

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Passacaglia in d minor, BuxWV 151

Dieterich Buxtehude (ca. 1637/39-1707)

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

Old Hundredth

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

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. 76, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Faithfulness

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

GREETING & THE PEACE

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." Give online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>.

A Prayer of the Middle Ages (1976)

Howard Hanson (1896–1981)

We declare unto all the ages as the greatest marvel,
Ere there were hills and trees or the mighty ocean,
Ere the sunlight shone forth, or the moon cast its beams,
When naught was, from end to end,
There wert Thou, O God,
Thou almighty God, from time unknown to time unknown,
Eternal God, Thou almighty God,
Thou who madest Heav'n and Earth,
Give through Thy holy blessing Faith unending
Give to us wisdom, prudence and strength,
That Thy will we may do. Amen.

Adapted from an anonymous 8th century poem by James Francis Cook (1875–1960)

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

Genesis 25:19–34

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners (1974)

Lee Hoiby (1926–2001)

At the round earth's imagined corners, blow
Your trumpets, Angels, and arise, arise
From death, you numberless infinities
Of souls, and to your scattered bodies go,
All whom the flood did, and fire shall o'erthrow,
All whom war, dearth, age, agues, tyrannies,
Despair, law, chance, hath slain, and you whose eyes,
Shall behold God, and never taste death's woe.
But let them sleep, Lord, and me mourn a space,
For, if above all these, my sins abound,
'Tis late to ask abundance of thy grace,
When we are there; here on this lowly ground,
Teach me how to repent; for that's as good
As if thou hadst seal'd my pardon, with thy blood.

John Donne (1572–1631)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

from the New Revised Standard Version (NT)

PRAYER HYMN

The congregation remains 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

A Genealogy of Dirt

HYMN

No. 282, "How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation

See end of worship bulletin. The congregation stands and sings.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sinfonia from Cantata BWV 29

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Transcribed by Harvey Grace (1874–1944)

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, July 12, 2020

WELCOME

Today is the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The service is led by Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School, and the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. You will also hear the voices of some of the family members and friends with whom we are sheltering and for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Dori Hale. The second lesson is read by Aric Flemming MDiv '19. The music for this Sunday's service is provided by Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster. The offertory and anthem are taken from the Harvard University Choir's 2007 CD *Sing the Glory!* The prelude and postlude this morning were recorded on the organ at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska this past week by David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Howard Hanson led a distinguished career as composer, administrator, and conductor. During his tenure as head of the Eastman School of Music, the composer did more for the cause of American music than nearly any other figure in the 20th century. *A Prayer of the Middle Ages* was written in 1976 for Furman University and was Hanson's only published composition for unaccompanied choir.

Throughout his long career, Lee Hoiby was an active standard-bearer for the cause of American neo-romanticism. *At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners* is a setting of John Donne's famous *Holy Sonnet 7* and was commissioned by the American Guild of Organists, resulting in an especially active organ part.

Acknowledged as one of Dieterich Buxtehude's most important works for organ, the *Passacaglia in D minor*, BuxWV 161 bears a possible influence on J. S. Bach's *Passacaglia in C minor*, BWV 582. Buxtehude outlines four key areas within the work, repeating the pedal motif exactly seven times within each key.

J. S. Bach's Cantata No. 29, *Wir danken dir, Gott, wir danken dir* (We thank you, God, we thank you), was composed in Leipzig in 1731 for the annual inauguration of a new town council. This is one of few Bach cantatas that begins with an instrumental movement. The music is an arrangement of the prelude from Bach's solo violin partita, BWV 1006. This toccata-like movement navigates through multiple sequences and keys, maintaining a sense of energy and brilliance throughout.

COFFEE HOUR

Join us for a weekly virtual MemChurch Coffee Hour following each Sunday worship service from 12:15–1:00pm. This will be a time for us to check in with one another, to reflect on the day's sermon and to be together in community. To participate, please email Elizabeth Montgomery (elizabeth_montgomery@harvard.edu) before 12:00pm.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School has resumed its virtual meetings for the Summer Term. Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Join us for our summer reading group and pilgrimages on Wednesdays in July. To participate, please email Elizabeth Montgomery (elizabeth_montgomery@harvard.edu) before the start of the event.

July 15, 7:00pm—Reading group: “The Case for Reparations” by Ta-Nehisi Coates, *The Atlantic*

July 22, 1:30pm—Virtual pilgrimage

July 29, 7:00pm—Reading: “An Interview with Professor Evelyn Hammonds: How Racism is Shaping the Coronavirus Pandemic” by Isaac Chotiner, *The New Yorker*.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We are delighted to share the news of our continued broadcasting of worship on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM, throughout the summer. Summer worship begins today and concludes on Sunday, August 2. During this time we will also offer a virtual coffee hour following worship. Please check our website for more details. Although our congregation is far-flung, we are so glad to continue worshipping alongside you during this difficult time. A special thank you to our partner, WHRB, for working with us to extend our broadcast services.

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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Dudley C. Rose, Associate Dean for Ministry Studies and Lecturer on Ministry, Harvard Divinity School; Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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para. of Psalm 100
William Kethe, 1561, alt.

OLD HUNDREDTH LM
Genevan Psalter, 1551

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed, with -
3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap -
4 For why? The Lord our God is good, his

to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
out our aid he did us make; we are his folk, he
proach with joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Thomas O. Chisolm, 1923

FAITHFULNESS 11 10 11 10 with Refrain

William M. Runyan, 1923

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - du - reth,

there is no sha - dow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est
 sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all
 thy own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to -

not, thy com - pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast
 na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great
 day and bright hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all

been thou for - ev - er wilt be:
 faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love: Great is thy
 mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new

mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy hand has pro-

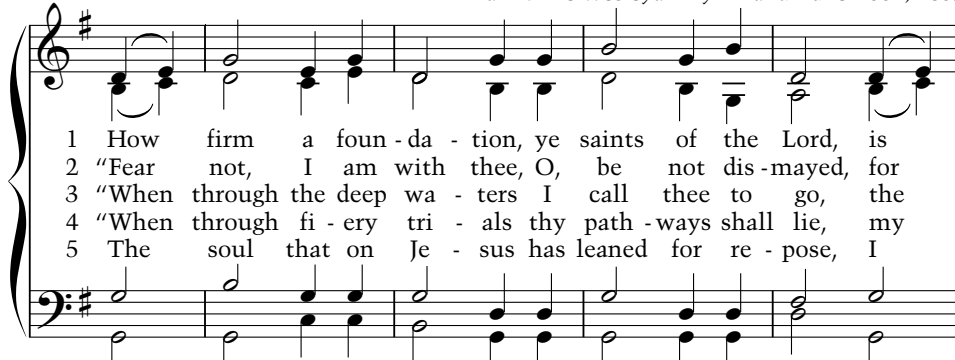
vi-ded, great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.

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Genuine Church Music, 1832

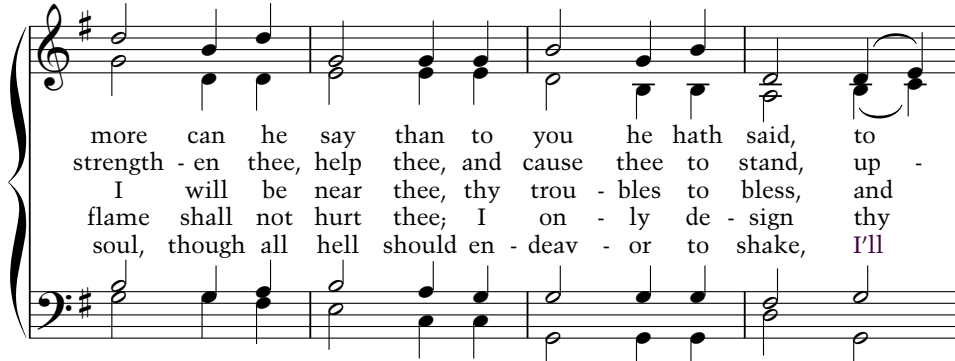
harm. The Wesleyan Hymn and Tune Book, 1859




1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord, is
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O, be not dis - mayed, for
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go, the
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie, my
 5 The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose, I



laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word! What
 I am thy God, and will still give thee aid. I'll
 riv - ers of sor - row shall not thee o'er - flow; for
 grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the
 will not, I will not de - sert to its foes; that



more can he say than to you he hath said, to
 strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -
 I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and
 flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy
 soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll



you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 held by my right - eous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."