



MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

WELCOME
Thank You for Worshipping
with Us Today!

We continue to
stay in community
during these
uncertain times.

*Therefore, since we
are surrounded
by so great a cloud
of witnesses,
let us also
lay aside every
weight and
the sin that
clings so closely,
and let us run
with perseverance
the race that
is set before us,
looking to Jesus
the pioneer and
perfector of our
faith... Consider him
who endured such
hostility against
himself from sinners,
so that you may not
grow weary or
lose heart.*

— Hebrews 12:1-3

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

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

Order of Service

Sunday

August 16, 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.

PRELUDE Oboe Sonata, opus 166 Camille Saint-Saëns
Andantino
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us William Bradbury, arr. Dake
Boris Baev, oboe
Recorded May 7, 2017

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT The Earth Shall Rejoice George Frideric Handel
from Coronation Anthem No. 2
The Marble Choir
Recorded September 24, 2017
The earth shall rejoice in Thy strength, O Lord. — *Psalm 21:1*

HYMN 576 Come, We That Love the Lord St. Thomas
Recorded July 14, 2019
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal on streaming page.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM Kum Ba Yah. *African folk song*, arr. Alf Houkom
The Marble Choir
Recorded November 11, 2018

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us William Bradbury, arr. Dake
Recorded May 7, 2017

HYMN 91 My Shepherd Is the Living Lord. Resignation
Boris Baev, oboe
Recorded May 7, 2017
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal on streaming page.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:1-3
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

**SERMON Making the Most of In-Between Times:
GETTING UNSTUCK Dr. Michael Bos**
Part 1 of Sermon Series

Following the sermon, all are invited into a moment of silent, prayerful reflection.

HYMN Thy Word Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith
Rosa Jang, *flute*
Recorded May 12, 2019
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING
Please click on "Donate" — either on upper left of video screen (exit out of full screen mode to see it) or blue box on streaming page. You may also mail a check; keep in mind processing will take longer.

SOLO Grace Joey Alexander
Joey Alexander, *pianist*
Recorded August 25, 2019

HYMN Grace Alone Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson
Recorded September 15, 2019
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE
Where God Leads Me John Norris, arr. Dake
Recorded June 10, 2018

POSTLUDE Sonata No. 5 in D Major Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro
Recorded June 17, 2018

ARTS MINISTRY POP-UP GALLERY FOLLOWS WORSHIP.
Please stay online and enjoy artwork by Marble artists.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE
Dr. Michael Bos, Rev. Susanah Wade, Karla Hendrick, *lay reader*
The Marble Choir, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

We miss seeing you all so much and we'd love to see what you've been up to during this time apart!

Show us how you've been spending your time in Quarantine. Have you made the infamous Quarantine Banana Bread or Sourdough? Are you playing cards, doing crosswords? Puzzles? Knitting? Painting? Wearing creative masks? Zooming with your Marble friends?

Please send your photos to STull@MarbleChurch.org **BY TODAY** to be included in a special project.

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES — *Please see pages 5 & 6.*



Confidential, Christ-centered support for those who are hurting from those who care.

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 will provide non-judgmental, active listening to callers.

12:00-8:00pm; Wednesdays through Sundays

Call (800) 531-1913 or (646) 790-6770, ext. 231

Available to adults 18 years and older.

For more details, visit MarbleChurch.org/careline.



MARBLE CARE FUND: A Lifeline in Times of Crisis

Help those within the Marble Family in need after 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.



GERALDINE GIBNEY SAFFIOTTI, age 85, of Hypoluxo, FI passed away July 10, 2020.

Mrs. Gibney Saffiotti, born April 21, 1935, will be lovingly remembered by her family, including her husband, Don Saffiotti, children, Gerard Gibney, Paul Gibney (Lucy), grandchildren, Corinne Gibney, Colin Gibney, brothers, Richard Taber, Donald Taber, Charles Taber, sisters, Phyllis Gulino, Linda Cheatham.



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 / Every Sunday in August, 10:00-10:40am — Join us for this time of prayer. All you need is a willing heart, an internet connection or telephone.



Women's Ministry Afternoon Tea / Thursday, August 20, 4:00-5:00pm — All welcome at our virtual teahouse, and if you have a friend who has never attended a Marble event, invite her to join you. Sip a cup of tea or other beverage from a meaningful cup and saucer or a favorite mug. And if you wish, go all out for your tea service with a pastry and tea sandwich. Questions? Contact Don Piper, DPiper@MarbleChurch.org.

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Prayer / 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, and a time of prayer.

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

August 19 — *When Loss Equals Gain*, Rev. Susanah Wade

Please note, no WeWo August 26 & September 2.

Sundays, 11:00am

August 23 — *Making the Most of In-Between Times: Reshaping Your Future*, Dr. Michael Bos. *Part 2 of Sermon Series.*

August 30 — *A Better Version of You*, Dr. Kenneth Ruge

September 6 — *That Ancient Blessing*, Sister Carol Perry

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 meeting August 17 & 24.**

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.

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. **On hiatus; resumes August 25.**

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 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.

If you haven't subscribed to receive each issue via email, click on Newsletter Sign-Up at the bottom of any page on our site and select *Touchpoint*.

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.

THY WORD

Text: Amy Grant; Music: Michael W. Smith



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path. (2x)



1. When I feel a-fraid, and think I've lost my way, still, you're there right be-
 2. I will not for-get your love for me, and yet my heart for - ev - er is



-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near;
 wan - der-ing. Je-sus, be my guide, and hold me to your side,



Please be near me to the end.
 I will love you to the end.

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GRACE ALONE

Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson



Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and step of faith,



ev - ery dif - ference we will make is on - ly by God's grace.



Ev - ery moun - tain we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,



ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by God's grace. Grace a -



lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known God will pro - vide. Christ in



us, our Cor - ner - stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

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Rev. Susanah Wade, *Associate Minister*; Dr. Kenneth Ruge, *Minister for Pastoral Care & Counseling*

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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.