



**MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH**  
**...Here for You**

Sunday, April 28, 2024

*PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES*

PRELUDE      Seven Days of Falling . . . . . Morten Ravn Hansen, Esbjörn Svensson Trio  
*We invite you to use this time for prayer or silent meditation to center yourself and prepare for worship.*

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Dr. Michael Bos

**HYMN**      **What a Covenant** . . . . . *Showalter*

**What a covenant, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

***Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.***

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain.***

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES . . . . . Rev. Amanda Hambrick Ashcraft

**HYMN**      **Siyahamba** . . . . . *South African Traditional*

**We are marching in the Light of God  
We are marching in the Light of God  
We are marching, we are marching  
We are marching in the Light of God.**

CALL TO PRAYER. . . . . Rabbi Rick Jacobs, Dr. Hussein Rashid, Dr. Jacqui Lewis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . Adrienne Hurd, Lutin Tanner, The Middle Classical Choir  
Lord Make Me an Instrument. . . . . Roger Holland

THE LORD'S PRAYER . . . . . Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos.  
Your name is light that always lives within.  
Create your reign of unity now. Let your heart's fervent desire  
unite heaven and earth through our harmony.  
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.  
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,  
as we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.  
Deceived neither by the outer nor the inner, free us to**

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**walk your path with joy. From you is born all ruling will,  
the power and life to do, the song that beautifies all.  
Amen.** – Aramaic Prayer, adapted from Neil Douglas-Klotz

CHORAL AMEN

PASSING OF THE PEACE . . . . . Jillian Langford  
*As you are able, please make your way to the microphone to also greet those worshipping with us online.*

ANTHEM Maybe God Is Trying to Tell You Something . . . . . William Maxwell,  
David Del Sesto, Andraé Crouch, Quincy Jones  
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir  
Carmi Harris, Melrose Johnson, *soloists*

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE – John 5:2-9 . . . . . Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins  
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON REGARDING THE MATTER OF WHOLENESS** . . . . . Dr. Jacqui Lewis

SPOTLIGHT ON LIFE AT MARBLE . . . . . Dr. Michael Bos

SPOTLIGHT ON MIDDLE RISING . . . . . Dr. Jacqui Lewis

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*To donate to Marble, please click "GIVE" at MarbleChurch.org or use Donate QR Code on green card in pews, to take you to secure website, Realm, to give. Donation boxes also placed by Sanctuary doors.*  
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*We are grateful for your faithful support.*

ANTHEM For Every Mountain . . . . . Kurt Carr  
Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir, Madge Dietrich, *soloist*

DOXOLOGY . . . . . *Old Hundredth*  
**From all that dwell below the skies  
Let faith and hope with love arise.  
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.**

DEDICATION PRAYER . . . . . Rev. Natalie Renee Perkins

**HYMN Lift Every Voice and Sing** . . . . . JW Johnson & Rosamond Johnson  
**1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.**  
**2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our people sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through  
the blood of the slaughtered  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**  
**3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Though who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wind of the world we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.**

BENEDICTION.....Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Dr. Michael Bos

POSTLUDE We Are the Ones.....Tituss Burgess

ARTISTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

The Middle Classical Choir with Gail Gill & Jerriese Johnson Gospel Choir  
Nöel Wippler, *soprano*; Anne Quintero, *alto*; Melaina Mills, *soprano*  
Carol Traore, *alto*; Trèjah Bostic, *soloist*; Mark Rehnstrom, *bass*  
Madge Dietrich, *soprano*; Shari Gill, *alto*; Carmi Harris, *soprano*  
Branch Woodman, *tenor*; Ai Ra, *tenor*; Melrose Johnson, *soprano*  
Dionne McClain-Freney, piano; Jonathon Peretz, *drums*  
Booker King, *bass*; Hajime Yoshida, *guitar*



**AFTER WORSHIP TODAY**

**FREEDOM RISING: YOU. MOVE. THE WORLD.**

Today marks the last day of the 18th Annual Freedom Rising Conference. Come together with fellow warriors, revolutionaries, advocates, and changemakers to reclaim our bodies through resilience, forge powerful connections, and boldly shape the world we all deserve.

For more information and to purchase a ticket for the remainder of the day, please visit the registration desk in the 5th Ave Narthex.



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**Purchase *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy*, the new book by Rev. Jim Wallis, who is our special guest on Sunday, May 19; see page 5. BOOKS AVAILABLE TODAY at 29th St Reception Desk, at [marblegiftshop.com](http://marblegiftshop.com), plus at Coffee Hour Sundays, May 5, 12 & 19. You are encouraged to purchase books in advance, then remember to bring with you to be signed by Jim following Worship on May 19. Learn more at [MarbleChurch.org/calendar](http://MarbleChurch.org/calendar).**

**UPCOMING WORSHIP**

*If you can't join us live, view anytime at [MarbleChurch.org/Watch](http://MarbleChurch.org/Watch)*



**Sunday, May 5 – 11:00am**  
**You Are Enough** – Rev. Susanah Wade

**Sunday, May 12 – 11:00am**  
**Living Life Backwards**  
**Begin with the End** – Dr. Michael Bos  
*Part 1 of Sermon Series*

May 12 Worship celebrates our solidarity with the Asian/Pacific Islander Community with AAPI Marble members participating. After Worship, we welcome our neighbors from across 5th Ave, YXT Health-Herbal Store, as they provide a **Special Tea Tasting** for us.



**NYC Street Closings: Please note, Sunday, May 5, is the Five Boro Bike Tour.** Please plan ahead for your time at Marble. For details, visit [www.nyc.gov/events/index](http://www.nyc.gov/events/index) or call 311.