

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022, 11 am

PRELUDE

Recollection (Soliloquy No. 2) (2000)

David Conte (b. 1955)

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. 14, "God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him"
The congregation stands and sings.

Abbot's Leigh

THE PEACE & GREETING

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

OFFERTORY

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Psalm 51:1–4, 7–11 *Miserere mei, Deus*
Sung by the choir

Chant by Matthew Camidge (1758–1844)

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

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Pew Bible, page 184 (NT)

ANTHEM

Bring Us, O Lord God (1916)

William Henry Harris (1883–1973)

Bring us, o Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of Heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears or hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity,
in the habitations of thy glory and dominion,
world without end. Amen.

John Donne (1572–1631)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 15:1–10

Pew Bible, page 67 (NT)

ANTHEM

Let Us Love in Deed and Truth

Larry King (1932–1990)

If anyone has the world's goods, and sees his neighbor in need,
Yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?
Let us not love in word of speech, but in deed and in truth.
By this we shall know that we are of the truth:
We have confidence before our God, and we receive from him whatever we ask,
Because we keep his commandments, and do what pleases him.
And this is his commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ,
And love one another.

after 1 John 3:17–23

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.



SERMON

The Rev. Matthew Ichihashi Potts

HYMN

No. 232, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

St. Helena

The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Comes Autumn Time (1916)

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

TODAY'S SERVICE

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