

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 23, 2017

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

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PRELUDE

“Choral” from *Symphonie romane*, Op. 73 (1900)

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

The congregation standing

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. 312, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Nettleton

The congregation standing

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.

“Gavotte en Rondeau” from Partita No. 3, BWV 1006 (1720)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

May Wang ’20, violin

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

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

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

Pew Bible, page 23 (OT)

INTERLUDE

“Menuette 1 & 2” from Partita No. 3, BWV 1006

Johann Sebastian Bach

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Pew Bible, pages 540-541 (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

Sung by the minister

HYMN

No. 249, “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine”
The congregation standing

Song 13

SERMON

Search Me and Know Me

Text: “Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.” *Psalm 139:4*

HYMN

No. 217, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”
The congregation standing

Diademata

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Final” from Symphony No. 2, Op. 13, No. 2 (1872, rev. 1900)

Charles-Marie Widor

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

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WELCOME

Today is the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church; and Sergeant Kevin Bryant, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church and Security Services Coordinator and Diversity/Community Liaison for the Harvard University Police Department. The first lesson is read by Xiaosen Pu. The second lesson is read by Ntyzhala Francis. The organist is Ross Wood. The soloist is May Wang '20.

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

USHERING AND READING SIGN-UP

Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship services for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in ushering or reading, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We would love to have you join us!

FAITH FORMATION AT THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through twelfth grade. New this year is our Teen Class! All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

Confirmation is offered for students in grades seven and eight. This program is designed to help young people in the formation of their faith and Christian identity while also exploring other traditions through interdenominational and interfaith experiences.

For adults in the MemChurch community, the Faith and Life forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. These programs are held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to register for Church School and confirmation, or for more information about faith formation at MemChurch. Programs will begin on Sunday, September 10.

STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Last Sunday of Summer Term and the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Dr. Stephanie Paulsell, Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church and Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School.

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