

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Commemoration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 18, 2015

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Preludes on Hymn Tunes of William Bradbury

Dale Wood (1934–2003)

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought
Just as I Am, Without One Plea
Sweet Hour of Prayer

HYMN

No. 1, verses 1 & 4, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 36:5–9

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;
You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

Minister: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: We feast on the abundance of your house,
And you give us drink from the river of your delights.

Minister: For with you is the fountain of life;

People: In your light we see light.

INVOCATION

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. 341, “In Christ There Is No East or West”

McKee

The congregation standing

GREETINGS

THE PEACE

All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, verse 1.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Somebody's Knockin' at Yo' Door

arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

Somebody's knockin' at yo' door
Somebody's knockin' at yo door
Oh, sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at yo' door.

Can't you hear him?
Sounds like Jesus.
Jesus calls you.

Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University. Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the Church forward.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PSALTER

Psalms 140

Pew Bible, page 541 (OT)

To be read responsively; the congregation standing

GLORIA PATRI

See Hymn No. 371

FIRST LESSON

Romans 10:5–14

Pew Bible, page 140 (NT)

ANTHEM

Walk Together Children

arr. Moses Hogan

Oh, walk together children, don't you get weary
Walk together children, don't you get weary
Walk together children, don't you get weary
There's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Gonna walk and never tire
Oh, walk and never tire
Walk and never tire
There's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Gonna sing and never tire
Oh, sing and never tire
Sing and never tire
There's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Gonna shout and never tire
Oh, shout and never tire
Shout and never tire
There's a great camp meetin' in the promised lan'.

Oh, walk together children, don't you get weary.
Sing together children, don't you get weary.
Shout together children, don't you get weary
There's a great camp meetin'
Great camp meetin'
Great camp meetin' in the promised, promised lan'.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 3:1–19

Pew Bible, page 52 (NT)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Let us pray.
Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People: For we put our trust in you.
Minister: In you, Lord, is our hope;
People: And we shall never hope in vain.

Each time the minister says "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GRACE

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

HYMN

No. 344, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
The congregation standing

Precious Lord

SERMON

Voices in the Wilderness

Text: "A voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

Luke 3:4

HYMN

No. 299, "Amazing Grace!"
The congregation standing

New Britain

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West

Dale Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 18, 2015

WELCOME

Today is the Commemoration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Second Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher is Dr. Walter E. Fluker, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Ethical Leadership, Boston University School of Theology. The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church, and the Reverend Alanna Copenhaver, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The organist is Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster; the singer is Harvard University Choir alumnus Lumumba Seegars '09, G1. The first lesson is read by James W. Lawson, Esq. The second lesson is read by Dr. Sharon W. Fluker.

Listening devices are available to help the hearing impaired participate in the service; please ask an usher for assistance. Following the service, the congregation is invited to a reception in the Memorial Room.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Jeffrey A. Hunker AB '77, DBA '81 (1957–2013) by Valerie Rose Taylor AB '79.

UCHOIR TOUR

The University Choir will be on tour from January 22–24 featuring an hour-long recital including works by Bach, Britten, and Paulus. All concerts are free and open to the public. Concerts will be held on the following dates and times:

- January 22, 5 p.m., Christ Church United Methodist, Park Avenue at 60th Street, New York City
- January 23, 5 p.m., Battell Chapel, Yale University, 400 College Street, New Haven, CT
- January 24, 1 p.m., All Saints Church, Worcester, 10 Irving Street, Worcester, MA

WINTER RECESS

Morning Prayers services will resume at the start of the Spring Term on Monday, January 26, 8:45 a.m.; you can listen to recordings of previous Morning Prayers services on our website, www.memorialchurch.harvard.edu, or listen on SoundCloud or iTunes. The Faith & Life Forum will resume on February 1. The Church School for Children is on recess and will resume on February 1.

MANY HELPING HANDS: CAMBRIDGE'S 5TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE

On Monday, January 19 from 2:00–5:00 p.m., volunteer at the 5th Annual Cambridge Day of Service that Many Helping Hands 365 has organized to celebrate Martin Luther King Day and honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. The kick off will take place on City Hall steps in Central Square; activities will be held at City Hall, the Citywide Senior Center, and the YWCA. Join us for an afternoon of hands-on service projects that benefit Cambridge residents in need. For more information, visit manyhelpinghands365.org.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Last Sunday of Winter Recess and the Third Sunday after the Epiphany. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to Harvard University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church.

For more information on upcoming services and events:

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