

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 19, 2020

11 am

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

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## PRELUDE

Once More My Soul  
Amazing Grace

*George Shearing (1919–2011)*

## HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”  
*The congregation standing*

*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. 134, “What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”  
*The congregation standing*

*Puer Nobis*

## GREETING AND THE PEACE

*All are invited to join in singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1.*

## 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." Ushers will begin collection from the back of the church.*

Reverie

*William Grant Still (1895–1978)*

## DOXOLOGY

*Sung by the congregation, standing*

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

Genesis 1:20–27

*Pew Bible, page 2 (OT)*

## HYMN

No. 306, "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

*Balm in Gilead*

*The congregation standing*

## SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:19–29

*Pew Bible, page 819 (OT)*

## PRAYER HYMN

*The congregation 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 Religion of Martin Luther King, Jr.

### HYMN

No. 272, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

*Lift Every Voice*

*The congregation standing*

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Variations on "Kum ba ya"

*John Behnke (b. 1953)*

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### 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, January 19, 2019

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## WELCOME

Today is the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is the Rev. Aric B. Flemming, Jr. MDiv '19. The worship leader is the Rev. Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Marcio Macedo. The second lesson is read by Karen-Alexandra Nogues '18, JD '22. The music is provided by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

Our "Baby Oasis" is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use the respite space during worship. Audio from the service streams in the Baby Oasis.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance.

## MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers have ended for the Fall Term and will resume in the Spring Term on Monday, January 27, 2020.

## MANY HELPING HANDS' MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Please join us for the 10th annual Many Helping Hands' MLK Day of Service at Cambridge City Hall on Monday, January 20th at 2pm. All Harvard students, staff, and community are welcome. To register or to learn more, visit the Helping Hands' website, [manyhelpinghands365.org](http://manyhelpinghands365.org).

## FAITH FORMATION

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. The Church School will not meet today; however, worship bags and books are available for young people in worship. Classes will resume Sunday, February 2. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

For adults in the MemChurch community, 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 in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. The Faith and Life Forum will resume Sunday, February 2. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website.

## LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

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

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister, The Memorial Church of Harvard University; Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School.

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