

Order of Service - 11:00am

Third Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2010

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

PRELUDE Sonata No. 2 in C Minor Felix Mendelssohn
Grave – Adagio
Chorale-Prelude: “O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan” J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT “Kyrie eleison” from *Mass for Five Voices*William Byrd
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

HYMN 576 “Come, We That Love the Lord”*St. Thomas*

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (use “debts”)

ANTHEM “My Lord, Thou Art in Every Breath I Take”Kevin Oldham
My Lord, Thou art in every breath I take, and ever bite and sup taste firm of Thee. With buoyant mercy Thou enfoldest me and holdest up my foot each step I take. Thy touch is all around me when I wake, Thy sound I hear, and by Thy light I see the world is fresh with Thy divinity and all Thy creatures flourish for Thy sake. For I have looked upon a little child and seen Forgiveness, and have seen the day with eastern fire cleanse the foul night away; so cleansest Thou this House I have defiled. And if I should be merciful, I know it is Thy mercy, Lord, in overflow. My Lord, Thou art in every breath I take. Amen. — Kenneth Boulding

(Latecomers seated)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

HYMN 284 “My Song Is Love Unknown” (*Verses 1-4, and 7*)*Love Unknown*
(During hymn, all 1st-6th grade children depart through the Chancel doors for choir rehearsal.)

SPEAKING FOR PALMS FOR LIFE FUNDSister Cindy Sullivan, BVM

OFFERTORY “O Deus, Ego Amo Te”Ned Rorem
O God, I love Thee – not out of hope of heaven for me, nor fearing not to love and be in the everlasting burning. Thou, my Jesus, after me didst reach Thine arms out dying – for my sake suffered nails and lance, mocked and marred countenance, sorrows passing number, sweat and care and cumber, yea and death, and this for me – and Thou couldst see me sinning. Then I, why should I not love Thee Jesu, so much in love with me? Not for heaven’s sake; not to be out of hell by loving Thee; nor for any gains I see; but just the way that Thou didst me I do love and I will love Thee. What must I love Thee, Lord, for then? For being my king and God. Amen. — Gerard Manley Hopkins

HYMN 556 “Praise God”*(Doxology) Old Hundredth*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURELuke 13:1-9 (*Pew Bible, page 848*)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

“I Don’t Feel No Ways Tired”*Please refer to insert.*
Marie Mascari, *song leader*
The soloist will introduce the song, then all are invited to stand and sing.

SERMON “THE ROAD TO RUIN”Rev. David Lewicki
Today’s sermon is available on CD; visit the Portico after worship.

HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”*Please refer to insert.*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Sonata No. 2 in C MinorFelix Mendelssohn
Allegro maestoso e vivace – Fuga
Today’s music is offered to the glory of God; please refrain from applause following the postlude.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE — Rev. Steven D. Pierce, Dr. P. Kimberleigh Jordan
Marble Sanctuary Choir

Visit www.marblechurch.org for live streaming video of worship — Sundays at 11:00am.

Use of photographic and tape recording equipment is not permitted during the service.
Assistive Listening System (infrared) available for use off center aisle—ask an usher.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 14

11:00am Worship, “The Road Home” — Rev. Steven D. Pierce

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 14, AT 2:00A.M.
PLEASE BE REMINDED TO SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Opportunities for Helping Others

Sunday, March 14 — Volunteers needed, 9:30-10:30am, to prepare 30 lunches for our **Ecclesia Ministry** (an open-air worshipping congregation for the homeless in Madison Square Park.) We also need others to transport the lunches and host the service starting at 1:30pm. ❖

Saturday, March 20 — Be part of Marble’s team as we support **Habitat for Humanity’s** new project in Bed.-Sty., Brooklyn. ❖

Thursday, April 1 — Help Marble support **Single Parent Resource Center’s “Kid’s Day”** party for homeless children who are part of five after school programs. Games, arts & crafts, food and fun in Bay Hall, 9:30am-3:00pm. ❖

The Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America needs office volunteers to assist in their Midtown office; hours and schedule flexible. ❖

Used eyeglasses and hearing aids are forwarded (respectively) to the Lions Club’s Eyes for the Blind, and to the Center for Hearing and Communication. ❖

❖ *Sign up and leave donations at the Action Table on the Portico after worship.*

MARBLE FIGHTS HUNGER

To meet the growing demand, we are renewing our effort to help the hungry in New York City. We ask that everyone bring nutritious, non-perishable food items to Marble each Sunday and place them in the Marble Fights Hunger baskets in Bay Hall, the narthex and the Portico. We also need volunteers to help sort food for distribution. For more information on what foods are needed and which agencies receive our gifts, pick up a shopping list from 29th St. lobby.

Ministries and Information

In Memoriam — Miss Opal Hess died February 13, 2010. Mrs. Dorothy Stanton died February 13, 2010.

The Marble Moment — Please offer a moment of prayer each morning at 8:00am, wherever you are, to lift up the needs and hopes of the Marble Church family. **We pray God’s blessings** upon Dr. Brown, Sr. Carol Perry and 80 members and friends of Marble as they travel in the Holy Land through March 13.

Prayer Ministry — To ask for prayer, or share feedback, go to the Prayer Room or use Prayer Request card. Members of the Spiritual Enrichment Team spend at least two weeks in prayer over each request.

Small Groups offer encouragement for your spiritual journey. Inquiries to Baleta McKenzie, ext. 466 or BMcKenzie@marblechurch.org.

Please remember to notify us of contact information changes. If your e-mail, phone numbers or address changes, please contact Donna Trombetta, DTrombetta@marblechurch.org.

MarbleSpeaks@marblechurch.org — Communicate with Marble’s Board of Elders and Deacons and Dr. Brown to share your ideas and concerns via this special e-mail address. You may also use a *MarbleSpeaks* form found at the Hospitality Table and in the 29th Street lobby, or correspond by mail, addressed to MarbleSpeaks.

Coat check room is available adjoining Burrell Hall (lower level). So we may seat as many worshippers as possible in the Sanctuary, please do not place coats on pews. 9:30am - 2:00pm.

Parking discount — Central Parking at 7–11 W. 28 St (directly across from Marble; you may enter on 28th or 29th Sts). You may still park at 29 W. 28 St (north side of street, bet. 6th Ave–Broadway). \$10 up to seven hours Saturdays/Sundays (weekdays after 5:00pm). Marble Receptionist will validate ticket.

When You Need Help

Marble Church (212-686-2770) — For members in the hospital or ill at home.

www.ourprayer.org — For prayer requests; founded by Dr. and Mrs. Peale.

Hope Hotline (212-714-4673) — For daily messages of hope.

Blanton-Peale Counseling Ctr (212-725-7850 or www.blantonpeale.org) — Individual, group, family.

Visit www.marblechurch.org for:

Live streaming — 10:00am, Bible Study with Sr. Carol Perry; 11:00am, Worship; 12:30pm, Talkback with Dr. Brown; 12:45pm, Replay of Bible Study; 1:30pm, Adult Education.

Downloadable Audio and Video — Inspiration anytime. Visit our multi-media sermon archive.

Spiritual Blogs — Postings by Dr. Brown, Sr. Carol Perry, Dr. Jordan, Rev. Lewicki, Rev. Pierce, Nina Frost. For comments about this week’s worship music visit Kenneth Dake’s blog.

Other MarbleVision Media Outreach

Television — Episodes of *Simple Faith with Dr. Michael Brown* air Fridays at 4:30pm on MNN, Time Warner Ch. 57, RCN Ch. 85.

Assisting the media ministry — *Audio*, Cliff Pospisil, Dale Whitman, Aris Guerrero, Nick Giardina. *Crew*, Lawrence Bailey, Patrick Carroll, Michael Cashdollar, Anthony Falcone, Gene Eagle, David Hargett, Richard Harper, Robert Schindler, Mario Sprouse, Thomas Stark.

Radio — Sundays at 7:00pm ET on WOR/710 AM. (Also on www.wor710.com)

CDs, DVDs, books, printed sermons featuring Dr. Brown, Dr. Caliandro, Dr. Peale, and others. Browse on the Portico after worship, online at www.marblechurch.org, or call 1-800-626-2724.

YouTube — Visit www.youtube.com/marblechurch for a variety of Marble-related videos.

Thank you to those who serve by pouring coffee, greeting, teaching, answering questions and much more. Ushers & Greeters: *Head*, Stephen Pindar; *Co-Head*, George Hahn. Gladys Adams, Richard D. Aljian, Lawrence Bailey, Collin Batten, David Brookshire, Martha Brookshire, Delia Cintron, Hunter Dare, Leslie Duverge, James Flaig, Sandra Fiechtner, Dave Grant, Gail Kitselman, Dorothy Marsh, Frances Marsh, Mamie McIndoe, Baleta McKenzie, David Parries, George Rogers, Dennis Ryan, Barbara Sagan, Jean C. Silva, Clarice Simpson, Janet Smith, Lori Soderholm-Weber, Susanah Wade, Caleb Waugh, Urs Weber, Robert L. Williams, Dewey W. Wood.

Holy Week at Marble

PALM SUNDAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Worship — “The Road to the Cross,” Dr. Michael Brown, 9:00am and 11:00am. Marble Festival of Voices and Sanctuary Choirs; Amazing Grace and In Harmony Children’s Choirs (9:00am). Prayer Circle, 8:30am.

Sr. Carol Perry Bible Study — “The Final Journey,” 10:30am. Continental breakfast; \$5 suggested donation.

End Hunger Now — Rev. David Lewicki leads a discussion among panelists who offer solutions and recommendations about how our action and advocacy can end hunger. 1:30pm, Bay Hall.

MARBLE THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Tenebrae — Named after the Latin word for *shadows*, this solemn service progresses to the gradual extinguishing of lights, symbolic of Jesus’ dark hours on the cross. 7:00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Music for Meditation — Voxare String Quartet, 11:30am, Sanctuary.

Worship — “Betrayed By a Kiss,” Dr. Brown, Sanctuary. Noon. Kenneth Dake leads the Marble Festival of Voices and Sanctuary Choir in excerpts from Mozart’s *Requiem*.

Prayer Vigil — Sanctuary. Join us in praying for others. Come/go when you wish. To request prayer, use Good Friday Prayer Vigil card in pew. 1:00-3:00pm.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Sunrise Service — Led by Revs. Pierce, Lewicki and Jordan. Holy Communion. 7:00am, Poling Chapel.

Breakfast — Celebratory breakfast, 8:00-8:45am. \$10, reservations required by April 1.

Worship — “The Road to Emmaus,” Dr. Michael Brown, 9:00am and 11:00am. Prelude for Brass and Organ, 8:45am and 10:45am. Children and families encouraged to attend early worship, special activities for children between services, choirs meet at regular times.

This Week

Tuesday, March 9

No Bible Study with Sr. Carol Perry tonight; resumes March 16.

Wednesday, March 10

60+ Fellowship — For retired and semiretired adults, all welcome. Call Liz Testa for information on joining.
9:30am **AARP free preparation of tax returns** for adults age 50 and over. Room 205, to 2:00pm. Bring current tax forms, evidence of 2009 income, and copies of 2008 State and Federal tax returns. Each Wednesday through mid-April. First come, first served.

10:30am **Exercise Class** — Gentle stretching and cardio; all levels and abilities. Led by peer instructors.
12:00pm **Lunch and Fellowship** in Bay Hall, \$7.

1:00pm **Program:** Robert Romagnoli talks about “Personalities of Marble,” a look at the famous and infamous people connected with the church over the years.

2:15pm **Movie:** “Brief Encounter,” Room 601. **Bridge Club:** Room 800. Today: Bridge master Michael Galatola teaches class for intermediate players and above. \$2 donation requested.

Ballroom Dancing: Judith Nocella helps you improve your skills and learn new steps. Reservation required, call Colleen Cosgrove.

LENT 2010 — NOURISHING OUR HUNGER

LENTEN WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, MARCH 10

6:15pm Service — Rev. David Lewicki

Inspiring music, Holy Communion, and brief meditations help you reflect on your own Lenten journey toward God.

March 17 — Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan March 24 — Rev. Steven Pierce

The Labyrinth, a meditative walk sponsored by the Spiritual Enrichment Team, is available Wednesdays in Lent. Burrell Hall, 5:00-9:00pm.

Thursday, March 11

Not Surviving but Thriving in Your Relationship — Rev. Steve Pierce looks at both the challenges and rewards that relationships bring. Learn practical, helpful ways to keep your passion alive. All couples welcome. Childcare available by request. Dinner 6:00pm, program 7:00pm. Dinner, \$12; reservation required. Program, no charge.

Friday, March 12

60+ Fellowship Knitting & Crocheting Class — 11:00am-12:30pm. All levels welcome, led by Mary Duffy. Registration necessary, call Colleen Cosgrove, ext. 453.

Weeks Ahead

SAMARITAN MAGIC

Tuesday, March 16 — Bill Brunelle, the Magic Samaritan, uses his talent and his own uplifting story to stimulate imagination and enliven the real magic each person carries within. All men invited. Dinner 6:00pm, program 7:00pm. Dinner and program, \$18. Program only, \$8. *Dinner reservations required.*

FIRE: A LEADERSHIP CONVERSATION

Thursday, March 18 — 6:30-8:30pm. Would people who work for you follow you into a burning building? Join FDNY Battalion Chief John Salka as he tells true stories of heroic leadership from his book *First In, Last Out*. Suggested donation, \$10.

CONCERTS À LA CARTE — “Praying Twice”

A special presentation as part of our Adult Education series for your Lenten journey
Sunday, March 14, 1:30-2:30pm

“Whoever sings prays twice.” This quote attributed to St. Augustine serves as the inspiration for this musical presentation centered on sung prayer hosted by Kenneth Dake with the Sanctuary Choir and special guest soloist Camellia Johnson. No admission charge; free-will offering accepted. Childcare provided for children 7 and under.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

Adult Education Sunday, March 21 — 1:30pm, Bay Hall. Sheila Warnock, founder and president of ShareTheCaregiving, Inc. (a recipient of Marble’s Easter Offering), talks about how ordinary people can organize and maintain a powerful group to support the family caregiver as well as the patient.

Today at Marble

To Our Visitors

Welcome to America's Hometown Church! Information about Marble's life and ministry is in pews. For annual subscription to Dr. Brown's printed sermons, call MarbleVision 212-686-2770.

Children, Youth and Families Ministry

Family Worship — 10:00, Bay Hall. All invited to this festive, child-centered worship experience. Today's message by Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan. Parents Group resumes March 14.

Infant to 4 yrs, 2nd flr
9:00am-1:00pm, Nursery/Child Care

Pre-K to Kindergarten, 2nd flr
10:45am, Cherub Choir

1st to 6th grade, 6th flr
11:00am, **My World/Your World**, Room 606
11:30am, **Children's Choir**

Junior and Senior High, 6th flr
11:00am, **Youth attend Worship**, Sanctuary

CYF Library, for parents and children
9:15am - 1:00pm, 2nd flr

Childrens' Chapel, for parents and children
9:30am-1:15pm, 2nd flr

9th-12th Graders Meeting — See information under After Worship below.

Marble Curriculum for Spiritual Growth

Visit www.marblechurch.org for live streaming video of Sr. Carol's Bible Study and the 1:30pm class.

Prayer Circle — 10:00am. Rev. Greg Johnson leads this time for prayer, singing, and Scripture reading. Poling Chapel.

BIBLE STUDY AT 10:00AM

The Lucan Adventure — Written toward the end of the first century, the Gospel of Luke underscores the broad humanitarian character of Jesus' ministry and records details not covered in other gospels. Journey through Lent with Jesus as Luke sees Him. Led by Rev. Steve Pierce today. Meeting Place, through March 21.

ADULT EDUCATION AT 1:30PM: *The Lenten Journey*

Getting Right with God — Nina Frost takes a wide-ranging and practical look at all that hinders our relationship with God, ourselves, and others, and presents ways to experience the forgiveness and freedom we are offered. Bay Hall.

CDs (\$8) of Bay Hall and Meeting Place sessions are available for purchase each Sunday on the Portico or by contacting MarbleVision, 212-686-2770.

After Worship

Guided Sanctuary Tour for New Members and Friends — Immediately after worship, learn some of Marble's history and mysteries. Today's tour is especially geared toward our February New Member class, although all are welcome. Meet in the rear of the Sanctuary; look for the green tour sign.

Program Registration Information — Reserve for programs in Bay Hall after Sunday worship, or purchase online with credit card at www.marblechurch.org. Dinner reservations required 24 hours in advance.* (By reserving in advance, you help Marble to manage its food service responsibly.)

Online Q&A Session — Immediately after worship, Poling Chapel. Rev. Lewicki appears on screen in conversation with Marble's online community based on today's sermon. Hosted by Liz Testa. The session is brief to allow you to attend Coffee Hour, brunch, or other events.

Coffee Hour — Bay Hall, after worship. All invited for tea or coffee. Greet old friends, meet new ones. Visit Welcome Table staffed with Hospitality Team members. Learn about program ministries, sign up for events.

Young Adult Fellowship: Tweeting Jesus — 12:30-1:30pm, Room 713. Who was Jesus? Who is Jesus? Entire libraries are filled with books seeking answers. But can you say it all in 140 characters or less? Marble's Young Adults (20s-30s) gather in small groups to discuss and then write a "tweet" about Jesus to share with the entire group. A light brunch of fruit salad, bagels, and coffee/tea served (\$3 donation).

Youth Meeting — 12:30-2:00pm, 6th floor. All 9th-12th graders and their parents/guardians are invited to this meeting hosted by the Youth Task Force. Pizza and drinks provided.

Sunday Brunch — Burrell Hall, after worship. **Adults \$12**, children \$6. **Family plan:** parent/guardian with two or more children, one child eats free.

Prayers for Peace — The ribbons on our iron fence and origami cranes in Poling Chapel represent our prayers for peace and our remembrance of those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. After worship today, meet at the North aisle Deacon's pew as new names of servicepeople who have died in Iraq are added to the fence, and to spend a few moments praying with us for the day when war is no longer an option.

Stewardship Phone-a-thon — On the evening of March 15 we will reach out by phone to those from whom we have not received a financial commitment for this year. We hope you will welcome the call. If you have questions or want to discuss your pledge, call Mamie McIndoe, ext. 423.

ENRICHING OUR FAITH — STEWARDSHIP 2010

Prayer, Presence, Gifts and Service

Your pledge and commitment to Marble's community is vital to us. We thank those of you that have made your 2010 commitment yet we need the support of everyone. Please make your 2010 pledge.

\$1,210,254.12

618 pledges received as of March 1.

\$1,800,000

goal

Marble's ministries still need your support.

By entering the sanctuary, you grant to Marble Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit or telecast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. If you are uncomfortable in the Sanctuary you are welcome to worship in Bay Hall or Poling Chapel.

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Wednesday Worship Rev. David Lewicki

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Adult Fellowship, 40s & 50s Liz Testa, Colleen Cosgrove
Arts Ministry Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan, Elise Hanley
Committed Couples Rev. Steven Pierce, Liz Testa, Siobhan Tull
Entrepreneurs Gayle Robinson, Tom Schneider
Gay and Lesbian Fellowship (GIFTS) Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan, Elise Hanley
Men's Ministry Rev. Steven Pierce, Tom Schneider
Reservations/Box Office Siobhan Tull
Senior Adults, 60+ Liz Testa, Colleen Cosgrove
Small Groups Baleta McKenzie
Women's Ministry (MWM) Dr. Kimberleigh Jordan, Elise Hanley
Young Adults, 20s & 30s (Connection) Rev. David Lewicki, Sammy Shecter

Education

Adult Education Nina H. Frost
Bible Study Sister Carol Perry
Children, Youth & Families Ministry (CYF) Paulette Thompson-Clinton, M.Div., Brian Hampton
Parenting Dr. William Lutz

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Adult Choirs Kenneth Dake, Miriam Chaudoir
Children's Choirs Fred Meads, Karie Brown
Gospel Choir Djouré Nance

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MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

THE REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

Dr. Michael B. Brown, Senior Minister

Sunday, March 7, 2010



CHURCH FOUNDED IN 1628; PRESENT EDIFICE ERECTED IN 1854

Fifth Avenue at West 29th Street
New York City

We are an inclusive community led by the spirit of Christ in creating an atmosphere where miracles of change and growth take place, inspiring a faith which helps overcome the adversities of life, and empowering each to become the light of Christ in the world.

Marble's Easter Offering

Dear Friend,

An historic Lenten spiritual discipline is the practice of fasting. Literally, that means to set aside a period of time to go without food, focusing instead on prayer. Hopefully that experience addresses deeper hungers, the kind only God can feed.

One form of fasting during Lent is to give something up for the season. For forty days we go without chocolate or sodas, etc. This year I gave up Starbuck's. Whatever it might be, we deny ourselves something that we ordinarily enjoy in order to focus on deeper hungers.

In Isaiah 58, however, there is a particularly insightful passage which says: "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; (and) when you see the naked, to cover them with clothes...?" You know what those verses imply? They imply that in God's eyes, giving something up is not nearly as important as giving something away. It is one thing to deny myself a pleasure; it is a far more meaningful thing to provide someone else a blessing. So, Isaiah has inspired me to take the logical next step. The \$5 or so I would spend five mornings a week to indulge myself with a flavored coffee, I will instead donate to Marble Church. I will move from "giving up" to "giving away."

In that spirit, let me encourage you to do two things in Lent: Make a commitment to give something away—first of all, by contributing additional gifts to our general budget or by making your 2010 pledge (thereby keeping our congregational ministries strong), and second, by making a caring donation to our annual Easter Offering (which supports numerous agencies that provide help and healing to many who cannot help themselves). Those two commitments can have a transformational impact on our church, our community, and our world.

Giving up or giving away? According to Isaiah, the latter is more urgent in God's eyes. "Is not this the fast that I choose ... to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; (and) when you see the naked, to cover them with clothes...?"

In the next several weeks we will hear brief but poignant testimonials from representatives of just a few of the many organizations that will benefit from our Easter Offering, including:

- **Hour Children**
A multi-faceted family service organization that provides housing and supportive services for women and their families involved in the criminal justice system.
- **Palms for Life Fund**
Dedicated to ending poverty by addressing its root causes and providing the poor with new opportunities to make the right choice for a better future.
- **Share the Care**
Teaches ordinary people how to pool their efforts to ease the burden on family caregivers and those without family nearby.
- **Rural and Migrant Ministries**
Offers youth enrichment programs to isolated rural children in upstate New York.

You will find an Easter Offering envelope in the pew rack. Will you pray about what your part will be and return it today, or bring it to church any Sunday through Easter, April 4? Every gift is sacred and a blessing. Thanks in advance for your generous and gracious gifts.

Blessings,



Michael B. Brown

PALMS FOR LIFE FUND

This not-for-profit corporation is dedicated to ending poverty by addressing its root causes and providing the poor with new opportunities to make the right choice for a better future. The Fund helps to alleviate hunger, support education and adult literacy, and offer health care for mothers and children. Marble supports an Ecuadorian soup kitchen project and the African Burkina Faso program for women's health and education. (www.palmsforlifefund.org)

OTHER AGENCIES SUPPORTED BY MARBLE

Battered Women's Resource Center

Working to improve the court system's handling of housing and homeless policies for battered women.

Partnership of Faith

Representing diverse faith communities in NYC for the purpose of creating a more loving, humane city.

CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocates

Helps to negotiate NYC's foster care system.

Rural and Migrant Ministries

Advocacy for migrant workers in the Hudson Valley.

Centurian Ministries

Seeking freedom for the imprisoned innocent.

SEAM Philippine Street Children Project

Providing education to street children in Manila.

Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

Supporting 39 church-based feeding programs within NYC with emergency food assistance.

Search and Care

Helping the elderly live with dignity in their own homes.

Grand Street Settlement

Supporting an Asian-American elders program in Chinatown.

Single Parent Resource Center

Supporting the Action Committee's Christmas Outreach.

Habitat for Humanity

Building decent and affordable housing in partnership with people in need worldwide.

Springs of Hope

Sponsoring the construction of a playground for the Springs of Hope Orphanage in Kenya.

Health Advocates for Older People, Inc.

Helping senior adults in Upper Manhattan maintain a level of independent living.

Susie Riezod Foundation

Providing children in need with shoes and other items.

Health Care Chaplaincy

Offering religious representation of all faiths in hospitals to ailing patients.

United Neighbors of East Midtown, Inc.

Providing social services to older residents of the community.

Little Kids Rock

Providing trained instructors and free musical instruments to disadvantaged public school children.

Veteran's Bedside Network

Conducting a program of therapeutic activities, such as reenactments of TV and radio shows, for patients in veteran's hospitals.

Lumunos (formerly Faith @ Work)

Helping individuals and churches discern and support their call to ministry.

VCR: Volunteer Referral Center

One-on-one matching of volunteer candidates with not-for-profits that need volunteers.

Opportunity International

Providing loans to disadvantaged entrepreneurs in 28 countries to create jobs and provide for their families.

MISSION FAIR — Sunday, March 21

Learn more about organizations Marble has supported in the past, discover volunteer opportunities and how Marble makes a difference.

Bay Hall, immediately following worship.

New Members

On February 28, thirty-seven persons were received into the communicant membership of Marble Collegiate Church from the following backgrounds:

Baptist	3	Reformed Church in America	2
Congregational	1	Roman Catholic	15
Dutch Reformed	1	United Church of Christ	1
Episcopal	3	United Methodist	4
Pentecostal	1	No Former Affiliation	1
Presbyterian	5		

Joining by:

Confession: 5
 Reaffirmation of Faith: 29
 Transfer of Church Letter: 3

By Confession of Faith

Mr. Moises Christophers
 Ms. Chloe Moore
 Ms. Jenna Newton
 Ms. Jacqueline Ramirez
 Ms. Patricia Wilkins-Angel

By Reaffirmation of Faith

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Mr. Carlos Bermudez	Mr. Lorentz Hansen	Ms. Joyce Paton
Mr. Paul Bloess	Mr. Michael Sean Harvey	Mr. René Peré
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I DON'T FEEL NO WAYS TIRED

Curtis Burrell, 1978

I don't feel no ways tired I've come too
 far from where I've start - ed from. No-bod - y
 told me that the road would be eas - y. I don't be-lieve He
 brought me this far to leave me.

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THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Tune: *Beecher* by John Zundel, 1870

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2. Souls of earth! why will you scat-ter like a crowd of frightened sheep?
 3. But we make God's love too nar-row by false lim - its of our own;
 4. It is God whose love looks mighty, but is might-ier than it seems;

There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
 Fool-ish hearts! why will you wander from a love so true and deep?
 And we mag - ni - fy God's strictness with a zeal God will not own.
 'Tis our Sav - ior: and God's fondness goes far out be-yond our dreams.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heav'n;
 Was there ev - er kind-est shep-herd half so gen - tle, half so sweet,
 For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of the mind;
 Pin - ing souls! come near-er Je - sus, and oh come not doubt-ing thus,

There is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judgment giv'n.
 As the Sav - ior who would have us come and gath-er at His feet?
 And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 But with faith that trusts more brave-ly God's huge ten-der-ness for us.