



MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

WELCOME
**Thank You for Worshipping
with Us Today!**

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

*I call heaven and earth
to witness against you
today that I have
set before you life and
death, blessings and
curses. Choose life
so that you and your
descendants may live,
loving the Lord your
God, obeying him,
and holding fast to him;
for that means life to
you and length of days,
so that you may live in
the land that the Lord
swore to give to your
ancestors, to Abraham,
to Isaac, and to Jacob.*

— Deuteronomy 30:19-20



SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

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

Order of Service

Sunday

May 9, 2021

**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, 10:50am

PRELUDE On Wings of Song Felix Mendelssohn
Amanda Crewey, *cello*

Songs My Mother Taught Me Antonin Dvořák, arr. Fritz Kreisler
Susan Heerema, *violin*
Recorded May 14, 2017

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT The Promised Land *The Sacred Harp*
Recorded April 10, 2016

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land
where my possessions lie. *Refrain: I am bound for the promised land; O, who will come and
go with me? I am bound for the promised land.* No chilling winds or poisonous breath can
reach that healthful shore; sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more.
Refrain. Filled with delight my raptured soul would here no longer stay! Though Jordan's
waves around me roll, fearless I'd launch away. *Refrain.* When I shall reach that happy place,
I'll be forever blest, for I shall see my Father's face and safe at home shall rest. *Refrain.*

HYMN 598 Ye Servants of God Lyons
Recorded July 15, 2018
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or online hymnal.

INVOCATION

ANTHEM Steal Away *African American Spiritual*, arr. Chester Alwes
Recorded June 5, 2016

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

Surely It Is God Who Saves Me Jack Noble White, arr. Dake
Recorded October 16, 2016

ANTHEM Thank You, God in Heaven Paul Hennessee
Marble Cherub Choir

Karie Brown, *director*; Jason Pomerantz, *piano*; Rosa Jang, *flute*
Recorded May 12, 2019

Thank you, God in heaven,
For a day begun.
Thank you for the breezes,
Thank you for the sun.
For this time of gladness,
For our work and play,
Thank you, God in heaven,
For another day.

HYMN Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us Text: Daniel Bechtel
Recorded May 13, 2018 Music: William Rowan
Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 8 of bulletin.

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 30:11-14, 19-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON ***Making It Through:***

CHOICES Dr. Michael Bos

Part 3 of Sermon Series

HYMN ***You Are Salt for the Earth.*** Marty Haugen

Recorded February 9, 2020

Please refer to on-screen lyrics or music on page 8 of bulletin.

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.

ANTHEM Magnificat (Canticle of Mary). Charles Villiers Stanford

This “Song of Mary” is Mary’s joyful response to the news that she is to bear the Son of God, and is sung today in honor of all mothers. “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” – Luke 1:42

Recorded March 29, 2017

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His Name. And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the might from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He, remembering His mercy, hath holpen His servant Israel, as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and His seed, forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end, Amen. — *Luke 1:46-55*

DOXOLOGY *Lasst uns erfreuen (The tune is that of Hymn 4.)*

Recorded November 24, 2019

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God with saints in heav’n above,
Praise Jesus Christ who shows God’s love,
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Go Forth for God. Kenneth Dake

Recorded February 17, 2019

POSTLUDE Fugue on the Magnificat J. S. Bach

Recorded May 14, 2017

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Rev. Susanah Wade, Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, Michele McSween, *lay reader*

The Marble Choir

Kenneth V. Dake, *director of music*



**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.*



HELP US CELEBRATE HOPE THROUGH MARBLE'S EASTER OFFERING

Greetings Marble Family — as we meet you in whatever space this bulletin finds you, we are delighted that you have taken the time to follow our updates on Marble's Easter Offering. Your hearts and intentions around spreading love and hope in our city and the world are aligned with Jesus' actions; we could not walk this journey without you and it is humbling to know that we all get to play a role in following God's agenda of love and hope for the world.

This week you have helped us move closer to **our goal to raise \$220,000** to distribute as grants to nonprofits dedicated to upholding basic human rights by helping to provide access to mental and physical healthcare, food, housing, education equity, no discrimination and more. **To date, you have contributed \$154,777.58. We are grateful for this support. Thank you!**

In following the work of one of our Easter Offering grant applicants, **We Act for Environmental Justice**, located in Harlem, it was encouraging to learn that their executive director and founder, Peggy Shepard, spoke at President Biden's Leaders Summit on Climate, a two-day gathering of leaders from around the world to discuss how we can best work together to address the climate crisis. Peggy is also a member of the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council. The advisory council provides advice and recommendations to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council on how to address current and historic environmental injustices, including recommendations for updating Executive Order 12898. (www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/29/white-house-announces-environmental-justice-advisory-council-members/)

As we continue to support and follow the work of justice that is being done in our city and the world, we want you to join us for a virtual celebration of gratitude and the hope that flows from our collective gifts to the Easter Offering. **On Sunday, May 16, stay online after Worship for a fun variety show** featuring Marble staff, congregants and Board members in a spoof on that beloved game show, *Hollywood Squares*.

You can still be part of the program by submitting photos letting us know "for what or for whom you are Building Bridges of Hope." Your photos and messages will become part of a streaming montage at end of the show. Use one of two printable PDFs found at MarbleChurch.org — a coloring version if you want to break out the crayons & markers, or just a printable page. Please email your photos to Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org, **by Monday, May 10.**



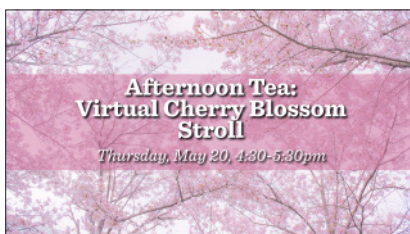
If you have not made your Easter Offering gift yet, you can still do so. 100% of the funds raised will be distributed as grants to organizations that help make a positive difference in our city and around the world.

Here are ways in which you can give:

- **Give online at MarbleChurch.org/give/easter-offering** or click on the blue Easter Offering button below the streaming window at MarbleChurch.org
- **Text "GIVEMCC EASTER21" to 73256** (*standard messaging rates apply*)
- **Mail checks** to Marble Collegiate Church, attention: Easter Offering, or use Easter Offering Envelope you received in the mail. (*please note, processing will take longer*)
- **Call the Business Office**, (212) 686-2770, ext. 252, to give over the phone or get information about making a matching gift. **Matching Gifts offered by employers are eligible through Marble Community Outreach** (a 501(c) 3 organization). Please contact Clay Hale, CHale@MarbleChurch.org for assistance.

Thank you for your generous support and prayers.
LET'S CONTINUE TO DO GOD'S WORK TOGETHER.

Spotlight



AFTERNOON TEA: VIRTUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM STROLL Thursday, May 20, 4:30pm

Fill your favorite cup, grab a delicious treat and join Kim and Siobhan via Zoom. Register online by May 19. For more information, contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org, or Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org.



ANNUAL SPRING PRAYER RETREAT: *Cultivating the Spirit of Prayer* Saturday, May 22, 10:00-11:30am

Join The Marble Prayer Ministry Team and Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin via Zoom for presentations on ways to pray, including journaling, dance and meditation. No registration required. Zoom link at MarbleChurch.org. Questions? Contact Judy Tulin, JTulin@MarbleChurch.org.



THE SOUND OF REVIVAL: A GOSPEL CELEBRATION Sunday, May 23, after Worship

Join us for a virtual celebration of renewal, refreshment and restoration. Through soul-stirring Gospel music, familiar and new, The Marble Community Gospel Choir, led by director Rashad McPherson, takes you on a journey of song to usher in the Spirit of hope and healing on this special day in the liturgical calendar.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MARBLE MEMBER?

Whoever you are, wherever you are in your faith journey, wherever you live – we invite you to take that step and journey forward with us!

UPCOMING NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS Via Zoom Wednesday, June 2, 7:00-8:00pm Sunday, June 6, 12:00-1:00pm

Part 1: *The Value of Community* — *Connection & Belonging*

Join the ministers in conversation about what it really means to be a member of the church, the importance of connection — of showing up, taking part, and understanding it's ok to be who you are, wherever you are on the journey.

Part 2: *The Value of Community* — *Engagement*

Discuss the importance of stepping into community and engaging. Meet members of the staff and learn about specific ways to get involved.

To sign up, please contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan, KRyan@MarbleChurch.org.



MONTHLY RACIAL JUSTICE SERIES RACISM AND THE LATINX COMMUNITY Thursday, June 3, 7:00-8:15pm

The Latinx community is the largest minority group in the United States, yet many of us know little about how racism is impacting this community. We'll learn more about the Latinx experience in America and what we can do to advocate for equity and equality for all. **We encourage all to attend. Invite your friends.**

If you missed previous sessions or want to watch again, visit MarbleChurch.org/Watch.

WORSHIP

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



Jazz Vespers

Wednesday, May 12, 6:15pm

Join us online for this casual service of jazz and meditation.

Message, *Holy Improv*, by **Dr. P. Kimberleigh Jordan**, Associate Director of Educational Design, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, and former Associate Minister at Marble.

Sunday Worship, 11:00am

May 16 — Rev. Anthony Livolsi

An In-Between Time

Call-In Worship: (866) 893-5381 — Those without internet can call on Sunday afternoons and during the following week to listen to full service or sermon only.

#WeWo: Wednesday Worship, 6:15pm

May 19 — Rev. Rashad McPherson



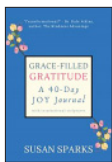
BE UPLIFTED & INSPIRED BY MARBLE MUSIC AGAIN & AGAIN!

Visit MarbleChurch.org/Watch to see the Gospel Choir virtual videos from May 2, the *All Creation Sings God's Praise* Concert from April 25 and more.



MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY CONNECTED

We are blessed that there are many ways we can gather together online even as the physical distance created by the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Visit MarbleChurch.org for direct links, more details and the most up-to-date information.



New Grace-Filled Gratitude Weekly Small Groups — During this season of Eastertide, we continue to explore living a resurrection life of joy, gratitude, and hope using Rev. Susan Sparks' book. **Groups started yet you can still join.** Meeting days/times to choose from: Tuesdays, 4:45pm; Wednesdays, 2:30pm; Thursdays, 4:30pm; Fridays, 11:00am. Register at MarbleChurch.org. Contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

PrimeTime (55+) Online Gathering / Wednesday, May 12, 1:00pm — Gather via Zoom or phone when Dr. Christine Benner joins us for another look at self care of the body, *It's Spring! Let's Get Out and Move!* For more dates and details, contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

More events on next page.

More at Marble



Women's Ministry Film Night / Monday, May 24, 6:30-9:00pm — All welcome to gather online to watch the award-winning film *Minari*, a tender and sweeping story about what roots us. Discussion follows. No charge; register by May 23.



Stephen Ministry Training / Begins Saturday, May 22 — We are looking for new Stephen Ministers! Are you interested in serving others through one-to-one Christ-centered care? Please contact Rev. Susanah Wade or Judy Tulin. For more information on Stephen Ministry at Marble, visit MarbleChurch.org/engage/stephen-ministry. **Note, start date has changed.**

ON-GOING

Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Gospel of Mark / Weekly, 10:00-10:40am — Rev. Anthony Livolsi continues our read through of the Gospel of Mark. Can't tune in live? View the archive at MarbleChurch.org/Watch.

Prayer Circle via Zoom / 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.

Arts Ministry Online Meetings / Various Mondays, 6:30-8:30pm — Open to professional and non-professional performing, fine and design artists. For details, check website or contact Mario Sprouse, MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org.

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 Zoom video chat or phone.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study: The Letters of Paul / Weekly, 6:30-7:30pm — The writings of the Apostle Paul have shaped how Christians after him have understood and lived out their faith. There is almost no spiritual question Paul does not address. Come with questions of your own to this participatory roundtable study. Led by Rev. Anthony Livolsi on Zoom.

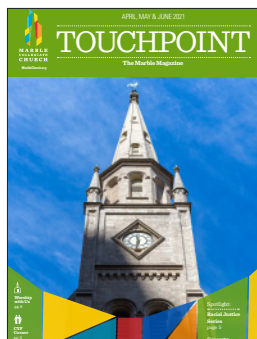
Chair Yoga / Every Thursday, 10:00-10:45am — Center yourself physically and spiritually with this beginner-friendly time of gentle movement via Zoom.

Small Groups — Grow deeper spiritually and stay connected with others online this Spring and Summer. Contact Baleta McKenzie, BMcKenzie@MarbleChurch.org.

CYF CORNER

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHOIRS

All children welcome for Sunday School every week at 10:00am; Cherub and Children's Choir Rehearsal follows at 11:00am. Youth Choir Rehearsal Sundays, 12:30pm; Youth Group at 1:00pm. For more details, please contact Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin, BHAnlin@MarbleChurch.org, or Brian Hampton, BHampton@MarbleChurch.org.



TOUCHPOINT: THE MARBLE MAGAZINE

The April/May/June 2021 issue is available at MarbleChurch.org/media/touchpointmagazine/.

Dr. Michael Bos reminds us of the importance of “who” not “what”, Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D. reflects on this season of light and hope, Rev. Brittany Juliette Hanlin writes about what we The Church are called to, and we honor Judy Tulin and her 30 years at Marble.

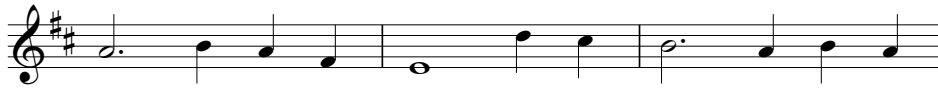
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LIKE A MOTHER WHO HAS BORNE US

Text: Daniel Bechtel, 1986 (V.5 by Kenneth Dake); Tune: William Rowan, 1992



1. Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
2. Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
3. Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
4. When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our
5. Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Moth - er, hold my



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her
hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our
trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,
neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and
life with - in Your own, in Your prom - ise is my



bod - y, God has called us in - to life. _____
sor - rows, God has walked with us in life. _____
sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life. _____
jus - tice, God still walks with us in life. _____
com - fort, in Your pres - ence I am home. _____

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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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IF YOU NEED HELP — REACH OUT



If you need to speak to someone during these challenging times, call the **MARBLE CARE LINE** and a trained volunteer will be there to listen with a Christ-centered ear and a caring heart.

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.



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 (new training begins May 22), please email StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org.**

If you are in need of more in-depth, professional help with mental health issues, please reach out to the BLANTON-PEALE INSTITUTE & COUNSELING CENTER.
BlantonPeale.org



LIGHT AND HOPE: REVELATIONS OF BEAUTY Virtual Reality Art Exhibit, April – May

View at MarbleChurch.org/engage/arts-ministry.

Sponsored by The Arts Ministry.



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 on-going conversation.



AN ENCOURAGING WORD

When you need a bit of inspiration, call **212-686-2774** to hear Marble's **Encouraging Word**, a brief recorded message by one of our ministers. The messages change periodically and are available to listen to day or night.



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

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Rev. Rashad McPherson, *Director of Marble Community Gospel Choir*
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Kim Sebastian-Ryan, *Director of Membership & Connecting*

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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.