HARVARD
The Memorial Church

Order of Worship

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 15, 2024, 11 am

PRELUDE

Soliloquy (1996) *David Conte (b. 1955)*

HYMN,

No. 1, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" *Old Hundredth*
The congregation stands and sings

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalms 71, 143, 16, and 34

Minister: You are our hope, O Lord our God.
People: We have been sustained by you ever since we were born.
Minister: Let us hear of your loving-kindness this morning,
For we put our trust in you.
People: Show us the road that we must walk,
For we lift up our souls to you.
Minister: You will show us the path of life,
In your presence there is fulness of joy.
People: The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
And his ears are open to their cry.

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. 47, "New Every Morning Is the Love" *Melcombe*
The congregation stands and sings

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

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Psalm 19 *Cæli enarrant* *Stephen Darlington (b. 1952)*

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

Wisdom 7:26–8:1

ANTHEM

Weave for Us a Garment of Brightness (1998) *Kola Owolabi (b. 1977)*

Weave for us a garment of brightness
that we may walk fittingly where birds sing;
that we may walk fittingly where grass is green.
May the warp be the white light of morning.
May the weft be the red light of evening.
May the fringes be the falling rain.
May be the border be the standing rainbow.
O our mother the earth; O our father the sky,
Weave for us a garment of brightness.

Traditional Tewa Native American
translated by Herbert Joseph Spinden, Class of 1906 (1879–1967)

SECOND LESSON

Mark 8:27–38 *Pew Bible, page 38 (NT)*

ANTHEM

That Which Remains (2013) *Andrea Ramsey (b. 1977)*

> What we have once enjoyed we can never lose: a sunset, a mountain bathed in moonlight, the ocean in calm and in storm. We see them, love their beauty, hold their vision to our hearts. All that we love deeply becomes part of us. Life is overlord of death. Life is stronger than death, and love can never lose its own.
>
> *Helen Keller, Class of 1904 (1880–1968)*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

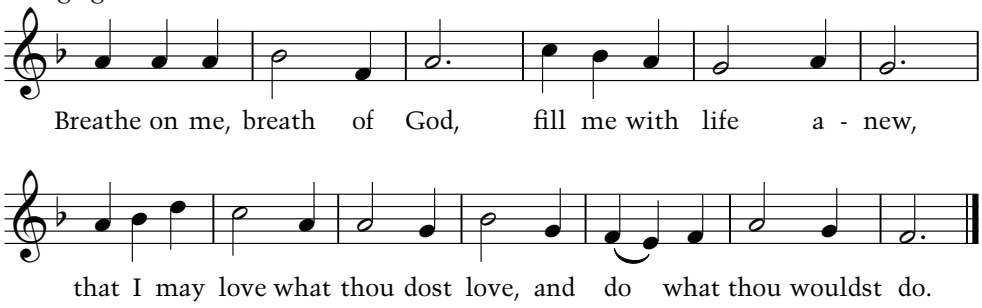
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Stephanie Paulsell*

HYMN

No. 226, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *Hyfryfol*

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dawning, Op. 396 (2002) *Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)*

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