

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

The Four Winds (1998)

The Wind from the North (Proverbs 25:23)

The Wind from the East (Hosea 13:15)

The Wind from the South (Luke 12:55 and 56)

The Wind from the West (Exodus 10:19)

Daniel Pinkham '44 (1923–2006)

HYMN

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

The congregation stands and sings

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3

Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep.

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning;
great is God’s faithfulness.

CONFESSION

In unison

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that humbly we may draw near to thee, confessing our faults, confiding in thy grace, and finding in thee our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

No. 345, “Morning Glory, Starlit Sky”

The congregation stands and sings

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THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1

OFFERTORY

Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

Tonus peregrinus

Sung by the choir

DOXOLOGY

The congregation stands and sings.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all people here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 50:15–21

Pew Bible, page 45 (OT)

ANTHEM

A Sound from Heaven (1999)

Daniel Pinkham

I heard a sound from heaven like the noise of rushing water and the deep roar of thunder; it was the sound of harpers playing on their harps. There before the throne the ransomed were singing a new song. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And all the angels stood round the throne and the elders and the four living creatures fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, crying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might, be to our God for ever and ever! Amen. Alleluia."

Revelation 14:2–5 and 7:12

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:21–35

Pew Bible, page 17 (NT)

ANTHEM

Don't Be Weary Traveler (1920)

R. Nathaniel Dett (1882–1943)

Don't be weary, traveler, come along home to Jesus!
Weary traveler, come along home with thy burden!
All ye that labor, and are heavy laden, come along home to Jesus!
Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for my yoke is easy. My burden is light.
And ye shall find rest unto your souls. Amen.

African American spiritual and Matthew 11:28–30

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

In unison

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The congregation remains seated



Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Calvin T. Jones

HYMN

No. 276, “Go Forth for God”

Magda

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Grand chœur dialogué” from *Ceremonial Suite* (2017)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

TODAY'S SERVICE

Additional information about today's service and music notes are available from our website at memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes or by scanning the following QR code.



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