

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Toccata, Interlude, and Fugue (2023)

Karen Beaumont (b. 1965)

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. 312, “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
The congregation stands and sings

Nettleton

THE PEACE

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

GREETINGS & OFFERTORY

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Air (2023)

Karen Beaumont

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 28:10–19a

Pew Bible, page 23 (OT)

ANTHEM

Judge Not One Another (2012)

Thomas Åberg (b. 1952)

For none of us lives for ourselves, and none of us dies for ourselves. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. For whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For Christ died and rose to life, to rule over both dead and living. Why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we all shall stand before the judgment seat of God. We who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached me fell on me." For what was written in the former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures, we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus. Welcome one another, as Christ has accepted you, for God's glory.

Romans 14:7–10, 15:1–7

Olympia Hatzilambrou '24, soprano

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:24–40

Pew Bible, page 12 (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



Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



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

SERMON

The Rev. Art J. Gordon

HYMN

No. 217, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata No. 5 (1983)

Thomas Åberg

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