



**MARBLE  
COLLEGIATE  
CHURCH**

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

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

*But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have  
hope: The steadfast  
love of the Lord never  
ceases, his mercies  
never come to an  
end; they are new  
every morning; great  
is your faithfulness.  
“The Lord is my  
portion,” says my  
soul, “therefore  
I will hope in him.”  
The Lord is good to  
those who wait for  
him, to the soul  
that seeks him.*

— Lamentations 3:21-25



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 6, 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 on summer hiatus; resumes September 13.**

PRELUDE From the Bohemian Forest, Op. 62: Silent Woods . . . . . Antonin Dvořák  
Julia Kang, *cello*  
*Recorded August 25, 2019*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT Jubilate Deo . . . . . Glenn Rudolph  
*Recorded November 12, 2017*  
O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord is God, it is God that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. O enter in, approach with joy and thanksgiving God's heavenly courts with praise; be thankful unto God, laud and bless Jehovah's Name. For the Lord is gracious; God's mercy is everlasting, thy Maker's truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory to the Creator and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. — *Psalms 100*

HYMN **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** . . . . . *Faithfulness*  
*Recorded June 10, 2018*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.*

INVOCATION

ANTHEM Even When He Is Silent . . . . . Kim André Arnesen  
*Recorded January 21, 2018*  
*This text was found inscribed on the wall of a cellar in Cologne, Germany, where Jews were hiding from the Nazis during World War II. In life's darkest times, these words are about keeping faith in God, love, and hope, for nothing is impossible with God.*  
I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love even when I feel it not.  
I believe in God even when He is silent.

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

You Are Here. . . . . Kirk Talley  
Colin Fowler, *conducting*  
*Recorded September 20, 2015*

HYMN **Sweet Hour of Prayer** . . . . . *Sweet Hour*  
*Recorded September 20, 2015*  
*Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 8 of bulletin.*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE . . . . . Lamentations 3:21-25  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**    **THAT ANCIENT BLESSING** . . . . . Sister Carol Perry

**HYMN**        **I Do Not Know Tomorrow’s Way** . . . . . *O Waly, Waly*

*Recorded June 10, 2018*

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING**

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**SOLO**            **The Danse** . . . . . Kemper Crabb, arr. Dake  
Ethan Crystal, *soloist*; Chris Bell, Nicole Baker, *dancers*

*Recorded June 23, 2019*

All creation moves in a cosmic dance before the Lord her King, and the rhythm, the reason, the rhyme of the dance pulses everything. The universe wheels and whirls like a dervish in perfect seven-step time. The Lord made the dance, God taught her the steps, and causes the sun to shine. *Refrain: We must dance in God’s honor, we must yield all of our steps unto the King. We must dance in God’s honor, let God’s praises ring throughout the earth.* Adam and Eve danced in Eden’s environs early in earth’s morning air; they named all the animals musical names, glorious potentiality shared. But Lucifer sang out a serpentine song and offered death’s dance as a token. In pausing to listen Adam missed his step, earth’s harmony in the dance broken. *Refrain.* Jesus danced into the world singing his heavenly song, and He taught the dance to those who would listen and learn as He moved along, but the steps of His dance led to a cross where He died while haters mocked on. But He danced through death’s arms and over hell’s gates and in three days danced forth from His tomb. *Refrain.*

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

*Recorded January 12, 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**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again . . . . . William Tomer

*Recorded May 28, 2017*

**POSTLUDE**   **Fanfares** . . . . . Calvin Hampton

*Recorded October 30, 2017*

**PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE**

Dr. Michael Bos, Rev. Anthony Livolsi, Michelle Thomas, *lay reader*  
The Marble Choir, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



**AFFIRMATION OF COLLEGIATE CONSISTORY NOMINEES** — The following members have been chosen to serve as Deacons of Marble Collegiate Church: Brenda W. Walker and Renier van Aswegen. Will you please support them with your prayers? We look forward to ordaining and installing them soon.

**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/careline](http://MarbleChurch.org/careline) or contact Rev. Susanah Wade, [SWade@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:SWade@MarbleChurch.org), or Judy Tulin, [JTulin@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:JTulin@MarbleChurch.org).



#### **MARBLE CARE FUND: A Lifeline in Times of Crisis**

Help those within the Marble Family in need due to the COVID-19 crisis. Please donate at [MarbleChurch.org/CareFund](http://MarbleChurch.org/CareFund), 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 takes longer*).

The Marble Care Fund is intended as a source of last resort, to be used when a church member or regular attendee requesting assistance has explored all other possibilities of help. **If you are someone in need of help, the Marble Care Fund Request Form for Emergency Assistance and more details are available at [MarbleChurch.org/CareFund](http://MarbleChurch.org/CareFund).** The Marble Care Fund Committee will make every effort to process the request within ten business days.

For inquiries, email [CareFund@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:CareFund@MarbleChurch.org).

*Distributions from the Marble Care Fund will be made without regard to race, color, beliefs, national origin, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender, citizenship status, veteran or military status, and/or age.*



**IN MEMORIAM — Mae Van Dam died August 29, 2020.**



### ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED

Visit [marblechurch.org/moving-online](http://marblechurch.org/moving-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 gather together online! Here are ways for us to stay connected during this time.



**Prayer Circle via Video Chat / Returns Sunday, September 13, 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.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study / Returns Sunday, September 13, 10:00-10:40am** — Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi and others every week for this come-as-you-are, no-experience-necessary voyage through the Bible.

**Online Sunday School Returns! / Sunday, September 13, 10:00am** — For details, contact Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, [BHanlin@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:BHanlin@MarbleChurch.org).

**Women's Ministry Virtual Coffee Hour / Sunday, September 13, 12:00pm** — All women invited as we kick off our new program year. Learn about our theme for 2020-2021, **Together We Rise: Trust. Hope. Act.** and hear about upcoming events. Newcomers encouraged to attend. Please register online by September 12. Inquiries to Don Piper, [DPiper@MarbleChurch.org](mailto:DPiper@MarbleChurch.org).

**Bible Through the Year Online Gathering / Monday, September 21, 6:30-7:30pm** — **Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker**, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at The General Theological Seminary, returns to help us go deeper as we continue reading through the Bible in 2020. Please join us for this time of lively biblical and theological discussion on the book of Isaiah.



**Wednesday Virtual Jazz Vespers / 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.

*More events on next page.*

### WORSHIP

*Tune in live or view the archive.  
Remember to click on the chat bubble to engage with others.*

**Wednesdays, 6:15pm**  
**September 9** — Faith That Won't Quit, Rev. Rashad McPherson



**Sundays, 11:00am**  
**September 13**  
**Courage to Face the Future: Facing Uncertainty**  
Dr. Michael Bos. *Part 1 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.

**Arts Ministry Open House / Thursday, September 24, 6:30pm** — Stay tuned for details. 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.



**Homecoming / Sunday Date tba** — 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! Stay tuned.

## **ON-GOING**

**Bereavement Group / Every Monday, 11:00am-12:00pm** — Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? You need not travel this road alone. Share your story in a confidential atmosphere of love and faith. Led by Dr. Ken Ruge. For video link and more information, contact Judy Tulin, (212) 686-2770, ext. 207. **Please note, not meeting September 7.**

**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. **Please note, not meeting September 7.**

**Children of God Storybook Bible / Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00pm** — Read through Archbishop Desmond Tutu's *Children of God Storybook Bible* with Rev. Brittany on Instagram.

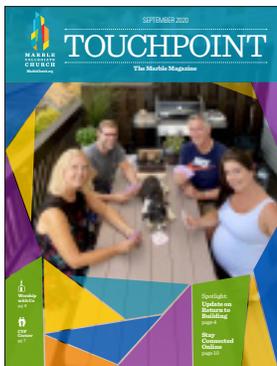
**Chair Yoga / Every Thursday, 10:00-10:45am** — Center yourself physically and spiritually with this beginner-friendly time of gentle movement.

**Social Media** — Connect with us and your fellow congregants through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Vimeo.

**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/connect/newsletters](https://MarbleChurch.org/connect/newsletters). 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.*

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Text: Thomas Chisholm, 1923, alt.; Tune: William M. Runyan



1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, God our Cre - a - tor; There is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and springtime and har - vest, Sun, moon and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth Thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -  
 stars in their cour - ses a - bove Join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to - day and bright



passions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand be - side!



Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see. All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!



### BE COUNTED IN THE CENSUS

A fair and accurate census count is critical to ensuring our communities are represented in decisions that impact their lives. The 2020 Census will determine how many Representatives our states will have in Congress and how much federal funding is directed to our schools, housing, nutrition and other programs our children, elderly and communities rely on.

BE COUNTED at [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov).

Please do this today (deadline is September 30). It takes only a few minutes and is confidential. It is so important that we sign in, stand up and be counted!



### 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).

## SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

Text: William Walford, 1845; Tune: William Bradbury



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from\_ a  
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, \_ the  
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my\_ pe -



world of care, And bids me at my Mak - er's throne make  
bliss I share, Of those whose anx - ious spi - rits burn with  
ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness en -



all my wants and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -  
strong de - sires\_ for thy re - turn!\_ With such I has - ten  
gage the wait - ing soul to bless.\_ And since He bids me



tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief\_ And  
to the place where God my Sa - vior shows His face,\_ And  
seek His face, be - lieve His Word and trust His grace,\_ I'll



oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

## I DO NOT KNOW TOMORROW'S WAY

Text: Margaret Clarkson; Tune: *O Waly Waly*, English traditional



1. & 4. I do not know to - mor - row's way, If dark or  
2. I do not know what may be - fall Of grief or  
3. I do not know when eve - ning falls, if soon or



bright its hours may be; But I know Christ, and come what  
glad - ness, peace or\_ pain; But I know Christ, and through it\_  
late earth's day grows dim; But I know Christ, and when He\_



may, I know that He a - bides with\_ me.  
all I know His pres - ence will sus - tain.  
calls I know He'll call me home to\_ Him.

(Repeat Verse 1)



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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, Peter Barnett, T. Hunter Dare, Marcelle E. Doll (*Vice Chair*)  
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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.