



MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH
Where We Discover We Were Made for More

Sunday, January 16, 2022

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Grace Notes: Inside the Music, 10:50am

PRELUDE Obangiji (*God Almighty*) Fela Sowande
 Pastourelle Fela Sowande

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT May the Mystery of God Enfold Us Andrew Carter
 May the mystery of God enfold us, may the wisdom of God uphold us, may the fragrance of God be around us, may the brightness of God surround us. May the wonder of God renew us, may the loving of God flow through us, may the peace of God deeply move us, may the moving of God bring us peace.
 – Joy Cowley, *The Arohanui Blessing from Psalms Down-Under*

HYMN **Lift Every Voice** ... James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson
 Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on back page of bulletin.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM Jehovah Sabaoth (God of Angel Armies). Donald Lawrence
 Marble Community Gospel Choir, Rashad McPherson, *director*
 David Farrell Melton, *piano*; Paul Johnson, *bass*
 David Kawamura, *guitar*; Eric Lewis, *drums*

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 **You Are Salt for the Earth** Marty Haugen
 Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 3 of bulletin.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Acts 9:10-19
 Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
 All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **DOING THE MOST DIFFICULT THINGS**. Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D.

HYMN **We’ve Come This Far by Faith** Albert Goodson
Refrain sung by all.
**Refrain: We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,
 Trusting in His holy word, He’s never failed me yet.
 Oh – can’t turn around, We’ve come this far by faith.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING
Please click “Make a Donation” on bottom of any page at MarbleChurch.org or use Donate QR Code on card in the pews, to take you to secure website, Realm, to give. Donation boxes also placed by Sanctuary doors. You may also mail a check. We are grateful for your faithful support.

ANTHEM Great Day African American Spiritual, arr. Stacey Gibbs

HYMN **Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples**. Ellacombe
**Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captives free, make plow-share out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.**
**Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for a harmony of peace.**
**May we in service to our God act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard.
Take up our cross and follow Christ with thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.**

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Joshua Fela Sowande

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



**TODAY AFTER WORSHIP –
JUSTICE AND THE CHURCH:
REDISCOVERING THE SOCIAL GOSPEL FOR
MINISTRY IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Please stay in the Sanctuary or online as we honor the legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other pioneers of the Black Freedom

Movement and discuss the paradigms of ministry that they exemplified, ministry rich in social action.



Our special guests include **Pastor Willie Francois, III** (President, The Black Church Center for Justice and Equality), **Rev. Raschaad Hoggard** (Associate Minister, Abyssinian Baptist Church), and **Dr. Donald Garner** (Young Adult Co-Pastor, Greater Allen AME Church).

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

If you can't join us live, view archives at MarbleChurch.org/Watch



The Gathering – Midweek Worship OnDemand Wednesday, January 19

Making Room – Rev. Rashad McPherson

Midweek Worship goes live at MarbleChurch.org Wednesday mornings. It's a worship resource to access whenever your schedule allows. For those who want to watch together, join a **virtual YouTube Premiere Party Wednesdays at 6:15pm**, link on events calendar.

Sunday Worship, January 23 – 11:00am

How Do You See the World?:

The Lenses We Use – Dr. Michael Bos

Part 1 of Sermon Series.

In-Person Worship – We join NYC and other faith communities in requiring proof of full vaccination for those 12 and older to attend Worship and other events. We also continue to require everyone age 2 or older to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. Anything we can do to keep one another safe is an act of love. Registration not required to attend, if we remain under our 250 limit. For details including updated safety protocols, visit MarbleChurch.org.



YOU ARE SALT FOR THE EARTH

Marty Haugen



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
4. We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the Cit-y of God!



Bring forth the reign of mer - cy, bring forth the reign of peace;



bring forth the reign of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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Life at Marble

Visit MarbleChurch.org for more events, details, and most up-to-date information.

BEFORE WORSHIP



Prayer Circle – 10:00am, Chapel (downstairs) & Zoom. Weekly time of prayer and music. The Circle is always open – all you need is a willing heart!

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Book of Ruth – 10:00am, Marble Loft (next door, 274 5th Ave). Ruth's is a remarkable story that touches upon themes of loss, hope, identity, aging, motherhood, friendship across racial and ethnic difference, and feminism. Led by Rev. Anthony Weisman. *Attend in person (limited-capacity), or live stream.* If you miss a session or want to see again, view archive at MarbleChurch.org/Watch.

CYF CORNER – CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES MINISTRY



Sunday School & Youth Group – Pre-K – 6th Grades Classes: 10:00am. *Children's Choir:* 11:10am. *Youth Choir:* 10:00am. *7th-12th Grade* attend 11:00am Worship, followed by *Youth Group* at 12:00pm. *No infant or toddler childcare.*

Sunday School continues online until further notice. Please stay tuned for updates. Questions? Please contact Brian Hampton, BHampton@MarbleChurch.org or Rev. Brittany, BHanlin@MarbleChurch.org.



Become a Member!

Whoever you are, wherever you are in your faith journey, wherever you live, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org, for details or to sign up.

Baptism

If you're interested in exploring Baptism for yourself or your children, please contact Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, BHanlin@MarbleChurch.org. Next Baptisms scheduled during Sunday Worship on **January 30**.

UPCOMING



Behold! I make all things new! Slide Show Art Exhibit / through January 31

– View original works, including poetry and music, celebrating the new year. At MarbleChurch.org/engage/arts-ministry.

Bereavement Group / Every Monday, 11:00am-12:00pm – For those mourning the loss of a loved one. Led by Dr. Bill Lutz, via Zoom. Contact Judy Tulin.

Afternoon Prayer / Tuesdays, 4:00-4:20pm – Wind down your day with a brief time of sharing and prayer. Via Zoom video chat or phone.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study / 6:30pm – We continue our read-through of the Gospel of Matthew. Led by Rev. Anthony Weisman via Zoom. Link at MarbleChurch.org.

Chair Yoga / Every Thursday, 10:00-10:45am – Center yourself physically and spiritually with this time of gentle movement via Zoom.

PrimeTime (55+) Online Gatherings / Wednesday, January 26, 1:00pm – We continue to meet regularly via Zoom video chat or phone. For more details, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

HELP OTHERS



Winter Coat Drive – Please continue to donate **new or gently used** coats, hats, scarves and gloves for children and adults which will go to Osborne Association and to Urban Pathways which provides support to homeless and vulnerable New Yorkers. Leave in bins in 5th Ave Narthex and 29th St Prayer Room.

Marble Fights Hunger – We encourage you to bring canned/bottled food whenever you come to Marble. Donations benefit organizations including Icahn House. Drop-off bins in 5th Ave Narthex and 29th St Prayer Room.

Prayer Shawl Ministry / Monday, February 7, 5:00pm – Gather for prayer and creating together via Zoom to knit/crochet prayer shawls for the ill or homebound. Contact Judy Tulin (JTulin@MarbleChurch.org). *Not meeting January 17 due to the holiday.*

Spotlight



2021 GIVING STATEMENTS are ready to be provided to our faithful contributors. **We are so grateful for the strong support we received during an unprecedented year.**

We are preparing to send the Giving Statements out electronically in the coming weeks. We had 978 giving households in 2021. Of that number, 14 have requested to receive a hard copy of their

Giving Statement through the regular mail which we are happy to do. If you do not want to receive your Giving Statement electronically, please contact Clay Hale in the Business Office, CHale@MarbleChurch.org or 212-686-2770, and we can send you a hard copy of the Statement.



ONLINE TEA TIME WITH KIM & SIOBHAN: New Year's Blessings

Thursday, January 20, 4:30pm

Pull up a comfy chair, a warm beverage and bask in the warmth of our church family on Zoom as we reflect on the holidays and on the year ahead of us. Register at MarbleChurch.org by January 19.



GLIMPING THE EMERGENT: A Mini Journaling Retreat

Saturday, January 22, 11:00am-1:00pm

In the early weeks of a new year, and in the season of Epiphany, come gather your stirrings, hopes and leadings through a gentle, restorative time of presentation, poetry, easy written exercises, and

sharing. Journaling can be a powerful, subtle form of prayer that everyone can do. Tap your inner guidance, renew your spirit and learn tools for listening and discerning. Led on Zoom by Nina H. Frost, M.A. Hosted by the Marble Women's Ministry. All welcome! Register at MarbleChurch.org.



10:00 O'CLOCK HOUR

Marble's Future: from Strength to Strength Sundays, February 6-27

Join us each Sunday as part of our Strategic Planning Process. February 6, 20 & 27, with limited-capacity, in-person attendance; all sessions live streamed.

February 6 – Jake Mulder, Lead Consultant, Fuller Church Leadership Institute, **Where Are We Going? What Is the Process and How Will it Unfold?**

February 13 – Yulee Lee, Consultant, Fuller Church Leadership Institute, **What Is God Calling Us to Do? Visioning, Dreaming and Imagination**

February 20 – Dr. Elise Brown, **Why Now? Building on the Strength of Our Past and Renewed Strength for the Future**

February 27 – Dr. Michael Bos, **Every Voice Matters - How You Can Be Involved**



YOUTH SERVICE TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS

February 19-25

15 Marble youth are going to help rebuild homes after destructive hurricanes like Katrina in 2005 and Ida in August. This service trip is an opportunity for them to explore their faith in the world, as we continue to discuss the effects of Climate Change on the most vulnerable communities.

Marble, we need your help to get there! Our fundraising goal is \$22,000. Donations can be made at MarbleChurch.org or by check.

Please note, the January 23 Open House has been postponed.



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LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Text: James Weldon Johnson; Tune: J. Rosamond Johnson



1. Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who has



har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; let our re-joic-ing rise high as the
days when hope un - born_ had died; yet with a stead-y beat, have not our
brought us thus far on_ the way; thou who has by thy might led us in



lis - tening skies, let it re-sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
wear - y_ feet come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
-to the_ light, keep us for - ev - er in the path,_ we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at____
shad-owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er____



-gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry____ is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star____ is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.



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