPOINT: THE MARBLE MAGAZINE**

The September 2020 issue is available at [MarbleChurch.org/media/touchpointmagazine/](https://MarbleChurch.org/media/touchpointmagazine/). Dr. Michael Bos writes about courage in the face of uncertainty, Rev. J. Elise Brown reminisces about lessons learned from an inspiring woman, Kenneth Dake shares his experiences choosing music for our online services and our editor reflects on Bingo.

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*This issue of Touchpoint is digital only, no printed copies available at this time. If you know someone who would appreciate a printed copy, please consider printing a copy at home and mailing to them.*

## BE NOT AFRAID

Text: Isaiah 43:2-3, Luke 6:20; Music: Bob Dufford

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan - der far in safe-ty, — though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in for - eign lands and all will un - der - stand. You shall see the face of God and live. —

Refrain

Be not — a - fraid. I go be - fore you al-ways.  
Come fol-low me, and I will give you rest. —

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, — you shall not drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be burned. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell, and death is at your side, Know that I am with you — through it all. — to Refrain

3. Bles-sed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh, And if wick-ed ones in - sult and hate you, all be-cause of me, Bles-sed, — bles-sed — are you! — to Refrain

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Help those within the Marble Family in need after the COVID-19 crisis. Please donate at [MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-fund/](https://MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-fund/), text any amount to **GIVEMCC Care** to 73256 (standard messaging rates apply), or mail check payable to Marble Collegiate Church with *Marble Care Fund* in memo (keep in mind processing will take longer).

If you are in need of help, the **Marble Care Fund Request Form for Emergency Assistance** and more details are available at [MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-fund/](https://MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-fund/). For inquiries, email [CareFund@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:CareFund@MarbleChurch.org).



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## MARBLE STAFF

For full staff list and email addresses, please visit [MarbleChurch.org/Welcome/Staff](http://MarbleChurch.org/Welcome/Staff).

### Ministerial Staff

Dr. Michael Bos, *Senior Minister*; Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., *Executive Minister*  
Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, *Associate Minister*; Rev. Anthony Livolsi, *Associate Minister*  
Rev. Susanah Wade, *Associate Minister*; Dr. Kenneth Ruge, *Minister for Pastoral Care & Counseling*

### Program Leadership

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*

### Board of Elders & Deacons

**Elders:** Stephanie M. Bailey, Marcelle E. Doll (*Vice Chair*), G. Gregory Lozier (*Chair*)  
Sheila B. Moses, Eileen A. O'Connell (*Church Master*)  
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Tim Lee, Matthew Morse, Barbara Sagan (*Treasurer*), Tomasita Sherer  
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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.