

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2020

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

His Eye Is on the Sparrow (Sparrow Blues) (2006)

Joe Utterback (b. 1944)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Isaiah 2

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: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Minister: Come, let us set out in the light of the Lord!

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. 333, "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Regent Square

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

GREETING & THE PEACE

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." Give online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>.

Jacob's Ladder (1981)

African American Spiritual, arr. Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

We are climbing Jacob's ladder.

Sinners, do you love my Jesus?

We are climbing Jacob's ladder.

Soldiers of the cross.

We are climbing Jacob's ladder.

If you love him, why not serve him?

Soldiers of the cross.

If you love him, why not serve him?

Every round goes higher, higher.

If you love him, why not serve him?

Every round goes higher, higher.

Soldiers of the cross.

Every round goes higher, higher.

Rise, shine, give God glory.

Soldiers of the cross.

Rise, shine, give God glory.

Sinners, do you love my Jesus?

Rise, shine, give God glory.

Sinners, do you love my Jesus?

Soldiers of the cross.

We are climbing higher, higher.

We are climbing higher, higher.

We are climbing higher, higher.

Soldiers of the cross.

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

Exodus 16: 2–15

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

“Glorious the Sun” from *A Song to David* (1983)

William Albright (1944–1998)

Glorious the sun in mid career;
Glorious th’assembled fires appear;
Glorious the comet’s train:
Glorious the trumpet and alarm;
Glorious th’almighty stretch’d-out arm;
Glorious th’en-raptur’d main:

Glorious the northern lights atream;
Glorious the song, when God’s the theme;
Glorious the thunder’s roar;
Glorious “Hosanna!” from the den;
Glorious the catholic Amen!
Glorious the martyr’s gore.

Glorious—more glorious is the crown
Of Him that brought salvation down
By meekness, called thy Son:
Thou at stupendous truth believed,
And now the matchless deed’s achieved,
DETERMINED, DARED and DONE.

Alleluia.

Christopher Smart (1722–1771)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 20: 1–16

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains 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

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.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the Prayer Hymn is repeated.

SERMON

The Scandal of Grace

HYMN

No.5, “Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine (2009)

Joe Utterback

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

Sunday, September 20, 2020

WELCOME

Today is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Francesca Cipriani de Carrillo MDiv '20. The second lesson is read by Nestor Pimienta MDiv '17. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offertory and anthem are taken from the Harvard University Choir's 2011 CD *Glorious the Song*. The prelude and postlude this morning were recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Calvin Hampton was one of the most important composers of American church music in the twentieth century. He was Director of Music at Calvary Episcopal Church, New York City, from 1963 to 1983, and before his untimely death at the age of 46, he developed a unique compositional voice which is heard in his extensive catalogue of hymn-tunes and works for choir and organ. *Jacob's Ladder* is quintessential Hampton: an imaginative set of choral variations on the beloved campfire-song.

William Albright studied with Olivier Messiaen and became one of the most original and inventive of twentieth-century American composers. Though he wrote in all forms, Albright had a special love for writing "organ music that didn't sound like organ music." *A Song to David* (1983), an evening-long oratorio for chorus and virtuoso organ, was his magnum opus—an ecstatically overstuffed setting of the eponymous poem by the eighteenth-century English poet Christopher Smart. A stirring hymn tune returns several times in the final part of the work, culminating in its closing dramatic presentation, "Glorious the Sun," complete with descant and fanfares.

Joe Utterback is a jazz pianist, composer, and church musician based in Stratfield, Connecticut where he is minister of music at First Congregational Church. His unique jazz piano style draws on a lifetime of experience in the genre, combined with extensive classical training (including a doctorate in piano) and an integration of romantic and impressionist elements. Utterback's jazz-influenced, sacred compositions for pipe organ were some of the first of their kind when he began publishing in the 1980s. He has now built up an extensive catalog of pieces in many genres. Today's prelude and postlude are both works based on familiar gospel hymns.

STUDENT DEACON PROGRAM

Student Deacons is an ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Students explore spiritual development and leadership formation within a supportive and caring faith community. To learn more, contact Student Program Fellow, Lara Glass (lara_glass@harvard.edu) and Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms from 10:00–10:45am. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

The Faith and Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms and continues next Sunday, September 27, 9:30–10:30am with Melissa Wood Bartholomew MDiv '15, Associate Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging, Instructor in Ministry, Harvard Divinity School. We are implementing a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To participate, please visit the Faith and Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about opportunities for faith formation.

INSTAGRAM LIVE

Join us on Instagram Live for a brief reflection on a practice on Thursdays at 7:00pm, beginning on September 3. Be sure to follow us @memchurch!

PRACTICING HOPE READING GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the Practicing Hope Book Group, which meets once a month, on Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00pm. This semester, we'll be reading and discussing three books on practices: on October 14 we'll discuss Timothy Snyder's *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*; and on November 18, we'll discuss Howard Thurman's *Disciplines of the Spirit*. We are implementing a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

DAILY NEWSLETTER

Our daily newsletter is back! We will share the meditations, music, spiritual practices, and prayers of our far-flung community. This is also the way to receive the most up to date information about the communal and worship life of the Memorial Church. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please subscribe on our website.

MEMCAFÉ

Held virtually on Wednesday mornings from 9:30–10:15am from September 9 to December 2. Sit down at your computer or mobile device with your morning coffee and gather with us over Zoom. Each week as we check in with one another, we invite you to share a 1-2 sentence quote that has been grounding for you. Everyone is welcome! We are implementing a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

WORSHIP

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at *wbrb.org*. Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, *memorialchurch.harvard.edu*, during the week following the service. Sunday Sermons and Morning Prayers are also available on SoundCloud at *http://bit.ly/sundaysermons* and *http://bit.ly/morningprayers* respectively, and on iTunes—search “Harvard Memorial Church” from your iTunes app.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be Melissa Wood Bartholomew, Associate Dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging, Instructor in Ministry, Harvard Divinity School.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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para. of Psalm 100
William Kethe, 1561, alt.

OLD HUNDREDTH LM
Genevan Psalter, 1551

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with -
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4 For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

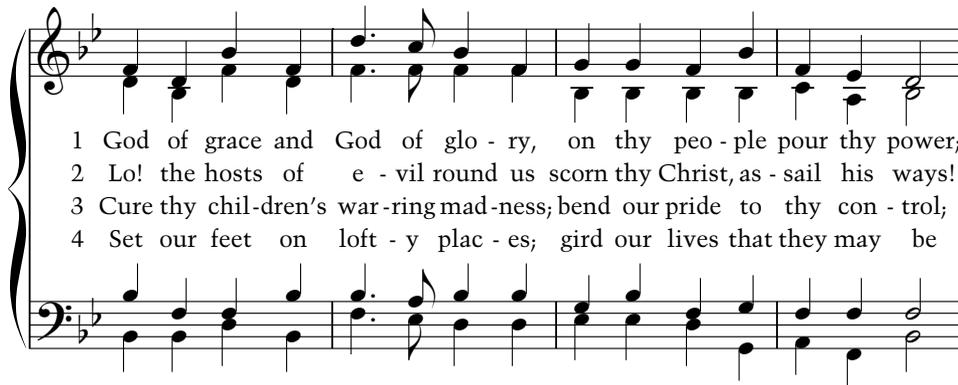
God of Grace and God of Glory

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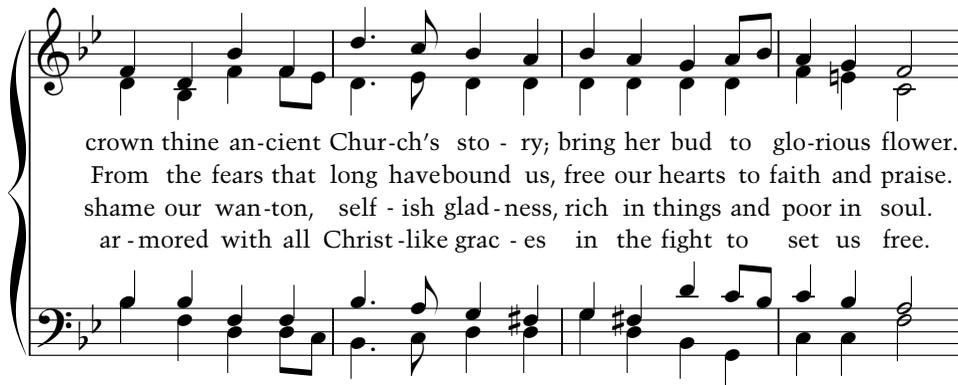
Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.

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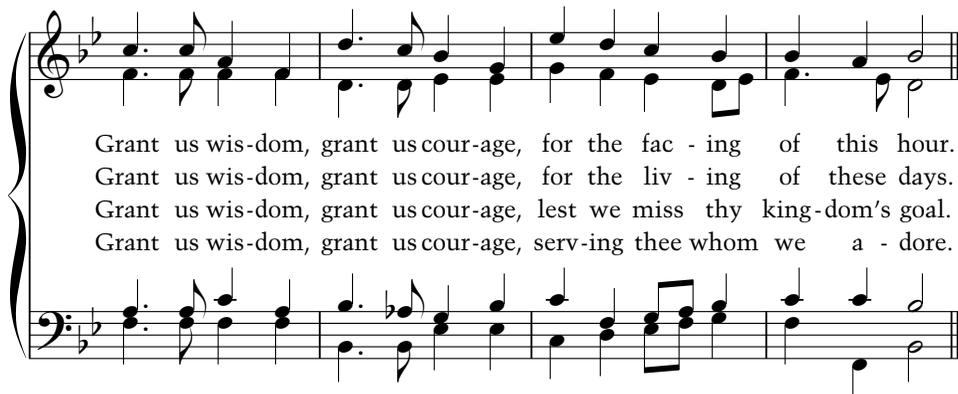
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness; bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that they may be



crown thine an-cient Chur-ch's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo-rious flower.
From the fears that long havebound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.
shame our wan-ton, self - ish glad-ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
ar - mored with all Christ-like grac - es in the fight to set us free.



Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, for the fac - ing of this hour.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, for the liv - ing of these days.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, lest we miss thy king-dom's goal.
Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age, serv-ing thee whom we a - dore.

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott
 Martin Rinckart, 1636!
 trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 67 67 66 66
 Johann Crüger, 1647
 harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840, alt.

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi - ces, who
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us, with
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be gi - ven, the

won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joi - ces, who,
 ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us, and
 Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven, e -

from our pa - rents' arms, hath blessed us on our way with
 keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed, and
 ter - nal, tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore; for

count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.