

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First-Year Sunday

August 23, 2020

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Fantasia on “Fair Harvard”, Op. 964 (2012)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

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. 4, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dix

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>.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (1977)

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy all for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would take him at his word;
And our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Frederick W. Faber (1814–1863)

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

Psalm 42

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

Hymn to the New Age (1975)

Lee Hoiby (1926–2011)

Through the long night we have come.
The sun is bright, the wars are done.
We will unite. We will be one.
A new light has begun.

Smile, heaven on our loving land
Shine blessing on our fair kingdom.
Enrich our time to come, with growing love,
With joy abundant and long prosperous days.

God's blessings are renewed again.
The face of freedom is revealed in sunlight.
Now sing in praise of life, with poems praise,
With voices praise, with drums, with trumpets praise.

God's loving kingdom come to us
The gift of life and the gift of freedom.
Now shall peace reign, truth be revealed,
And all wounds be healed.

So was it ever meant to be,
Resplendent hope of humankind:
To follow with the dove the way of peace, the way of love.
So shall it be.
So shall it ever be.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2: 1, 6–11

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

Beneath the Surface

HYMN

No. 285, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Cwm Rhondda

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome” (2011)

Carl Haywood (b. 1949)

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, August 23, 2020

WELCOME

Today is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, First-Year Sunday. The preacher is Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. The service is led by the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church and the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow 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 Alex Grayson '22, SAB Member and Student Deacon. The second lesson is read by Jeromel Dela Rosa Lara '23, SAB Member and Student Deacon. 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. Welcome Class of 2024! And welcome back students, faculty, staff, and community members! Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

MUSIC NOTES

Calvin Hampton is widely considered to be one of the most important composers of American church music in the twentieth century. He was Director of Music at Calvary Episcopal Church, New York City, from 1963 to 1983, and before his untimely death at the age of 46, he developed a unique compositional voice which is heard in his extensive catalogue of hymn-tunes and works for choir and organ. Hampton's beautiful, flowing hymn tune ST. HELENA (named after the Sisters of the Order of St. Helena who were in residence in Calvary Church) was composed specifically for Frederick Faber's well-known text, becoming an unofficial anthem for the many American composers who died of AIDS during the 1980s. Throughout his long career, Lee Hoiby was an active standard-bearer for the cause of American neo-romanticism. *Hymn to the New Age*, with a text by the composer, was commissioned in 1980 by Trinity Church in New York City. Optimism and warmth of spirit are typical traits of Hoiby's music and seem very appropriate for this First-Year Sunday.

Carson Cooman's *Fantasia on "Fair Harvard"* was written in 2012 for the first Commencement week with the then-new Peter J. Gomes and Charles B. Fisk Memorial Organ. Organist and composer Carl Haywood is the Director of Choral Activities at Norfolk State University, National Conductor for the 105 Voices of History, and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Choir. Haywood's Improvisation on "We Shall Overcome" is characterized by inces-

sant arpeggios ornamenting the tune. The middle section is more stately in nature, a re-harmonization of the hymn. The final section evolves into a triumphant combination of both textures, including a brilliant pedal cadenza before a final resolution with full organ.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR AUDITIONS

For over 180 years, the Harvard University Choir has provided a unique opportunity for student singers to perform diverse choral literature at the highest level, both in concert and during the services of the Memorial Church. Its program of daily and weekly choral services, tours, commissions, and recordings make it one of the leading college chapel ensembles in the United States. This fall the music program will be online because of the pandemic. Students interested in joining the Harvard University Choir should plan on participating in our fall preliminary auditions, which occur at the beginning of term. Full audition information is available on our website: *memorialchurch.harvard.edu/uchoir-auditions*

FIRST-YEAR STUDENT ZOOM OPEN HOUSE

Welcome First-Year Harvard College students, we are so glad to have you with us! Join the MemChurch Student Advisory Board after worship today to share in community and learn more about student life at the Memorial Church during our open house from 12:15–1:15pm. We look forward to being in community with you! To join the open house Zoom, please email Student Program Fellow, Lara Glass (lara_glass@harvard.edu).

STUDENT DEACON PROGRAM

Student Deacons is an ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Students explore spiritual development and leadership formation within a supportive and caring faith community. Learn about this program in today's First Year Zoom Open House! If you are unable to attend email Student Program Fellow, Lara Glass (lara_glass@harvard.edu) and Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School will resume on Sunday, September 13, 10:00–10:45am. The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of age three through sixteen. All classes are held during Sunday services in the Fall and Spring Terms. To register and learn more, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

The Faith and Life forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. The Forum is held Sunday mornings during the Fall and Spring Terms and will begin on Sunday, September 13, 9:30–10:30am. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. We are implementing a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To participate, please visit the Faith and Life Forum page on our website.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) to learn more about opportunities for faith formation.

PRACTICING HOPE READING GROUP

You are warmly invited to join the Practicing Hope Book Group, which meets once a month, on Wednesdays, 7:00–8:00pm. This semester, we'll be reading and discussing three books on practices: on September 16 we'll discuss Casper ter Kuile's *The Power of Ritual: Turning Everyday Activities into Soulful Practices*; on October 14 we'll discuss Timothy Snyder's *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*; and on November 18, we'll discuss Howard Thurman's *Disciplines of the Spirit*. We are implementing a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

INSTAGRAM LIVE

Join us on Instagram Live for a 10–15 minute reflection on a practice on Thursdays at 7:00pm, beginning on September 3. Be sure to follow us @memchurch!

MEMCAFÉ

Held virtually on Wednesday mornings from 9:30–10:15am from September 9th to December 2nd. Sit down at your computer or mobile device with your morning coffee and gather with us over Zoom. Each week as we check in with one another, we invite you to share a 1-2 sentence quote that has been grounding for you. Everyone is welcome! We are implementing a new registration method for our Fall Term programs. To register, please visit the Calendar on our website.

WORSHIP

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

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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

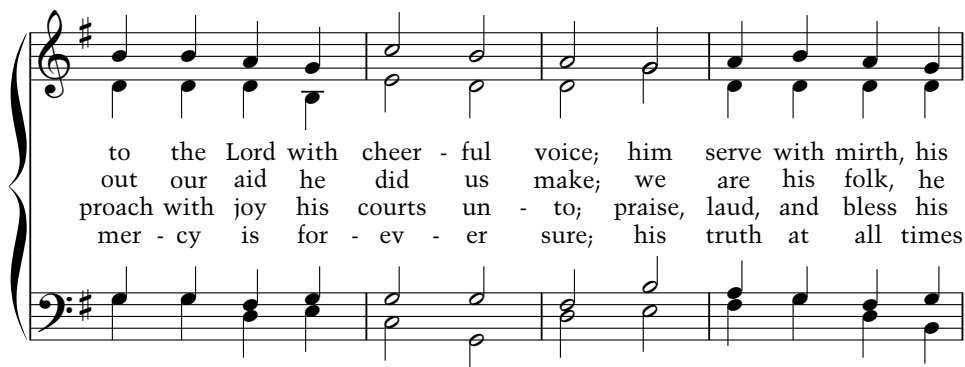
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William Kethe, 1561, alt.

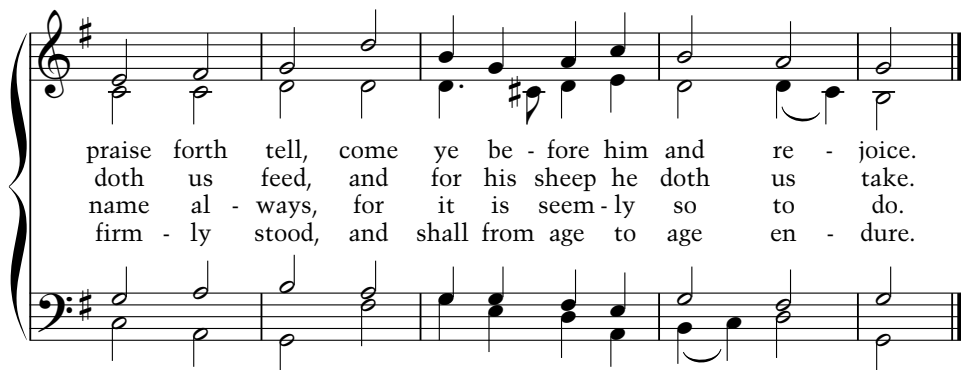
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Genevan Psalter, 1551



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.

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliot Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

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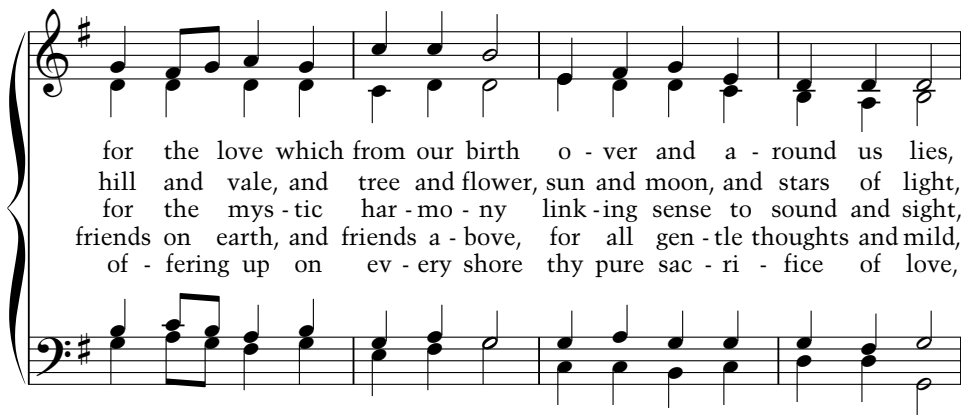
Conrad Kocher, 1838

adapt. William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

harm. The English Hymnal, 1906



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,



Christ our Lord, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch

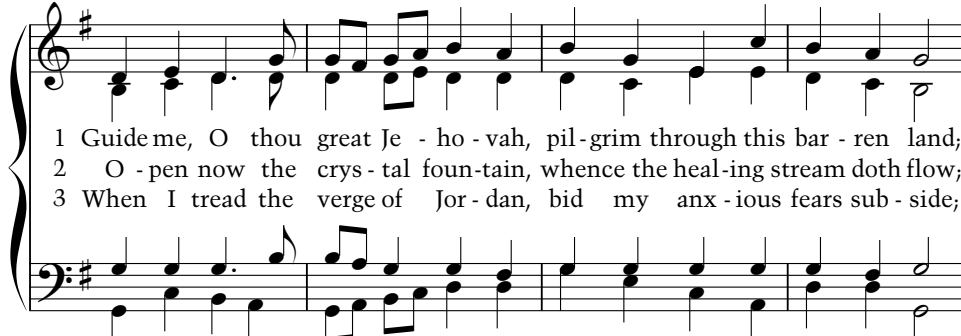
William Williams, 1745

stanza 1: trans. Peter Williams, 1771

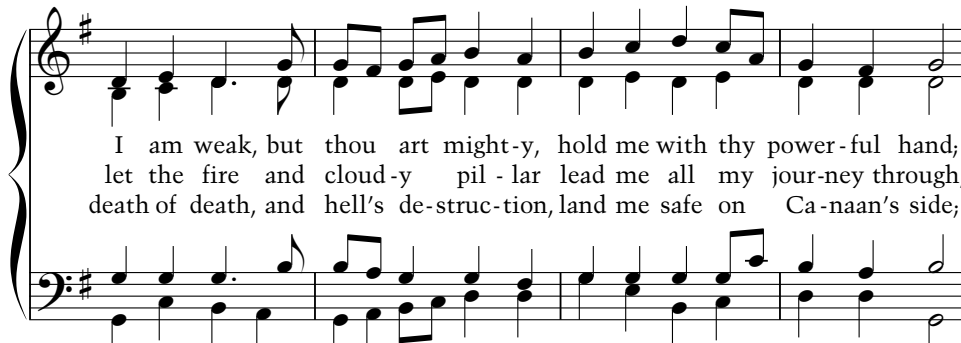
stanzas 2-3: trans. William Williams, c. 1774

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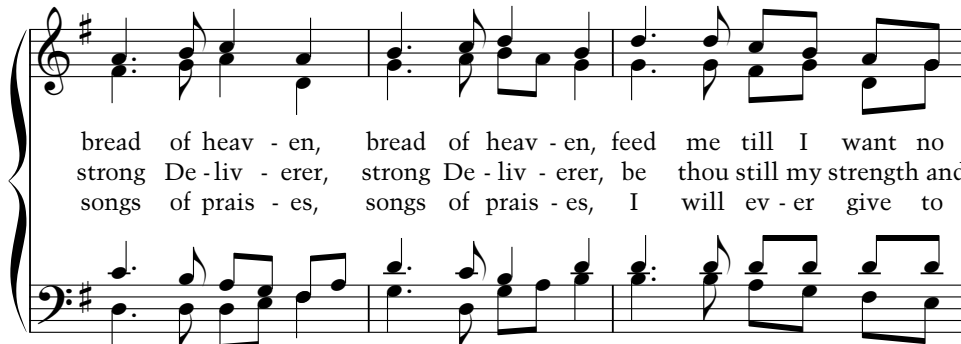
John Hughes, 1905



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil-grim through this bar - ren land;
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal-ing stream doth flow;
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but thou art might-y, hold me with thy power-ful hand;
 let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar lead me all my jour-ney through;
 death of death, and hell's de-struc-tion, land me safe on Ca-naan's side;



bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
 strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, (want no more,) feed me till I want no more.
 shield, (strength and shield,) be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, (give to thee,) I will ev - er give to thee.