



MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Dr. Michael B. Brown, Senior Minister

Sunday, November 12, 2017

Fifth Avenue at West 29th Street, New York City

Order of Service

Sunday

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PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

PRELUDE Lullaby Calvin Hampton

WELCOME AND MINISTRY SHARING

CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT “Jubilate Deo” Glenn Rudolph
O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God’s presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord is God, it is God that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture. O enter in, approach with joy and thanksgiving God’s heavenly courts with praise; be thankful unto God, laud and bless Jehovah’s Name. For the Lord is gracious; God’s mercy is everlasting, thy Maker’s truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory to the Creator 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. — Psalm 100

HYMN 120 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *Old Hundredth*

INVOCATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (use “debts”)

ANTHEM “Caritas et Amor” (*Charity and Love*) Z. Randall Stroope
Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. *Where there is charity and love, God is there.*
Alleluia ibi est, Alleluia Domine. *Praise is there, Alleluias to God.*
Gaudium quod immensum est! *Joy that is immense!*
Secula infinita, alleluia. *Forever, without end, alleluia.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

HYMN “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” *Please refer to insert.*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE John 13:12-15 (*Pew Bible, page 876*)
Following the reading, Leader: The Word of God for the people of God. All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “A CRITICAL QUESTION” Dr. Michael B. Brown
Today’s sermon available on CD; visit MarbleVision Table at Coffee Hour.

HYMN “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” *Please refer to insert.*

A LAYPERSON SPEAKS Ms. Barbara Sagan

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

ANTHEM “My Mind Is Made Up” John P. Kee
Marble Community Gospel Choir, Stacy Penson, *director*; Stephen Hudson, *soloist*

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

POSTLUDE Rigaudon André Campra

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE
Rev. J. Elise Brown, Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack
The Marble Choir

David Melton, *piano*; Ben Hoffman, *Hammond organ*, Eitan Akman, *guitar*
Johnathan Levy, *bass*; Danielle Williams, *drums*

Live stream Sunday Worship at MarbleChurch.org.

Use of photographic and tape recording equipment is not permitted during the service.
Assistive Listening System, Large print and Braille copies of bulletin available—ask an usher.

Thanksgiving / Stewardship Sunday

November 19

11:00am Worship, “God’s Gracious Gifts” — Dr. Michael B. Brown

IN MEMORIAM — Ms. Gail Ferenc died November 2, 2017.



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES MINISTRY

Sunday School — Toddlers - 3rd Grade, 276 5th Ave, Room 303, 10:00am-12:00pm; 4th - 12th Grade, 276 5th Ave, Room 300, 10:00am-12:00pm. (See page 5 for Nursery information.)

Family Worship — 10:00am, Marble Loft. All welcome to join CYF for their first Family Worship of the year. Both Children's Choirs sing and families participate.

BEFORE WORSHIP

Prayer Circle — 10:00am, Chapel. A time of prayer, Scripture reading and hymn singing. Led by Rev. Gregory Johnson. *Meets weekly.* Holy Communion. Last Sunday of month, connect from around the world via video conference. For special link, contact Siobhan Tull, STull@Marblechurch.org.

Bible Study with Rev. Barbara Crafton: The Harvest Is Plentiful — 10:00am, Labyrinth Room. Today we continue our seasonal study with a look at harvest themes in Leviticus 25, *The Year of Jubilee*.

Grace Notes: Inside the Music with Kenneth Dake — 10:49am, Sanctuary. Hear historic and theological background on the day's choral selections, hymns, preludes and postludes.

AFTER WORSHIP

Live Sermon Talk Back with Dr. Brown — Immediately after Worship, Sanctuary. Join Dr. Brown and Marble's online community for a conversation about today's sermon. Submit questions on Talk Back card in pews or email: Connect@MarbleChurch.org.

Coffee Hour — 12:15pm, Marble Loft (next door, 274 5th Ave, first flr). All invited. Make new friends, greet old ones. Visit Welcome and Action Tables, learn about ministries and outreach.

Prayer Room Open — 12:15pm, next to Reception/29th St Lobby. Pray with a member of Marble Prayer Team or speak to a Stephen Minister.

Ecclesia Ministry — Help host and transport lunches and altar for open-air worship for the homeless in Madison Square Park starting at 2:00pm. Meet in front of 276 5th Ave at 1:30pm.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HELPING OTHERS

To sign-up or for more information, please visit Action Volunteer Table after Worship during Coffee Hour, contact Tom Schneider, TSchneider@MarbleChurch.org, ext. 258, or check MarbleChurch.org.

THANKSGIVING PROJECTS — Popular events! Sign up early with Tom; space limited for some.

Greenpoint Reformed Church / Wednesday, November 22 — Help in their food pantry and prepare dinner, 2:00-5:00pm, also serve and enjoy a meal with members, 5:30-7:00pm.

Project FIND / Thanksgiving Day — Prepare and deliver meals to homebound clients, 9:30am-Noon. Drivers needed.

Gobble Gobble Give / Thanksgiving Day — Prepare and deliver meals to the homeless in Manhattan, 10:00am, Church of the Intercessions, 550 155th Street. For details and to register, visit www.facebook.com/gobblegobblegivenyc/.

1000 Turkeys — Donate to the Thousand Turkey Challenge, part of the Westside Campaign against Hunger, to help hungry families in upper Manhattan. Bring frozen turkeys to The Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew lower level, W. 86th & West End, Monday, November 20 & Tuesday, November 21, 9:00am-8:00pm, or Wednesday, November 24, 9:00am-1:00pm. Also make financial donations (\$18 per turkey) online at www.wscah.org.

Dear Santa Letters through December 10 — Select a Santa Letter during Coffee Hour and purchase a gift for vulnerable child at Icahn House and SCAN. See Tom for more information.



By entering the Sanctuary, you grant to Marble Collegiate Church unrestricted right to use and publish, transmit or telecast photographs or likenesses that might be taken of you this day for use in communications related to the church. If you are uncomfortable in the Sanctuary you are welcome to worship downstairs in the Chapel.

Upcoming

WEWO: WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Every Week in the Marble Loft, 6:15pm



November 15, "To Sow Bountifully" — Rev. J. Elise Brown

November 29 — Susanah Wade

A blend of traditional and contemporary worship styles, creating an informal and Spirit-filled mix. Music by praise ensemble. Holy Communion first Wednesday of month. **Live streamed.** *Childcare available, 276 5th Ave, Room 303. Please note, no WeWo November 22.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 7:00-8:00pm | Connection: 20s & 30s Online Small Group — We read and discuss *Grace Is Greater* by Kyle Idleman. Led by Daryl Lobban. Through December 11. No charge. To register and get book, contact Siobhan Tull, STull@MarbleChurch.org.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 6:30pm | Rev. Barbara Crafton's Weekday Bible Study — *The Peaceable Kingdom, Isaiah's Vision of Harmony*. November 21, *Thanksgiving in Scripture*.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 11:00am-12:00pm | Wednesday Morning Prayers — A time of prayer in Chapel. All welcome! Led by Rev. Gregory Johnson.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 12:00pm | 60+ Fellowship — Thanksgiving lunch (\$12, Fellowship members; \$15, guests), followed by Worship at 1:00pm. Marble Loft. **Please note, no 60+ November 22.**

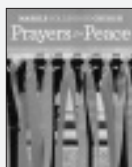
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 12:15pm | GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship Coffee Hour — All welcome for this time of fellowship. Labyrinth Room.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:30pm | Arts Ministry: *How to Eliminate Clutter from Your Life* — Mario Sprouse helps us explore the link between clutter and procrastination. All welcome! \$15 dinner/program; \$5 program only. Register online or during Coffee Hour.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 | Deadline for Submissions: *Advent - The Art of Waiting* — Visual Artists encouraged to submit 1-2 pieces for **December 3-24 exhibition**. Please send JPEGs/other digital media of work to Mario Sprouse, MSprouse@MarbleChurch.org. (Artwork no larger than 24" x 24".)

For more information or full listing of all our programming, please visit MarbleChurch.org or stop by Welcome Center after Worship during Coffee Hour.

Information



PRAYERS FOR PEACE RIBBONS ON FENCE — All the ribbons on our church fence are now orange. Ordinarily there are several colors, each representing different prayer requests for peace. In light of the growing number of mass shootings and the recent tragedies in Texas and Las Vegas, we have refocused our Prayers for Peace ribbon vigil. We have dressed the fence in orange ribbons (*the color selected for gun violence awareness in Chicago, 2015, and picked up by national activists*), underscoring our prayer and passion that this madness may end.

DR. MICHAEL BROWN'S ONLINE INSPIRATIONS — *Practical Faith* Podcast offers advice on how Faith can help us with deeper questions and daily life. Listen or download at MarbleChurch.org/connect/podcast or subscribe at iTunes. **Soul Purpose** videos are a brief and lively way to feed your spirit. Visit MarbleChurch.org/worship/inspiration or YouTube.

WALK THE LABYRINTH — Available most Wednesdays before WeWo, 5:00-6:00pm, and first Sunday of each month, 1:00-3:00pm. (*Schedule could vary, call to confirm*).

MARIANNE WILLIAMSON'S WEEKLY TALKS — Tuesdays, 7:30pm, Marble Sanctuary. \$20, but no one turned away if unable to pay. Also live streamed. Details at Marianne.com.

WHEN YOU NEED HELP

To ask for prayer, or share feedback, use Prayer Request card in pews or visit Prayer Room after Worship (off 29th St lobby). Members of Marble Prayer Ministry Team spend at least two weeks in prayer over each request.

Marble's Stephen Ministers may be able to help you with spiritual/emotional support in difficult times. Visit Prayer Room after Worship or email: StephenMinistry@MarbleChurch.org.

Pastoral Counseling with Dr. Ken Ruge — Please call Judy Tulin to schedule.

Blanton-Peale Counseling Ctr — Individual, group, family. 212-725-7850, blantonpeale.org.

MARBLE'S MEDIA MINISTRY — Visit website or MarbleVision Table at Coffee Hour. **CDs, DVDs, books**, featuring Dr. Brown, Sr. Carol, Dr. Caliandro, Dr. Peale, and others. Subscribe to sermon Podcasts.

PARKING DISCOUNT — 7-11 W. 28 St, \$20, Sundays (7 hours) Marble Receptionist validates.

Welcome!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY! Please stop by **Welcome Center** in **Marble Loft** (next door, 274 5th Ave, first flr) during Coffee Hour to learn more about our faith community. **New to Marble?** Pick up a welcome bag before Worship at Newcomers Table in Fifth Ave Narthex, or after Worship at Welcome Center. **Children's activity bags** available in Fifth Ave Narthex or from an usher. **Nursery available (infant-2yrs old), 2nd flr, 1 W 29th St, 9:30am-1:00pm.**

BECOME A MEMBER. We would love to have you join us! For information on our upcoming New Member Orientations **come to Deacons' Pew (right of Chancel)** after Worship and talk with one of our Membership Team (wearing red carnations). Or call Kim Sebastian-Ryan, ext 221.

Spotlight

DR. MICHAEL B. BROWN'S THANKSGIVING DEVOTIONAL

We invite you to follow Dr. Brown's weekly devotional to help keep you immersed in gratitude this November. MarbleChurch.org/Connect/Blogs; also on the Marble App and Facebook. *New reading every Monday.*



LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES Mondays, 12:30pm, through November 20

Take a 30-minute break for your soul and listen to these outstanding, emerging young artists from Juilliard. Free admission.

November 13 — **Yuejian Chen**

November 20 — **Ryan Kennedy**

THANKSGIVING BRUNCH plus THISTLE FARMS HOLIDAY PREVIEW SALE Sunday, November 19 12:15pm, Marble Loft

Join us as we give thanks for our unique and diverse faith community with a bountiful feast. \$20, adults; \$10, children. No reservation needed.

Support the mission of Thistle Farms by purchasing limited edition holiday candles and room sprays at our Holiday Preview Sale. *(All products available at December 10 sale.)*



ARTISANS' BOUTIQUE

Sunday, December 3

12:15-2:00pm, Marble Loft

Preview sale, 10:00-11:00am

Support some of Marble's artists and get started on your Christmas shopping from a selection of hand-crafted gifts. *Proceeds from artisans' rental fees go to Housing+Solutions.*

ANNUAL ADVENT CONCERT *O WONDROUS MYSTERY* Sunday, December 10 2:30pm, Sanctuary

Encounter the mystery of this sacred season with **The Marble Choir, Festival of Voices and Chamber Orchestra** directed by **Kenneth Dake**. **Admission:** \$60, reserved seating, advance purchase; \$35, general admission at door, or \$30 in advance. \$25, students/seniors, at door, or \$20 in advance. Purchase tickets during Coffee Hour in Marble Loft today or at MarbleChurch.org.

Please note: advance pricing ends 3:00pm, Thursday, December 7.



Let The Spirit Move You!

Annual Giving 2018



You will be enriched in every way so you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

— 2 Corinthians 9:11

Everything we have belongs to God. Participating in giving through making a financial commitment to Marble Church is one way to show our gratitude to God for God's many blessings in our lives. In gratitude for this church community, in gratitude for the way God continues to be present in times of joy and sorrow, in gratitude for the very gift of another day of life, let us join together and respond to God's generosity through our own generous giving.

TODAY, WE WELCOME
STEWARDSHIP LAYSPEAKER
BARBARA SAGAN
TO THE CHANCEL.

*Barbara has been a Marble Member
since 1994 and is a new Deacon.*



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) about Annual Giving

What is a pledge?

A pledge is a promise to give financially to support Marble's Mission and Ministries. Giving is both a spiritual commitment and an act of worship. It is not binding, but rather a conversation with God about what you can pledge to our shared ministry. As a way of making a pledge to God and each other, we dedicate our pledge cards (our written promises) in Worship on Sunday, November 19.

How do I make a pledge?

You can pledge by filling out a pledge card (found in pew racks and the Marble Loft) or at MarbleChurch.org (click on "Give" on top of homepage and "2018 Pledge Form"). You can "give as you go" via offering envelopes or even set up a monthly recurring credit card or auto-check contribution. If you need help with any of these options, please contact Shana Wolfe, 212-686-2770, ext. 248 or SWolfe@MarbleChurch.org.

I've pledged in the past. Do I need to do it again?

If you are a past pledger, you will automatically receive offering envelopes, but to continue your recurring gifts via credit card, please contact Shana. **Even if you have pledged previously, we ask that you fill out a 2018 Pledge Form so we know your intentions for the coming year.**

What do my pledge dollars actually do?

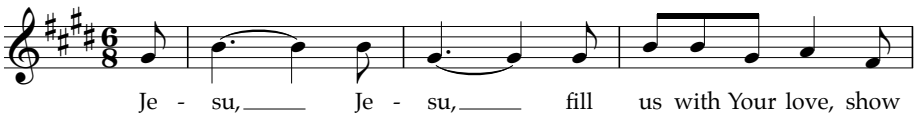
Your pledge dollars mean so much to Marble — Worship with glorious music and live streaming when you're away; Prayer Circle; Wednesday Worship; Adult Education opportunities; Children's Ministry; Small Groups (in-person and online); Caring Ministries; Mission Outreach; GIFTS: LGBTQ Fellowship; Women's or Men's Ministry, and so many more!

Marble is a wonderful faith community who helps each other, people down the street and around the world.

Come, be part of the vision for Marble 2018 — Forward Strong.

JESU, JESU

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



1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh-bors are rich _____ and poor, var - ied in co - lor and
3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a ser - vant to them. _____
race, neigh-bors are near - by and far _____ a - way. _____
love. All _____ are neigh-bors to us _____ and You. _____
deeds; this is the way we should live _____ with You. _____

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LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

Text: Albert F. Bayly (1961, alt.); Music: *Pleading Savior*, American folk hymn



1. Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the _____ weight of _____
2. Still your chil - dren _____ wan - der home - less; still the _____ hun - gry _____
3. As we _____ wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -
4. Called by _____ wor - ship _____ to your ser - vice, for - ward in your



hu - man need, who up - on the _____ cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; still the cap - tives _____ long for free - dom;
- veal - ing light, in its height and _____ depth and great - ness,
name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,



of - fered _____ mer - cy's _____ per - fect deed, we, your _____ ser - vants,
still in _____ grief we _____ mourn our dead. As, O _____ Lord, your
dawns up - on our _____ quick - ened sight, mak - ing _____ known the
love in _____ liv - ing _____ deeds to show; hope and _____ health, good -



bring the _____ wor - ship not of _____ voice a - lone, but _____ heart,
deep com - pas - sion healed the _____ sick and freed the _____ soul,
needs and _____ bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us _____ bear,
will and _____ com - fort, coun - sel, _____ aid, and peace we _____ give,



con - se - crat - ing _____ to your pur - pose ev - ery _____ gift that you im - part.
use the _____ love your Spi - rit kin - dles still to _____ save and make us whole.
stir - ring us to _____ tire - less striv - ing your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy _____ know, and live.



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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 STAFF

For full staff list and email addresses, please visit MarbleChurch.org/Welcome/Staff.

Ministerial Staff

Dr. Michael B. Brown, *Senior Minister*; Rev. J. Elise Brown, Ph.D., *Executive Minister*
Rev. Kirsty DePree, *Senior Associate Minister*; Rev. Chad Tanaka Pack, *Associate Minister*
Dr. Kenneth Ruge, *Minister of Counseling & Staff Consultation*; Daryl Paul Lobban, *Associate in Ministry*

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Rev. Barbara Cawthorne Crafton

Prayer Circle

Rev. Gregory Johnson

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Susanah Wade, *Director of Missions & Outreach*

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Facilities/Events Stuart Cole
Festival of Voices Kenneth Dake, Derek Weagle
Funerals/Memorial Services/Columbarium Any Minister, Judy Tulin
Gospel Choir Stacy Penson, Derek Weagle
Missions/Outreach Susanah Wade
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Small Groups Kirsty DePree, Baleta McKenzie
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Weddings Gary Thompson
Welcome and Hospitality Kim Sebastian-Ryan, Colleen Cosgrove, Siobhan Tull

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Arts Ministry Mario Sprouse
Entrepreneurs Gayle Robinson
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (GIFTS) Chad Tanaka Pack, Don Piper
Men's Ministry Tom Schneider
60+ Fellowship Colleen Cosgrove
20s&30s (Marble Connection) Daryl Paul Lobban
Women's Ministry (MWM) Kirsty DePree, Don Piper

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