HARVARD
The Memorial Church

Order of Worship

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026, 11 am

PRELUDE
Little Melody — *Florence B. Price (1887–1953)*
Adoration (1951)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP
from 1 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. 32, "God, Beyond All Human Praises" — *Dominus regnavit*
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

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

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Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 *Domine, refugium* *Arthur Henry Mann (1850–1929)*

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

Psalm 30:1–4, 11–13

ANTHEM

The Beauty of the Earth (2009) *Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)*

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
Our song of joy and love and praise.

For the beauty of each hour,
Of the days and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense and sound and sight.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For a gentle thought and mild.

Folliott S. Pierpoint (1835–1917), adp. Gwyneth Walker

SECOND LESSON
Matthew 22:34–46

ANTHEM
My Eyes for Beauty Pine (2014) *Elizabeth Coxhead (b. 1987) and Thomas Coxhead (b. 1993)*

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendor thence is shed
From all the stars above:
Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.
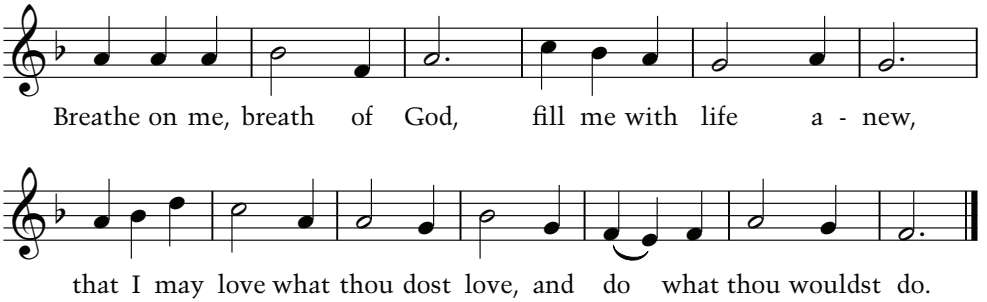
Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

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 Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin*

HYMN

No. 349, "At the Dawning of Creation" — *Union Seminary*

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Clog Dance, Fanfare, and Toccata" — *William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)*

from *Partita on "Beach Spring"* (2020)

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