



MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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



Please join us for fellowship and coffee after Worship in the Marble Loft, next door (274 5th Ave).



If you are new to Marble, please stop by our Welcome Center after Worship in the Loft for a small keepsake.



Children welcome in Worship (*activity bags available from ushers*). We also provide child care and activities for children through our Children, Youth & Families Ministry. *See bottom of page 4.*



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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

Order of Service

Sunday

September 8, 2019

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Grace Notes — Inside the Music

Before Worship (10:48am) hear historic and theological background on today's music.

PRELUDE *Please listen quietly in preparation for worship.*
Sonata No. 4 in B-flat Major Felix Mendelssohn
III. Allegretto

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT **Sing We Merrily unto God Our Strength Sidney Campbell**
Sing we merrily unto God our strength. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day. For this was made a statute for Israel and a law of the God of Jacob. Alleluia! — *Psalm 81:1-4*

HYMN 365 When Morning Gilds the Skies Laudes Domini
Verses 1-2 – All; V. 3 – Bass Voices; V. 4 – Treble Voices; V. 5 – Choir; V. 6 – All

INVOCATION

HYMN Jesus Loves Me Remaining seated, all sing.
Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *(All children welcome to come up to the Chancel.)*

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES MINISTRY

HYMN Jesus Loves the Little Children Remaining seated, all sing.
Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world;
Every color, every race, all are covered by God's grace.
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

ANTHEM **My Song in the Night. American folk hymn, arr. Paul Christiansen**
O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight. Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day, and my song in the night. O why should I wander, an alien from Thee, or cry in the desert Thy face to see? My comfort and joy, my soul's delight, O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.

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

HYMN 154 Be Still, My Soul Finlandia

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 *(Pew Bible, page 937)*
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HOPE IN HARD TIMES. Dr. Michael Bos
Following the sermon, all are invited into a moment of silent, prayerful reflection.

HYMN 458 All the Way My Savior Leads Me Pleading Savior

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING

ANTHEM Praise Ye the Lord (Psalm 150). César Franck

HYMN We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection
Text: John Barnard, June Boyce-Tillman, 1993
Music: *Londonderry Air*, Traditional Irish melody

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly –
Tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.

We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
Vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
Raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
Including all within the circles of our love.**

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BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Sonata No. 4 in B-flat MajorFelix Mendelssohn
I. Allegro con brio

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, Rev. Anthony Livolsi
Barbara Sagan, *deacon*
The Marble Choir, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*

Use of photographic and recording devices is not permitted during the service.
Assistive Listening System, Large print and Braille copies of bulletin available—ask an usher.
The south central pews of our Sanctuary are equipped with an Induction Hearing Loop. If your hearing aid has a T-coil, please toggle to that setting to receive our audio signal directly without any headset needed.



AFFIRMATION OF COLLEGIATE CONSISTORY NOMINEE — The following member has been chosen to serve as a Deacon of Marble Collegiate Church: Tim Lee. Will you please support him with your prayers?

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I believe that imagination is stronger than knowledge. That myth is more potent than history. That dreams are more powerful than facts. That hope always triumphs over experience. That laughter is the only cure for grief. And I believe that love is stronger than death.

— Robert Fulghum

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 downstairs in the Chapel.

For This Week at a Glance, please see today's insert. Stop by Welcome Center after Worship during Coffee Hour or visit MarbleChurch.org for more details and full list of programming.



GROWING DEEPER

Small Group Ministry — Being part of a Small Group is a way to grow spiritually and connect in a deeper way with others at Marble. **New Groups: *Art of Forgiving, The Whole Man, Beating Guns, and more.*** Sign up at MarbleChurch.org, during Coffee

Hour, or contact Baleta McKenzie, BMckenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

Labyrinth Walks — Concourse Level (*downstairs*). Facilitator on hand to answer questions. **Wednesdays, 5:00-6:00pm; First Sunday of Month, 1:00-3:00pm.**

Please see This Week at a Glance insert for Prayer Circle, Bible Study and Worship.



Become a Member — We would love to have you join us! For information or to sign up for our **October 6 Orientation, please come to the right of the Chancel after Worship** and talk with one of our Membership Team (wearing red carnations). Or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org or ext 221.

Baptism — If you're interested in exploring Baptism for yourself or your children, please contact Rev. Brittany Hanlin, BRhanlin@MarbleChurch.org or ext. 210.



GROWING RELATIONALLY

Our Program Ministries provide opportunities for fellowship and spiritual growth. For more information, visit Coffee Hour after Worship or MarbleChurch.org.

Festival of Voices Rehearsals Begin / Wednesday, September 11, 7:30pm — Singers who read music and are interested in auditioning to be part of the volunteer choir, please contact Ken Dake, KDake@MarbleChurch.org.

Young Adults Junk Food Breakfast Bar / Sunday, September 29, 12:30pm — Get to know other young adults and eat all the sugary, junk foods of your childhood. Monthly. Free. Inquiries to Rev. Anthony Livolsi, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org.

Arts Ministry Open House / Monday, September 30, 6:15-8:15pm — All welcome to learn about our group and hear plans for the upcoming season. No charge, but please RSVP in advance. Sign up during Coffee Hour or contact Mario Sprouse.



GROWING IN GENEROSITY

To sign-up or for more information, please visit Action Volunteer Table after Worship during Coffee Hour or contact Tom Schneider, TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org, ext. 258.

Build a Backpack Drive / Ends Today — Help children and teens from low income families head back to school with everything they need to start the year off right. Please purchase new school supplies and bring to Action Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour. Monetary donations also welcome. Make checks payable to Marble Collegiate Church, write "Build a Backpack" in memo and mail to attention of Tom Schneider or place in offering plate during Worship. You may also use an offering envelope to pay by credit card. **Also, help pack backpacks AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!**

P.S. 30 Tutoring Program — Volunteer tutors needed to help make a positive difference in the life of a second through fifth grader who lives in Harlem. Either Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9:00-11:00am or 12:00-2:00pm. For more details or to sign up, contact Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org or visit Action Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour.

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Mondays, September 9 & 16, 4:30-5:30pm — Knit/crochet prayer shawls for ill/homebound. All levels. Materials provided. Peale Parlor.

Bowery Mission Dinner / Saturday, September 14 — Join other Marble members as we serve meals to the homeless, 5:30-7:30pm. Sign up during Coffee Hour.



GROWING YOUNG ACROSS GENERATIONS

Children, Youth and Families Ministry

Sunday School Orientation, 10:00am — 276 5th Avenue, Room 303. **Child care, 9:30am-1:00pm.**

Today! We welcome and encourage families to worship together in the Sanctuary at 11:00am. **Sunday School classes and choirs begin September 15.**

Sunday Nursery — **Infant-2yrs old**, 2nd flr, 1 W 29th St, 9:30am-1:00pm.

Parent-Child Mindfulness Workshop / Saturday, September 14 — *Please see today's insert.*

CYF invites Marble members to serve as Workshop Leaders in Sunday School. The curriculum is based in interactive workshops with flexibility about how you teach lessons. Possibilities include drama, art, cooking, science, games – teach from your own interests and spiritual gifts! Time commitment can be as little as two consecutive Sundays, 10:00-10:50am. For details, please contact Jessica Scovel, Director of Children's Ministry, JScovel@MarbleChurch.org.

Confirmation Class / Begins Sunday, September 15, 12:30-2:30pm — All 7th and 8th Graders welcome! Please contact Rev. Brittany Hanlin, BRhanlin@MarbleChurch.org.

Spotlight



WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON AT MARBLE!

BIBLE STUDY TODAY at 10:00am

Heartbreak and Hope – The Hebrew Prophets.

The great vision of the Hebrew prophets is of God – and the people of God – at work even in times of moral havoc and national upheaval. Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi for this four-week series. Labyrinth Room (*downstairs*). *If you miss a session catch up at MarbleChurch.org.*

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Join us during Coffee Hour for our **All-Church Build-a-Backpack** service project to help kids in need. We hope to help 300 kids thrive – because a backpack isn't just a backpack, it's a toolkit for success. Also, sign up for our **Apple Picking** outing, **Fall Small Groups** and more. **PrimeTime (55+) Open House**, Labyrinth Room. All welcome!



SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS

Prayers of Remembrance and Hope

Purple and turquoise ribbons, the defining colors of the suicide awareness movement, now adorn our fence. Nearly 800,000 people die by suicide in the world each year, which is roughly one death every 40 seconds. The suicide rate in the US has risen 30% in the last two decades, and suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death worldwide for those aged 15-24 years. This should not be viewed as normal or acceptable.

Today after Worship, we encourage you to add a tag of your own to honor someone who you have lost, someone who has survived or is struggling, or to offer a prayer for the hundreds of thousands who lose their lives each year due to this epidemic. *After today, tags also available from receptionist at 1 W. 29th St.*

PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU NEED HELP:

- 800-273-TALK (8255) / suicidepreventionlifeline.org
- 888-NYC-WELL (692-9355) / nycwell.cityofnewyork.us
- Blanton Peale Institute and Counseling Center, 212-725-7850

Please note: the Gun Violence awareness ribbons moved to 29th St.



FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ VESPERS

September 13, 6:15pm, Marble Loft

Enter your weekend in a spirit of praise and renewal with a sacred jazz liturgy performed by an exceptional lineup of New York City musicians. Message, ***Lost and Found***, by Rev. Anthony Livolsi. Music led by Chris Whittaker with special guest vocalist Lauren Scales.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

GLOBAL ECUMENICAL SERVICE, 11:00am

Marble hosts the ecumenical inauguration of the **United Nations Climate Action Summit** held in New York. The Rev. Dr. Olaf Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, is our special guest preacher. Other dignitaries from the WCC and UN, and Christian leaders from other countries also join us. **Stay in Sanctuary immediately after Worship, for a panel discussion** with some of our guests on the climate issues facing us.

MONTHLY BRUNCH RETURNS, 12:30pm! After our special Worship and panel discussion, join us for this time of fellowship and good food, with live music. \$12. No reservation needed. In the Marble Loft (*next door, 274 5th Ave*).

For more Spotlights, please see today's insert.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 8, 2019

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP



Coffee Hour — 12:15pm, Marble Loft (*next door, 274 5th Ave*). All invited. Visit Welcome Center (*sermon CDs available to purchase*) and Action Volunteer Table.

Build-a-Backpack — 12:15pm, Marble Loft. All invited to help with our all-church service project.

Prayer Room Open — 12:15pm, next to Reception/29th St Lobby. Pray with a member of Marble Prayer Team or fill out Prayer Request card (cards also in pews).

Speak to a Stephen Minister — 12:15pm, Children's Chapel (*2nd floor*). They may be able to help you with spiritual/emotional support in difficult times. Email: StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org. **We also need new Stephen Ministers:** Train to offer care to those who are hurting, contact Judy Tulin, JTulin@MarbleChurch.org or Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org. We welcome all and are particularly in need of male Stephen Ministers.

PrimeTime (55+) Open House & Lunch — 12:30pm, Labyrinth Room (*downstairs*). Join friends old and new and learn about upcoming events. \$10.

Ecclesia Ministry — Help host and transport lunches and altar for open-air worship for the homeless in Madison Square Park starting at 2:00pm. Meet in front of 276 5th Ave at 1:30pm.



#WEWO: WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Every Week, 6:15pm

September 11, **Inside Out** — Dr. Michael Bos

A blend of traditional and contemporary worship styles, creating an informal and Spirit-filled mix. Music by praise ensemble. Communion first Wednesday each month. In the Marble Loft (*next door, 274 5th Ave*). *Live streamed.*

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY



PRAYER CIRCLE, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — 10:00am

A time of prayer, Scripture reading, hymn singing and Holy Communion. Weekly. Chapel (*downstairs*). **The Circle is always open – all are welcome!**

SUNDAY WORSHIP, SEPTEMBER 15 — 11:00am

Faith: Think Bigger — Dr. Michael Bos. *Part 1 of Sermon Series.*

If you can't be here in person, live stream Sunday & Wednesday Worship at MarbleChurch.org.

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION & BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study / Sundays, through September 29, 10:00am — **Heartbreak and Hope – The Hebrew Prophets.** Four-week series led by Rev. Anthony Livolsi. *Please see page 5 Spotlight.* Labyrinth Room.

Deep Dive Bible Study / Begins Tuesday, September 17, 6:30-7:30pm — 2 Samuel. Newcomers always welcome! Weekly. **Please contact Rev. Anthony Livolsi ahead of time for the week's reading, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org.** Labyrinth Room. **Please note change in starting date.**

OTHER EVENTS



Bereavement Group / Mondays, 11:00am-12:15pm. Peale Parlor (*1 W. 29th St*). Are you experiencing the loss of a loved one? All welcome to share in this confidential atmosphere of love and faith. Please sign up with Judy Tulin, ext. 207.

Young Adults Pub Theology / Monday, September 9, 7:00pm — Gather at a local bar to discuss ideas and issues. A great way to meet people and grow in faith. Meets monthly, second Mondays. For details, contact Rev. Anthony, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org.

Women's Ministry Fall Reception / Sunday, September 15, 12:15pm — All women invited to Peale Parlor as we kick off our program year and theme *Deepening Faith; Serving Together.*

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Brunch / Sunday, September 15, 12:15pm — LGBTQ community and allies welcome. \$15 in advance; \$20 at door. Register online or at Coffee Hour.



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More Spotlights



PARENT-CHILD MINDFULNESS WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 14, 10:00am-12:00pm

No need to fear the new school year. Explore strategies to help parents and kids make the transition from camp to classes. This workshop, designed for children in grades K-5, incorporates: **Mindfulness techniques, Brain-based science & Empathy practices.** In the Marble Loft (274 5th Ave). \$15, per family. Registration required. Please contact Jessica Scovel, JScovel@MarbleChurch.org or ext. 266.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

TOWN HALL, 12:00-12:30pm

Before attending the All-Church Ice Cream Social & Volunteer Fair, please stay in the Sanctuary after Worship for updates on our ministry and the building project.

If you can't make Sunday's Town Hall, join us **Wednesday, October 2, 7:00-7:30pm, Marble Loft.**



VOLUNTEER SUNDAY & ICE CREAM SOCIAL 12:30pm

As you explore the many ways you can give of your time to help others at Marble and beyond, enjoy some delicious ice cream. Marble Loft (next door, 274 5th Ave).



ALL-CHURCH APPLE PICKING OUTING

Saturday, October 5, 8:00am-4:00pm

The whole Marble Family is invited to spend the day together, picking apples and making memories at Hurds Family Farm in Modena, NY.



\$25, bus & apple picking

and two optional add-ons when you register:

\$9, express wristband for hayride and corn maze

\$15, VIP wristband, hayride, corn maze, plus additional activities like Big Apple Bounce, Obstacle Course, Apple Launcher and others

Register Sundays during Coffee Hour or at MarbleChurch.org.



AN ENCOURAGING WORD

When you need a bit of inspiration, call **212-686-2774** to hear Marble's new **Encouraging Word**, a brief recorded message by one of our ministers. The messages change periodically and are available to listen to day or night.



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MARBLE STAFF

For full staff list and email addresses, please visit 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*

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Serving as Deacon to Intersections International: Barbara Costigan



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.