

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Aria” from *Toccata, Aria, and Finale*, Op. 1184 (2017)

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. 203, “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

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>.

Sweet Is the Day (2009)

Matthew F. Burt MDiv '01 (b. 1977)

Sweet is the day with praise begun:
It makes our work and pleasure one
to come before you, God, and raise
a song, a shout, a psalm of praise.

Sweet is your voice, O Holy One,
as you declare what you have done:
you took the weight we bore away,
to make our burden light this day.

Sweet is your word, like honeycomb,
the blessing tasted by your own,
when, from the rock of daily care,
you bring the sweetness that you share.

Richard Leach (b. 1953), after Psalm 81

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 130:1–6

from the New Revised Standard Version (OT)

ANTHEM

Truly the Light Is Sweet, Op. 884

Carson Cooman '04

Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for eyes to behold the sun.

Rejoice, and let thy heart cheer thee in all days, and walk in the ways of the heart, and in the sight of thine eyes.

Ecclesiastes 11:7, 9, alt.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 6: 12–19

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

Between Solitude and Community

HYMN

No.277, "All My Hope on God Is Founded"

Michael

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata" from *Toccata, Aria, and Finale*, Op. 1184 (2017)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

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 6, 2020

WELCOME

Today is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. 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 for whose help with the liturgy we are most grateful. The first lesson is read by Lily Gulledge '21, Student Advisory Board Member. The second lesson is read by Annelisa Kingsbury Lee '22, Student Advisory Board Member. 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 2011 CD *Glorious the Song*. 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

Matthew Burt is Director of Music Ministry at Transfiguration Episcopal Church, San Mateo, California. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, and a former Research Associate in the Memorial Church, he was Managing Editor for the fourth edition of the *Harvard University Hymn Book*. "Sweet Is the Day" is a graceful setting of a paraphrase of Psalm 81 by contemporary poet and hymnwriter Richard Leach.

Carson Cooman is Composer-in-Residence in the Memorial Church, which has witnessed the premieres of many of his works. *Truly the Light Is Sweet* was written in celebration of the completion of the restoration of Appleton Chapel, and the re-emergence of the Palladian window at its east end.

"Aria" and "Toccata" are the second and first parts of *Toccata, Aria, and Finale*, a work that was commissioned in memory of Dorothy Virginia Garman Blankenship Laurie for the ongoing dedication events and recitals for the "Jennie Laurie Memorial Organ" at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

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

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. To learn more, contact Student Program Fellow, Lara Glass (lara_glass@harvard.edu) and Ministry Fellow, Rev. Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Church School will resume next 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 next Sunday, September 13, 9:30–10:30am with Professor Stephanie Paulsell, Interim Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church, Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies, Harvard Divinity School. 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.

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!](https://www.instagram.com/memchurch/)

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.

DAILY NEWSLETTER

Our daily newsletter is back! We will share the meditations, music, spiritual practices, and prayers of our far-flung community. This is also the way to receive the most up to date information about the communal and worship life of the Memorial Church. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please subscribe on our website.

MEMCAFÉ

Held virtually on Wednesday mornings from 9:30–10:15am from September 9 to December 2. 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 wrb.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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow 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.

Walter C. Smith, 1867, alt.

ST. DENIO 11 11 11 11

Welsh melody, c. 1810

adapt. John Roberts, 1839

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, in
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, nor
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small; in
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most
 want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy
 all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; we
 an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all

bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, al -
 jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove thy
 blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree, and
 praise we would ren - der; O help us to see 'tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

All My Hope on God Is Founded

Meine Hoffnung stehet feste
 Joachim Neander (1650–1680)
 trans. Robert Seymour Bridges, 1899, alt.

MICHAEL 87 87 337
 Herbert Howells, c. 1930

1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness aye en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom,
 4 Dai - ly doth the al - migh - ty giv - er boun - teous gifts on
 5 Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of

trust re - new. Me through change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly
 tray his trust; what with care and toil we build them, tower and
 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at - tend him, beau - ty
 us be - stow; his de - sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure
 praise be done, high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the

good and on - ly true. God un - known, he a -
 tem - ple fall to dust. But God's power, hour by
 spring - eth out of naught. Ev - er - more from his
 leads us where we go. Love doth stand at his
 gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and

lone calls my heart to be his own.
hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

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