

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 15, 2019

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Partita on “How Firm a Foundation” (2002)

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

HYMN

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

Old Hundredth

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. 282, “How Firm a Foundation”
The congregation standing

Foundation

GREETING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 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.

Psalm 51:1–4, 7–11 *Miserere mei, Deus* *Chant by Matthew Camidge (1758–1844)*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness;

according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only I have sinned, and done this evil in thy sight;

that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou shalt judge.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear joy and gladness,

that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

DOXOLOGY

Sung by the congregation, standing

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

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Pew Bible, page 187 (NT)

ANTHEM

I Was Glad (1993)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city that is a unity with itself;
To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
The assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you."
Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
For my brethren and companion's sake, I pray for your prosperity.
Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good.

Psalm 122, Book of Common Prayer (1979)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible, pages 67-68 (NT)

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

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.

ANTHEM

Sounding Joy (1986)

Justin Morgan (1747–1798), arr. Gwyneth Walker (b. 1947)

Come, sound his praise abroad,
And hymns of glory sing:
Jehovah is the sovereign God,
The universal king.

He formed the deeps unknown;
He gave the seas their bound;
The watery worlds are all his own,
And all the solid ground.

Sounding joy!

Isaac Watts (1674–1748), after Psalm 95:1–5

SERMON

On the Fringe

HYMN

No. 345, “Morning Glory, Starlit Sky”

Memorial Church

The congregation standing

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from *Variations on an Old American Tune* (2010)

Zachary Wadsworth (b. 1983)

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 15, 2019

WELCOME

Today is the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Reverend Westley P. Conn, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church, KMarie Tajeda MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church, Sally Hammel MDiv II, Seminarian in the Memorial Church, and Grace Killian MDiv III, Seminarian in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Lily Gulledege '21. The second lesson is read by Karen-Alexandra Nogues '18, JD '22. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

Our “Baby Oasis” is available for young children and infants in the lower level of the church. Parents and their children are welcome to use the respite space during worship. Audio from the service streams in the Baby Oasis.

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

MORNING PRAYERS

Monday: Jonah C. Steinberg; Tuesday: Cody Sanders; Wednesday: Westley Conn; Thursday: Ali Asani '77, PhD '84; Friday: Tamira Stephens MTS '15

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL

On Wednesday, September 18 at 12:15 pm, Carson Cooman will present a half-hour organ recital on the Fisk organ of the Memorial Church. The program includes music by Imants Zemzaris, Villemo Daneling, Brenda Portman, and Thomas Åberg.

PILGRIMAGE READING GROUP

The pilgrimage reading group will meet on Wednesday, September 18, 7:00–8:30 pm in the Seminar Room in the Student Oasis to discuss Kerry Egan’s *Fumbling: A Pilgrimage Tale of Love, Grief and Spiritual Renewal on the Camino de Santiago*. This book, we have found, is out of print—but used copies are available online and it is also available on Kindle. We have ordered some used copies which should arrive next week—so please email spaulsell@hds.harvard.edu if you need a book and we will set one aside for you!

WILLIAM BELDEN NOBLE LECTURES

Save the date! The 2019–2020 William Belden Noble Lecturer in Residence, the Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, will deliver four lectures over the course of the academic year on

October 16, November 20, March 11, April 22 at 7 pm. A national voice on social justice issues such as voting rights and criminal justice, Warnock is Senior Pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, the spiritual home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All lectures will take place in the Memorial Church Sanctuary and are free and open to the public.

FAITH FORMATION

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.

For adults in the MemChurch community, 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 in the Buttrick Room from 9:30 am to 10:30 am. Speakers include scholars, pastors, and other public figures whose work enhances our awareness of the pivotal role religion plays across space and time. To learn about upcoming speakers, please visit the Faith & Life Forum page on our website. The Forum continues next Sunday, September 22nd with Braxton Shelley, Stanley A. Marks and William H. Marks Assistant Professor at the Radcliffe Institute, Assistant Professor of Music in the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Contact Ministry Fellow, Westley (Wes) Conn (westley_conn@harvard.edu) for more information about faith formation at MemChurch.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT MEMORIAL CHURCH

Looking for a way to get more involved with the Memorial Church? The volunteer student deacons might be the answer! We help welcome people into the church, make sure the service runs smoothly, and it's low time commitment. If you're looking for a new opportunity for spiritual growth, please contact Maggie Beazer (mbeazer@college.harvard.edu) or Alex Grayson (agrayson@college.harvard.edu) for more information!

MUSIC NOTES

It is a great pleasure to welcome the Harvard University Choir of 2019–20, and to congratulate its new members. For twenty-eight years, David Hurd was Professor of Sacred Music and Director of Chapel Music at the General Theological Seminary, New York City, where he is currently Director of Music at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Times Square. His mastery of a wide range of musical styles can be heard in his setting of Psalm 122, with its harmonically rich central section and its ethereal depiction of “peace.”

Gwyneth Walker is one of America's most performed composers, whose versatility is evidenced in the wide variety of genres for which she writes. Dr. Walker was formerly on the faculty of Oberlin Conservatory, before devoting herself full-time to composition. *Sounding Joy* is based on a New-England fuguing tune by the eighteenth-century composer and horse breeder, Justin Morgan, which

is heard at the outset. As the work evolves, syncopated rhythms and bouncing bass lines create an exuberant energy that climaxes with a final chord of mixed tonalities, in homage to another New-Englander, Charles Ives.

One of America's most widely-published composers of sacred music, Alfred Fedak is Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York. His style combines the English pastoral modality of composers such as Vaughan Williams with the rhythmic vigor of contemporary American church music; this morning's prelude is a set of variations on the early American hymn tune *Foundation*. American-Canadian composer Zachary Wadsworth studied at Eastman, Yale, and Cornell, and is currently Assistant Professor of Music at Williams College. The postlude is Wadsworth's final variation on the American folk hymn, *Land of Rest*, a rousing, mixed-meter toccata.

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 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

Next Sunday is the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Braxton D. Shelley, Stanley A. Marks and William H. Marks Assistant Professor at the Radcliffe Institute; Assistant Professor of Music in the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

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