WELCOME
Thank You for Worshipping with Us Today!

We continue to stay in community during these uncertain times.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

— Romans 12:9-13
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.

PRELUDE  
Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat, K. 364  
III. Presto  
Christine Kwak, violin; Wei-Yang Andy Lin, viola  
Recorded August 16, 2015

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT  
Psalm 57  
John Tebay  
The Marble Choir  
Recorded October 22, 2017  
Awake, awake! The lute and harp, awaken now the dawn! Awake, awake my glory rise to praise the King of Heav'n! Alleluia! And in the shadow of Thy wing I will find refuge for my soul. O God be gracious unto me; send Thy loving-kindness. I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord. I will sing praises to Thy name. Be Thou exalted far above the heav'ns.

HYMN 618  
Come, Thou Almighty King  
Italian Hymn  
Recorded February 19, 2017  
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal on streaming page.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM  
Take My Life  
Aaron David Miller  
The Marble Choir  
Recorded October 22, 2017  
Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every pow'r as Thou shalt choose. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee. — Frances Havergal

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

Ubi Caritas  
Taizé  
Recorded November 12, 2017

HYMN  
Jesu, Jesu  
Chereponi, Ghana folk song  
Recorded November 12, 2017  
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE  
Romans 12:9-21  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON  
A BETTER VERSION OF YOU  
Dr. Kenneth Ruge
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.

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 or contact Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org, or Judy Tulin, JTulin@MarbleChurch.org.

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**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.

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

Help those within the Marble Family in due to the COVID-19 crisis. Please donate at 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. The Marble Care Fund Committee will make every effort to process the request within ten business days.

For inquiries, email 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._
ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED

Visit 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 / TODAY! Sunday, August 30, 10:00-10:40am** — Join us for this time of prayer and music. All you need is a willing heart, an internet connection or telephone. **Please note, not September 6; returns September 13.**

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

**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.

**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.

**ON-GOING**

**Midweek Devotional / Wednesdays, 12:00-12:30pm** — Join the Marble ministers for a time of spiritual conversation. Via video chat or call.

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**

*Please note, no WeWo September 2.*

- September 9 — Rev. Rashad McPherson

**Sundays, 11:00am**

- September 6 — *That Ancient Blessing*, Sister Carol Perry
- 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.
**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 Monday, 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 Friday, September 4 & Monday, 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. **Please note, no session September 3.**

**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.

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**TOUCHPOINT: THE MARBLE MAGAZINE**

The July/August 2020 issue is available at MarbleChurch.org/connect/newsletters. Dr. Michael Bos writes about being thankful in tough times, Rev. J. Elise Brown explores the process of re-opening, Mario Sprouse shares his powerful essay on the death of George Floyd and our editor, Karla Fritsch, reflects on the process of breaking open.

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**Hymns**

**JESU, JESU**

Text: Tom Colvin, 1963; Tune: *Chereponi*, Ghana folk song

1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a servant to them.
2. Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near by and far away.
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love. All neighbors to us and You.
4. Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds; this is the way we should live with You.


**O FOR A WORLD**

Text: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987; Music: *Azmon* by Carl Glaser, 1828

1. O for a world where everyone rests each other’s ways, Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
2. O for a world where goods are shared and spects each other’s ways, Where love is lived and children spared, equality achieved.
3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice That opens us to u n i t y and gives our vision voice.
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: out glor i ous reign of peace, Where time and tears will casts be long, who perish es will rise.
5. O for a world preparing for God’s all but love will cease.
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.