HARVARD

The Memorial Church



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023, 11 am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude in G major, Op. 32, No. 2/1 (1837)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1947)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3

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: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,

God's mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning;

great is God's faithfulness.

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. 2, "All Creatures of Our God and King" *The congregation stands and sings*

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS & OFFERTORY

Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate

TBD "If God Be for Us" from Messiah (1741)

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

Romans 8:31, 33-34

Sonja Johnson-Yu G3, alto

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

Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-2

Pew Bible, page 182 (OT)

ANTHEM

TBD "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Messiah (1741)

George Frideric Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Job 19:25-26 and 1 Corinthians 15:20

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

Pew Bible, page 10 (NT)

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





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

SERMON

The Rev. Aric B. Flemming, Jr.

HYMN

No. 285, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *The congregation stands and sings*

Cwm Rhondda

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major, Op. 32, No. 2/2 (1836)

Felix Mendelssohn

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