

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Last Sunday of Summer Term
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 30, 2017

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING
THE SANCTUARY OF THE MEMORIAL CHURCH.

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PRELUDE

“Andante espressivo” from Sonata in G major, Op. 28 (1895) *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *Old Hundredth*
The congregation standing

INVOCATION

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. 239, “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *Coronation*
The congregation standing

GREETING AND THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee’s recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line “Grants Committee.” Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.

My Spirit Sinks within Me, Lord
Sung by Micah Walter G3

Scottish folk melody, arr. Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)

My spirit sinks within me, Lord,
But I will call thy name to mind,
And times of past distress record,
When I have found my God was kind.

Huge troubles with tumultuous noise
Swell like a sea, and round me spread;
Thy waterspouts drown all my joys,
And rising waves roll o'er my head.

Yet will the Lord command his love,
When I address his throne by day,
Nor in the night his grace remove;
The night shall hear me sing and pray.

Thy light and truth shall guide me still,
Thy word shall my best thoughts employ,
And lead me to thy heavenly hill,
My God, my most exceeding joy.

Isaac Watts (1674–1748); paraphrase of Psalm 42:6–11

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1–27, 31

Pew Bible, pages 1–2 (OT)

INTERLUDE

Lord, Make Me to Know Thy Ways

William Byrd (ca. 1540–1623)

Lord, make me to know thy ways.

O Lord, teach me thy paths.

O lead me in thy truth, and teach me,

For thou art the God of my salvation.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48, 51-52

Pew Bible, page 13 (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation seated

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sung by the minister

HYMN

No. 314, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Maryton

The congregation standing

SERMON

Creativity and the Life of Faith

HYMN

No. 203, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

St. Denio

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata (1941)

Leo Sowerby (1895–1968)

OUR MISSION

The Memorial Church of Harvard University is a space of grace in the center of the Yard, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ. Affectionately known as “MemChurch,” we pursue partnerships within and beyond Harvard, empowering community members to serve the world as well-informed, compassionate, moral citizens. Through worship and ministry outreach, MemChurch aims to promote justice and mercy by confronting life’s challenges, differences, and our own imperfections with courage, empathy, and an ethic of love. By doing so, the Memorial Church seeks to educate minds, expand hearts, and enrich lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME

Today is the Last Sunday of Summer Term and the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Stephanie Paulsell, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church and Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School. The service is led by the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and Sergeant Kevin Bryant, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church and Security Services Coordinator and Diversity/Community Liaison for the Harvard University Police Department. The first lesson is read by Ben Schafer '19. The second lesson is read by Bernadette O'Connell De La Flor. The organist is Ross Wood. The soloist is Micah Walter G3.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

USHERING AND READING SIGN-UP

Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship services for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in ushering or reading, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We would love to have you join us!

FAITH FORMATION AT THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through twelfth grade. New this year is our Teen Class! All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

Confirmation is offered for students in grades seven and eight. This program is designed to help young people in the formation of their faith and Christian identity while also exploring other traditions through interdenominational and interfaith experiences.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith and Life forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. These programs are held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to register for Church School and confirmation, or for more information about faith formation at MemChurch. Programs will begin on Sunday, September 10.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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LAST SERVICE OF SUMMER TERM

This is the last service of the Summer Term. The next service will be Freshman Sunday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

For more information on upcoming services and events:

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