

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Sunday of Fall Term

September 5, 2021

11 am

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

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## PRELUDE

A Pleasant Thought (1951)

*Florence Price (1887–1953)*

Adoration (1951)

## HYMN

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

*Old Hundredth*

*The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.*

## 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. 7, “O Be Joyful in the Lord”

*Finlay*

*The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.*

## THE PEACE & GREETING

### OFFERTORY

*The offering collected goes directly to fund the Memorial Church Grants Committee's recipient organizations and their important work in our local communities. Please donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>. There also is the opportunity to share your offering at the end of the service. There will be offering plates in the Narthex where you can place your monetary gift or checks. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee."*

Psalm 146     *Lauda, anima mea*

*Chant by Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

*Sung by the choir*

Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live, will I praise the Lord;

yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my God.

O put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man;

for there is no help in them.

For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again to his earth,

and then all his thoughts perish.

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,

and whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is;

who keepeth his promise for ever;

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong; who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison; the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen; the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow:

as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore, and throughout all generations.

### DOXOLOGY

*The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.*

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

James 2:1–17

*Pew Bible, page 981 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

Immortal Love (1999)

*Elizabeth Alexander (b. 1962)*

Immortal love, forever full, forever flowing free.  
Forever shared, forever whole, a never-ending sea.  
Our outward lips confess the name all other names above,  
but love alone knows whence it came and comprehendeth love.  
Blow winds of love, awake and blow the mists of hate away,  
Sing out, O Truth divine, and tell how wide and far we stray.  
The letter fails, the systems fall, and every symbol wanes;  
The Spirit overseeing all, Eternal Love, remains.

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)*

## SECOND LESSON

Mark 7:24–37

*Pew Bible, page 819 (NT)*

## ANTHEM

The Road Home (2002)

*Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)*

Tell me, where is the road  
I can call my own,  
That I left, that I lost,  
So long ago?  
All these years I have wandered  
Oh, when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road  
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain  
When the dark is done,  
As I wake from a dream  
In the gold of day,  
Through the air there's a calling  
From far away,  
There's a voice I can hear  
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me  
Come away, is the call,  
With the love in your heart  
As the only song;  
There is no such beauty  
As where you belong,  
Rise up, follow me,  
I will lead you home.

*Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)*

## 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

### HYMN

No. 341, "In Christ There Is No East or East"

*McKee*

*The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.*

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

Fantasia on "Fair Harvard", Op. 964 (2012)

*Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)*

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### 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, September 5, 2021

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## WELCOME

Today is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, the First Sunday of Fall Term. The preacher is the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University. The worship leader is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Jessica Young Chang MDiv III. The second lesson is read by Jeromel Dela Rosa Lara '23. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

## MUSIC NOTES

American composer Elizabeth Alexander is a native of South Carolina and has lived for many years in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Educated at the College of Wooster and Cornell University, in recent decades she has focused particularly on writing choral music and has become one of the most widely performed composers in Unitarian Universalist congregations throughout the USA. *Immortal Love* sets words by the Quaker abolitionist John Greenleaf Whittier.

Remembered primarily for his operas and church music, American composer Stephen Paulus had a distinctive, lyrical compositional voice, frequently collaborating with the librettist Michael Dennis Browne. *The Road Home* sets Browne's text to Paulus's arrangement of the shape-note hymn tune "Prospect," originally found in the collection *The Southern Harmony* of 1835.

Florence Price was born in Little Rock, Arkansas and was educated at the New England Conservatory. After teaching appointments in Arkansas and Atlanta, she settled in Chicago, where her national reputation grew significantly. She was the first African American woman composer to earn widespread national recognition. Her more than 300 works include music in many genres and styles, including four orchestral symphonies alongside numerous vocal and chamber pieces and many arrangements of popular music for radio. During her time at NEC, Price studied the organ with Henry M. Dunham. Her organ output includes several large scale works as well as short pieces that were written for various publishers of church music. 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 (C. B. Fisk, Op. 139).



## MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at at 8:30 am. Monday: No Service, University Holiday; Tuesday: David N. Hempton; Wednesday: Rakesh Kurana PhD '98; Thursday: Calvon Jones; Friday: Timothy Patrick McCarthy '93

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome three new staff members to the Memorial Church—the Reverend Calvon Jones as our Assistant Minister, Anna Burnham as our Student Program Coordinator, and Theresa Lungu as our Program Manager! We look forward to introducing them to the Memorial Church community during worship in the coming weeks.

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The wellbeing of our visitors, students, and staff remains our top commitment at the Memorial Church. Harvard University continues to closely monitor the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and it is an ever-changing situation.

We are taking important steps to protect against COVID-19 as we prepare to resume in-person worship this fall term. We grateful for your assistance helping us to take these precautionary measures to prevent the spread of infection and to prioritize the wellbeing of our community, especially the most vulnerable in our midst.

We ask that all visitors, students, and staff abide by the following:

- All individuals will be masked indoors.
- All individuals/households will maintain a physical distance of six feet during services and other public events.
- All individuals/households will attest to the state of their health upon arrival. Individuals will be asked to leave if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and/or exhibiting symptoms with COVID-19.
- All individuals will refrain from public consumption of food and beverage indoors.

Please review the latest guidance for on-campus activity before attending services or other events on campus. Guidance may be subject to additions and changes based upon the distribution of the disease and local disease dynamics. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Some of the details of our worship life are altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But what we hope you find entirely familiar will be the love and openness and welcome with which we intend to fill our church each day.

## FAITH FORMATION

Church School and the Faith and Life Forum will begin on Sunday, October 3th.

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.

The Faith & Life Forum seeks to enrich our spirituality by promoting religious literacy and cultural competency. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. All are welcome to join.

More information, including registration details, about both programs are forthcoming. Please look at our website for the latest and email Assistant Minister, Calvon Jones ([calvon\\_jones@harvard.edu](mailto:calvon_jones@harvard.edu)), with any questions.

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? Student Deacons might be the answer! Student Deacons is a volunteer, ecumenical Christian program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Their service involves a ministry of hospitality and welcome during Sunday services and in the wider MemChurch community. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Student Program Coordinator, Anna Burnham ([anna\\_burnham@harvard.edu](mailto:anna_burnham@harvard.edu)), for more information!

The Memorial Church is also seeking both undergraduate and graduate students, who are Federal Work Study eligible, to serve as paid Front Desk Attendants (FDAs) for the academic year (2021–21). FDAs will have the opportunity to interact with the MemChurch community in the Student Oasis and work with MemChurch staff on projects of interest.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Program Manager, Theresa Lungu ([theresa\\_lungu@harvard.edu](mailto:theresa_lungu@harvard.edu)).

## LISTEN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP AND MORNING PRAYERS

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard's radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM in term; a live stream of the service is available at [wbrb.org](http://wbrb.org). Recordings of Sunday Worship Services and Sunday Sermons are available on our website, [memorialchurch.harvard.edu](http://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.

## STAY CONNECTED TO THE MEMORIAL CHURCH

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and **Instagram:** *instagram.com/memchurch*

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

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