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.
Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020

PLEAS SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.
Special organ preludes during Lent, 10:48am; Grace Notes returns after Easter.

PRELUDE
Passacaglia and Fugue in C Minor . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . J. S. Bach
In the spirit of worship, please refrain from applause at conclusion of the prelude.

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT
Salvator Mundi from Requiem . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Herbert Howells
O Savior of the world, who by Thy cross and Thy precious blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

HYMN 296
We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Breslau

INVOCATION

ANTHEM
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . African American Spiritual, arr. David M. Cherwien
Marble Youth Choir, Fred Meads, director, Cynthia Hoxie, accompanist
Amanda Crewey, Romon Danuser, Juan Figueroa, Cara Giardina
Felicia Jennings-Brown, Ella Niewood, Benjamin Niewood
Harry McSween, Walker McSween

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
Help Us Accept Each Other . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Please refer to small insert.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
I Have My Doubts: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Dr. Kenneth Ruge
THE CHURCH CAN BE JUDGMENTAL & “ANTI” TOWARD OTHERS
Part 2 of Sermon Series based on Congregational Survey
Following the sermon, all are invited into a moment of silent, prayerful reflection.

HYMN
Welcome . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Please refer to small insert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING

ANTHEM
Te Deum . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Herbert Howells
We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting. To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein. To Thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee, the Father of an infinite majesty, Thine honorable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou took’st upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst dwell within the virgin’s
FLOWERS ARE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY

In loving memory of Vincenza Odelson, who died November 27, 2019, by her nephew John Travaglione and family.

To sign up for our weekly E-Blast, text “Marble” to 66866 or visit MarbleChurch.org.

By entering the Sanctuary, you grant to Marble Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit or telescast 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.

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

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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 Group: How to Lead in a World of Distraction begins Monday, March 9, 6:15pm. Visit Small Group Table during Coffee Hour, MarbleChurch.org or contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

Women’s Ministry Lenten Blog — Visit MarbleWomen.com through April 9.

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

See This Week at a Glance insert for Prayer Circle, Spiritual Ed/Bible Study and Worship.

Become a Member — We would love to have you join us! For information or to sign up, 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.

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GROWING RELATIONALLY

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

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Coffee Hour / Sunday, March 15, 12:15pm — All invited to join our LGBTQ community and allies for this time of fellowship. Labyrinth Room.

The Theatre Upstairs – downstairs@Marble Film Screening / Monday, March 16, 6:00-9:00pm — To celebrate Women’s History Month, watch Sighted Eyes/Feeling Heart — the first feature documentary about Lorraine Hansberry, the playwright who authored the groundbreaking A Raisin in the Sun. Conversation with Executive Producer Chiz Schultz follows. $10, suggested donation. Chapel (downstairs).

Monthly Brunch / Sunday, March 29, 12:30pm — All welcome for this time of fellowship and good food, with live music. $12, no reservation needed. Marble Loft.

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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.

Giving Dignity to Others Drive /Through April 19 — Please bring new underwear, socks, t-shirts for adults and travel size toiletries (including Feminine hygiene products) to the Action Volunteer Table during Coffee Hour or 29th St. Reception. Monetary donations also welcome, checks payable to Marble Collegiate Church, “Giving Dignity to Others Drive” in memo.

Habitat for Humanity Partnership Build / Saturday, March 21 — Work on a home for a low-income family. No experience necessary.

Giving Dignity to Others Build / Sunday, March 22, after Worship — All encouraged to help assemble 300 Dignity Bags (with donated travel size toiletries) to go to Bowery Mission and Trinity Place Shelter. Marble Loft.

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Mondays, March 16 & April 6, 4:30-5:30pm — Knit/crochet prayer shawls for ill/homebound. All levels. Materials provided. Peale Parlor. Note new time.

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GROWING YOUNG ACROSS GENERATIONS

Children, Youth and Families Ministry

Sunday School — Toddlers - 3rd Grade, 276 5th Ave, Room 303, 10:00am-12:00pm; 4th - 12th Grade, 276 5th Ave, Room 300, 10:00am-12:00pm.

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


Parenting Connection / Sunday, March 29, 10:00-10:45am — All parents/guardians welcome. Led by Marble parent, Geoff Goodman, Ph.D. Meets monthly. Board Room (1 W. 29th St). Child care provided. Please note, new time and location.

MAKE A LEGACY GIFT TO MARBLE WHILE YOU’RE STILL ALIVE.
WE EXPRESS HEARTFELT APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO JESSICA SCOVEL for the incredible contributions she has made to Marble and our families and children over the last six years as the Director of Children’s Ministry since 2016 and Associate Director before that. Jessica has been a great leader who is creative, intelligent and absolutely loves children and their spiritual development. She is gracious and thoughtful and developed meaningful relationships with the children, Child Care Providers and parents, and has been a strong and reflective presence on the staff. We wish Jessica all the best as she pursues more direct teaching opportunities. Our prayers will continue to surround and support her.

There will be an opportunity to say farewell to Jessica during Family Worship, next Sunday, March 15, 10:00am, Marble Loft.

MARCH MUSIC MONDAYS
Weekly, through March 30, 12:30pm
30 minutes of nourishment for your spirit. Sanctuary. Free.
March 9 — Nathaniel Gumbs, Director of Chapel Music at Yale University, New Haven, CT
March 16 — Bryan Dunnewald, Assistant Organist/Choirmaster, Saint Mark’s Church, Philadelphia, PA
March 23 — Clara Gerdes, Assistant Organist, St. Bartholomew’s Church, New York City
March 30 — Jeremiah Mead, Juilliard Organ Student of Paul Jacobs

JAZZ VESPERS
Wednesday, March 11, 6:15pm
Give your spirit a mid-week lift in this casual service of jazz and meditation. Holy Communion.
Music led by Jazz pianist Chris Whittaker, with featured vocalist Nicole Zuraitis. Marble Loft.

MARBLE SANCTUARY OPEN
for PRAYER AND MEDITATION
Mondays through Fridays, 12:00-1:30pm, through Lent
Please stop by for a time of prayer and quiet reflection in the beautiful Marble Sanctuary. All are welcome.

GIVING UPDATE
Congregational giving is up this year from last year and we are grateful for everyone who has “stepped up” or continued giving to Marble. Giving is a spiritual commitment and an act of worship and we are encouraged by the strength of faith we see demonstrated through your faithful giving.

We are so grateful for the people who have submitted their Estimate of Giving cards for 2020. We are about 30 commitments away from our goal for this year! If you haven’t submitted an Estimate of Giving card yet, would you consider doing so in the next few weeks? Please email or call Clay Hale, Chale@MarbleChurch.org or 212-686-2770, ext 252. Thank you!

2019 Giving Statements were sent electronically from the Marble Business Office on January 23 to all with an email address on file (unless previously requested as a hard copy). If not in your InBox, please check your Spam. Hard copies were mailed on January 24 to those without email addresses on file. Questions? Please contact Clay Hale.
Would you like to train to become a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministry is a confidential, Christian, caregiving ministry where we walk alongside those in need, to a place of hope and healing. Training begins in April (50 hours of training required), on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, with some Saturdays and Sundays. Please go to MarbleChurch.org to fill out an application. For more information, contact Judy Tulin, JTulin@MarbleChurch.org, or Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org.

There is a great need for kidney donors for two people from our community, Ted Gregory and member Diane DiResta’s husband, Ed. We encourage you to consider this as a way to provide life-saving help for them. Also, please join us in praying for Ted and Ed. Thank you! All inquiries are kept confidential and without obligation. To learn more about kidney donation: for Ted — please fill out a donor questionnaire at www.columbiakidneytransplant.org. for Ed — please email R23881@renewal.org (Renewal’s website: www.renewal.org).

Lilies decorating our sanctuary at Easter are made possible by contributions of members and friends in honor or memory of loved ones. Donate online at MarbleChurch.org/worship/lent-holyweek, use Easter Lilies envelope found in pews, or contact Clay Hale, CHale@MarbleChurch.org or ext. 252. March 29 is deadline to submit names. Please put your envelope and donation in offering plate or hand to receptionist. Names listed in Easter Sunday bulletin, April 12.

Marble Church has always been a safe and welcoming place for the community, which we will continue to be. Now that the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) has surfaced in NYC, we wanted to let all congregants know that Marble is, out of an abundance of caution, taking protective measures to help prevent the spread of this disease.

• Hand sanitizer is available in each pew and around our buildings.
• Clergy and staff will strictly adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommendations when interacting and serving the public (including serving Communion to minimize the number of hands interacting with the Communion elements).
• Adjustments will be made when serving food to limit any possible contamination.
• Announcements will be made before the Passing of the Peace to provide options other than physical contact so people who are concerned feel safe.

We also encourage all congregants to take their own precautions. The CDC has issued guidelines for some simple things you can do to minimize any possible health risks. You can find them and more information about the virus at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

We will continue to closely monitor this situation, and if further actions become necessary, Marble Church will take them.

You may have noticed an increased police presence Sundays on Fifth Ave. We want to assure you that there is no need for alarm and there have been no threats made to our Sanctuary. This is simply standard procedure for the NYPD Antiterrorism Task Force to protect well known places of Worship like Marble Collegiate Church. We value our NYPD and thank them for keeping our city safe.
This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 8, 2020

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

Coffee Hour — 12:15pm, Marble Loft (next door, 274 5th Ave). All invited. Visit Welcome Center, Action Volunteer Table and CYF Corner for families.

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. Training of new Stephen Ministers begins soon, see other side of insert.

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.

The Wall of Hope, Healing and Inspiration — Hallway outside Labyrinth Room (downstairs). View art exhibit sponsored by the Arts Ministry, artwork displayed on rotating basis. To submit work, please contact Mario Sprouse, MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org.

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, March 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.

PrimeTime (ages 55+) Lunch & Program / Wednesday, March 11, 12:00-2:00pm — Chair Yoga with Drew Kindred at 1:00pm, precended by lunch, $10. All welcome! Marble Loft.

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

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

A time of prayer, Scripture reading, hymn singing and Holy Communion. Weekly Chapel (downstairs). The Circle is always open – all welcome! Last Sunday of month, connect from around the world via https://meeting.broadviewnet.com/j/1126517182 video conference. Inquiries to Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org.

SUNDAY WORSHIP, MARCH 15 — 11:00am


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

SPIRITUAL EDUCATION & BIBLE STUDY

Ten O’Clock Hour: Living a Spiritual Life – Faith Practices for the Journey / Sundays, through April 5 — Learn about – and even try out – spiritual practices that can help ground you in your life and grow deeper in your faith. Join the Marble clergy in a fun, practical exploration. March 8: Rev. Livolsi, Sabbath; March 15: Dr. Bos, Study; March 22: Rev. McPherson, Worship in Song; March 29: Dr. Brown, Discernment; and April 5: Rev. Wade, Hospitality. Labyrinth Room (downstairs). If you miss a session, catch up at MarbleChurch.org.

Deep Dive Bible Study / Tuesdays, 6:30pm — Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi for a read-through of 1 Kings. Newcomers and visitors always welcome! Please contact Rev. Livolsi ahead of time for the week’s reading, (ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org). Labyrinth Room.

Read the Bible in a Year — To receive schedule of brief daily readings and let us know you are along for the adventure, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

OTHER EVENTS

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HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

Text: Fred Kaan, 1974; Music: Munich, adapted by Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
2. Teach us, O God, Your lessons, as in our daily life.
3. Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
4. God, for today’s encounters with all who are in need,

Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
In living situations to do the truth in love;
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,

Be present, God, among us, and bring us to believe
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
Bring us new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;

We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
The table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.
Renew us with Your Spirit; God, free us, make us one!

WELCOME

Text: Laurie Zelman and Mark A. Miller; Music: Mark A. Miller

1. Let’s walk together for a while and
2. Let’s talk together of a time, when
3. Let’s dream together of the day when

Ask where we begin to build a world where
We will share feast, where pride and power earth and heaven are one, a city built of

Love can grow and hope can enter, in to be the hands of
Kneel to serve the lonely and the least, and joy will set the
Love and light, the new Jerusalem where our mourning turns to

Healing and to plant the seeds of peace, Singing
Table as we join our hands to pray, Singing
dancing every creature lifts its voice! Cry

Welcome, welcome to this place. You’re invited to come and know
God’s grace. All are welcome the love of God to share ’cause

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.
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.

MARBLE STORYTIME
Visit MarbleChurch.org each month to watch Rev. Brittany as she reads a new book, ending with some questions for your family to ponder. Adults, it's also a treat for your inner child!

March’s story: I Am Enough