



WELCOME Thank You for Worshipping with Us Today!

> We continue to stay in community during these uncertain times.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day... He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

— Luke 4:16-19

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

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

Order of Service

Sunday

October 11, 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.

PRELUDE Andante Sostenuto from Gothic Symphony Charles-Marie Widor

Recorded January 20, 2019

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT Let All the World in Every Corner Sing Sven Lekberg

The Marble Choir

Recorded February 12, 2017

Refrain: Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King. The heav'ns are not too high, God's praise may thither fly, the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow. Refrain. The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out. But above all the heart must

bear the largest part. Refrain. — George Herbert

Recorded October 27, 2019

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM Yea, Though I WanderGeorg Schumann

The Marble Choir Recorded May 7, 2017

Yea though I wander through the vale of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. — *Psalm 23:4*

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

He Giveth More Grace Annie Johnson Flint, arr. Dake The Marble Choir

Recorded January 13, 2019

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater. He giveth more grace when the labors increase. To added affliction, He addeth His mercy. To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace. For His love has no limits, His grace has no measure, His pow'r has no boundary known unto man. For out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

- Hubert Mitchell

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Luke 4:14-21

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Conversations We Need to Have:

ABOUT FAITH Dr. Michael Bos

Part 1 of Sermon Series

HYMN In the Bulb There Is a Flower Natalie Sleeth

Recorded January 13, 2019

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 7 of bulletin.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Trenesa Danuser, Sandra Diaz, Ted Gregory

RECOGNITION OF ELDER JOHN E. RORER, II

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALL FOR OFFERING

Please click "Make a Donation" on bottom of any page at MarbleChurch.org and it will take you to a secure website, Realm, to give. You may also mail a check; keep in mind processing takes longer. We are grateful for your faithful support especially during this time.

Virtual Video: The Marble Choir

Kathryn Papa, Nicholas Prior, soloists; Mark Bell, percussion

HYMN 15 All Things Bright and Beautiful Royal Oak

Colin Fowler, organist Recorded April 23, 2017

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

I Offer My Life Claire Cloninger and Don Moen, arr. Dake The Marble Choir

Recorded February 21, 2016

Recorded February 21, 2016

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Anthony Livolsi, Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, John E. Rorer, II, *elder emeritus* The Marble Choir, Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



WE EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE TO JOHN E. RORER, II for his twenty-five years of service on the Marble Board.

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NEW MEMBERS Q&A — TODAY! 12:00-12:30pm

Are you interested in becoming a member or thinking about it, but still have questions? Please join Dr. Michael Bos and Kim Sebastian-Ryan for a conversation via video chat or phone about how to join the Marble Family.

ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES — Please see pages 5 & 6.



MARBLE MASKS

Proudly wear one of our face masks with the Marble Church logo, white logo or full-color logo; \$9.95 each, at MarbleChurch.org; buy 5 masks, get 1 free. These cotton masks are re-usable and come with an adjustable sliding ear loop for a good fit.

Help protect others and yourself from COVID-19 by wearing masks, practice social distancing and good hand washing hygiene. We wish you good health!



Life as we know it has changed drastically and with this has emerged a number of spiritual and emotional needs in our communities. 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 you share in confidence. You do not need to walk this journey alone.

Call (800) 531-1913, Wednesdays through Sundays, 12:00-8:00pm

Available to adults 18 years and older.

For more details, visit MarbleChurch.org/give/marble-care-line or contact Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org, or Judy Tulin, JTulin@MarbleChurch.org.



PS30 TUTORING OPPORTUNITY

Marble continues its 6th year of tutoring to students at PS30 in Harlem. We are looking for new tutors to teach Math and English Language Arts to 2nd through 5th graders, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. You will be trained to tutor remotely via the Google classroom platform. For more information or to complete an application, please contact Rev. Susanah Wade, SWade@MarbleChurch.org or 212-686-2770.



ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Marble is dedicated to sharing the best resources we have found on learning and growing in our shared commitment to racial justice and anti-racism. Please visit MarbleChurch. org/anti-racism-resource-guide for a list of books, articles, podcasts and films so you can learn and help us in the ongoing conversation.



TOUCHPOINT: THE MARBLE MAGAZINE

The October/November 2020 issue is available at Marble-Church.org/media/touchpointmagazine/. Dr. Michael Bos introduces our theme for the year, Rev. J. Elise Brown shares a story showing how small things matter, members of the Gospel Choir reflect on their March on Washington and our editor writes about air in our tires.

If you haven't subscribed to receive each issue via email, click on Email Sign-Up on middle of our home page and select *Touchpoint.* We have also printed and mailed this issue to everyone on the Marble mailing list, if you don't want to keep the printed copy, please share it.

Spotlight



ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED

Visit MarbleChurch.org/marble-online/ for direct links and the most up-to-date information.

We are blessed that we can gather together online for Worship and other events, even as the physical distance created by the COVID-19 pandemic continues. There are many ways for us to stay connected.

New Members Q&A / TODAY! Sunday, October 11, 12:00-12:30pm.

Women's Sacred Writing Circle / Sundays, October 11, 18 & 25, 7:00-8:00pm — Gather virtually to learn, pray and write together—a place to find a bit of hope in this new season. Come to all or as many as you can. Visit MarbleChurch.org for direct link or contact Don Piper, DPiper@MarbleChurch.org.

New Small Groups — Grow deeper spiritually and stay connected with others even though we are online only. **New groups: Unafraid,** started Friday, October 9; **Faith and Feminism,** starts Sunday, October 11; **The Gifts of Imperfection,** starts Wednesday, October 14; **Learning to Walk in The Dark,** starts Monday, October 19; **Keeping Hope Alive,** starts Monday, October 26. Visit MarbleChurch.org or contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

Afternoon Tea / Thursday, October 15, 4:30-5:30pm — Gather via video chat or telephone for a relaxed time of conversation over a cup of tea or your favorite beverage. Questions? Contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org, or Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org.



FORUM2020: Science, Spirituality, the Climate Emergency and Our Future Friday, October 16, 10:00am-1:00pm

Saturday, October 17, 10:00-11:30am — Marble is honored to collaborate with the Temple of Understanding for FORUM2020 and the Global Interfaith Prayer Service for the Earth. World religious and spiritual visionaries,

Indigenous leaders, scientists, and youth environmental activists come together online to address the urgency of the climate crisis with strategies for inspired collective action. No charge. For more details and to register, visit **templeofunderstanding.org.**

GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Virtual Coffee Hour / Sunday, October 18, 12:00pm — LGBTQ people and allies, bring your own coffee and check in via video chat.

More events on next page.

WORSHIP

Tune in live and remember to click on the chat bubble to engage with others. View the archives at MarbleChurch.org/watch.

#WeWo: Wednesday Worship, 6:15pm October 14 — Rev. Susanah Wade



Sunday Worship, 11:00am
October 18 — Conversations We Need to Have:
About Climate Change
Dr. Michael Bos. Part 2 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.



Jazz Vespers Wednesday, October 21, 6:15pm

Join us online for this casual service of jazz and meditation. Message by Rev. Rashad McPherson.

All Saints' Concert Photo Submissions by October 18— In memory of the Saints who have gone before us, share your digital photo of a departed loved one for inclusion in our Virtual Concert Memorial, airing during Eternal Voices: A Concert of Remembrance on November 1. Please send up to two digital photos per family to Jen Clover, JClover@ MarbleChurch.org. Due to COVID-19, we are unable to accept mailed prints of photos this year. Those without photos may submit up to two names per family for inclusion.



Through the Bible 2020 Online Gathering / Monday, October 19, 6:30-7:30pm — Jeremiah: Friend and Foe. Jeremiah would be at home in many political circles today—his message changes with the times. What was happening in his world that prompted him to address his people both lovingly and harshly? We will also explore the city lament in Lamentations, a book that tradition holds is written by Jeremiah. Please read poem on website in advance. Interactive session with Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at The

General Theological Seminary. Next session, October 25, **Sr. Carol Perry, Don't Muzzle the Prophets,** an Old Testament review. Inquiries to Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@ MarbleChurch.org.

Young Adult Pub Theology / Monday, October 19, 7:00pm — We gather online for a casual conversation on faith and life. Grab a beverage and join us. Monthly, third Monday. Contact Rev. Anthony, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org

Hallowtide Evening of Remembrance: Together We Rise in Hope / Friday, October 30, 7:00pm — During this live streamed service, be uplifted and comforted through prayers and words from Kenneth Ruge, Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, Rev. J. Elise Brown and through the magic of technology, Dr. Arthur Caliandro. Music by Rev. Rashad McPherson and Deah Harriott. Hosted by Marble Women's Ministry. Email names of loved ones to be included in the virtual Altar of Remembrance by October 24 to Don Piper, DPiper@ MarbleChurch.org.



Virtual Halloween Party / Saturday, October 31, 1:00-3:00pm — Just because we aren't able to meet in person doesn't mean Halloween is canceled! We've moved the party online. Invite your friends, get your costumes ready and join us for an afternoon of Halloween festivities: crafts, treats, and a classic Halloween movie. Each registered child receives a "party package" in the mail with craft materials and other treats. Register online. Questions? Contact Rev. Brittany (BHanlin@MarbleChurch.org).



Eternal Voices: A Concert of Remembrance / Sunday, November 1, 12:00pm — Remain online following Worship to join Kenneth Dake, The Marble Choir and Festival of Voices as they offer a musical tribute to those in our community who have crossed over to the heavenly choir of Saints. This 45-minute virtual concert showcases a blend of archived selections from past services and new virtual

videos created especially for this occasion, intertwined with powerful readings and moving solo works.

ON-GOING

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark / **Weekly, 10:00-10:40am** — This fall, join us for a read through of the Gospel of Mark. Can't tune in live? View the archive at **MarbleChurch.org/watch**.

Prayer Circle via Video Chat / Sundays, 10:00-10:40am — Join us for this weekly time of prayer and music. All you need is a willing heart, an internet connection or telephone.

Bereavement Group / Every Monday, 11:00am-12:00pm — Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? You need not travel this road alone. Led by Dr. Ken Ruge. For video link and more information, contact Judy Tulin, (212) 686-2770, ext. 207.

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.

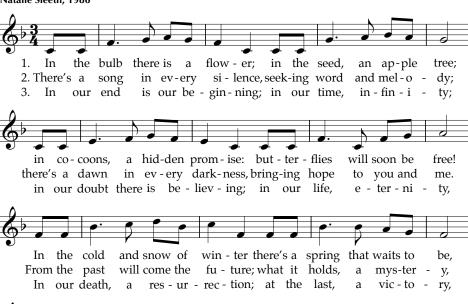
Tuesday Evening Bible Study / **Weekly, 6:30-7:30pm** — Join Rev. Anthony Livolsi via video chat for an in-depth discussion of the second half of the **Book of Acts**. (*View sessions exploring first half at MarbleChurch.org/Watch.*) Please contact Rev. Livolsi ahead of time for the week's reading, ALivolsi@MarbleChurch.org.

PrimeTime (55+) Online Gatherings / Wednesdays, 1:00pm — Gather via video chat or phone to visit with friends and meet new people. For details, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

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

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER

Natalie Sleeth, 1986



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WE'RE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE INSTALLATION OF AN UPDATED VITRINE for our new electronic sign on Fifth Avenue. It was designed to match the original in order to protect the historical integrity of our landmarked building.



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MARBLE STAFF

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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.

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.