

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Meditation” from *Thaïs* (1893)

Jules Massenet (1842–1912)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Old Hundredth

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. 306, “There Is a Balm in Gilead”
See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

Balm in Gilead

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>.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (publ. 1996)

*African American Spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus.

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

John 12: 1–10

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace (arr. 2001)

*A. L. Hatter
arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We will meet our loved ones there.

There will be no trials there.

SECOND LESSON

John 8: 1–11

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

Love on the Road to Justice

Text: "Let them without sin cast the stone first."

John 8: 7b

HYMN

No. 341, "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C major (publ. 1912)

Jules Massenet

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, October 11, 2020

WELCOME

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Aric Flemming Jr. MDiv '19. 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 Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister 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 Kara Evans '22. The second lesson is read by Lauren Church '21, Student Deacon, Student Advisory Board. 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 archival service recordings of the Harvard University Choir. The postlude this morning was recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster. The prelude was recorded by David von Behren, violin and Tom Trenney, piano.

MUSIC NOTES

Moses Hogan was a gifted concert pianist, conductor, and founder of the Moses Hogan Chorale; he died at a tragically young age in 2003. He is most widely remembered for his contemporary settings of spirituals: "We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace" and "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" are two of his most powerful arrangements.

French composer Jules Massenet taught at the Paris Conservatory from 1878 until 1896 and was best known for his more than 30 operas. A staple of the classical violin repertoire, "Meditation" from *Thaïs* is an opera intermezzo for violin solo and orchestra; this morning, we hear this piece adapted for violin and piano. Characterized by its grand and triumphant sound, Massenet's Prelude in C major is one of the composer's small number of organ works.

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, October 14, 9:30–10:30am with the Reverend Matthew Potts PhD '13, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church, Associate Professor of Religion and Literature and of Ministry Studies, 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 whrb.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

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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.

African American

BALM IN GILEAD IRREGULAR with Refrain

*African American melody**harm. Hymns of Truth and Light, 1998*

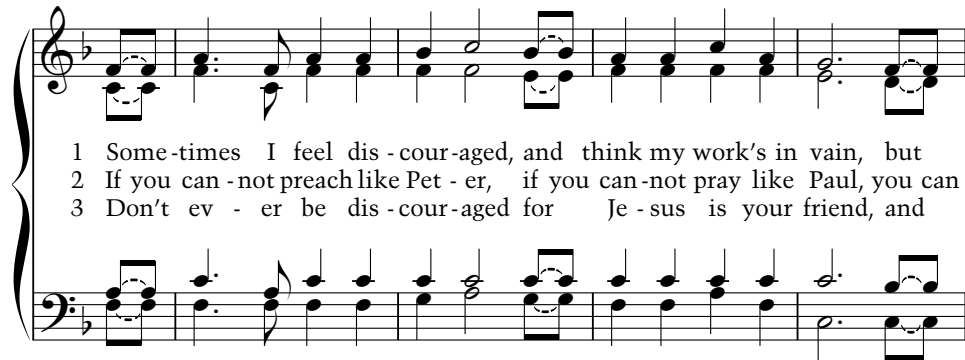
Refrain 



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 If you can-not preach like Pet-er, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can
 3 Don't ev-er be dis-cour-aged for Je-sus is your friend, and

D.S.



then the Ho-ly Spi-rit re-vives my soul a-gain.
 tell the love of Je-sus, and say he died for all. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re-fuse to lend.

In Christ There Is No East or West

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John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

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African American melody
harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866–1949)

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in
2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery - where their
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
high com - mun - ion find; his serv - ice is the
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet south and north; all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
as a child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.