

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025, 11 am

PRELUDE

Soliloquy (1996)

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 I John 4

Minister: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

People: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Minister: In this the love of God was revealed among us,
that God sent Jesus into the world, so we might live through him.

People: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us,
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Minister: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

People: If we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.

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. 196, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
The congregation stands and sings

St. Columba

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

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Psalm 51:1–4, 7–11 *Miserere mei, Deus*

Matthew Camidge (ca. 1758–1844)

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

Exodus 32:7–14

ANTHEM

Bring Me All Your Dreams

Christopher H. Harris (b. 1985)

Bring me all your dreams,

You dreamers.

Bring me all your

Heart melodies

That I may wrap them

In a blue cloud-cloth

Away from the too rough fingers

Of the world.

Langston Hughes (1901–1967), alt.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 15:1–10

ANTHEM

We Shall Walk Through the Valley (publ. 1977)

African American Spiritual
arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

Lord, we shall walk in peace.
We shall walk through the valley in peace,
If Jesus himself shall lead us.
There will be no trials there,
If Jesus himself shall lead us.
We shall walk in peace.

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



Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

SERMON

The Rev. Calvin T. Jones

HYMN

No. 312, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Nettleton

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jubilate, Op. 67, No. 2 (1974)

William Mathias (1934–1992)

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