

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Pastoral Suite (2007)

Patricia Van Ness (b. 1951)

2. You lead me beside the still waters
5. As the morning dawns
6. Our life, our sweetness, and our hope

HYMN

No. 1, st. 1 & 4, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Old Hundredth

INVITATORY & VENITE

from Psalms 51 & 95

Minister: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Minister: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Minister: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of
his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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.

ABSOLUTION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

No. 33, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

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 61 *Exaudi, Deus*

Chant by C. Hylton Stewart (1884–1932)

Sung by the choir

Hear my crying, O God, give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee, when my heart is in heaviness.

O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I;

for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.

I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever,

and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.

For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires,

and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.

Thou shalt grant the King a long life,

that his years may endure throughout all generations.

He shall dwell before God for ever:

O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.

So will I always sing praise unto thy Name, that I may daily perform my vows.

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 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Pew Bible, page 982 (NT)

ANTHEM

Rivers of Living Water (2003)

Trevor Weston (b. 1967)

Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.

A river flowing in a parched land;

“If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink.”

after Psalm 105:40 and John 7:37–38

SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:30–37

Pew Bible, page 821 (NT)

ANTHEM

Blessed Are Those Who Trust in the Lord (2017)


Jaebon Hwang (b. 1982)

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7–8

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. 216, “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”
The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

Deus tuorum militum

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Suite brève (2021)

Tom Trenney (b. 1977)

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 19, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church. The worship leaders are the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University; the Reverend Calvin Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church; and the Reverend Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Minister for Worship and Formation in the Memorial Church, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, and Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Center for African Studies. The first lesson is read by Davis Bailey '22. The second lesson is read by Kayla Manning '22. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir under the direction of Edward Elwyn Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster and David von Behren, Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster.

MUSIC NOTES

Widely-acclaimed and awarded American composer Trevor Weston is Professor of Music at Drew University in New Jersey. While he has written music in many genres, sacred music has been an ongoing thread in his musical life as he began his musical education as a chorister at the St. Thomas Choir School in New York. *Rivers of Living Water* was commissioned by the American Guild of Organists for its 2003 regional convention in Charleston, South Carolina. Lyrical choral lines float over flowing, water-like patterns in the organ accompaniment.

Jaebon Hwang is Director of Music Ministries and Organist at First United Methodist Church in San Diego. A graduate of the University of Southern California with a degree in organ performance, she has concertized widely as a performer. Previously, she earned music composition and film scoring degrees from the Korea National University of the Arts and New York University. In recent years, she has composed primarily sacred choral and organ music. *Blessed Are They Who Trust in the Lord*, a setting of words from Jeremiah, was originally written for her own choir in San Diego.

Patricia Van Ness is Staff Composer at First Church in Cambridge. Her musical style is influenced by the sounds and spirit of Medieval and Renaissance music, and she has received many awards and recognitions for her compositions. This morning's prelude features three movements from the *Pastoral Suite (Seven Prayers)*, written in honor of First Church's longtime music director, Peter Sykes. Tom Trenney is Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. *Suite brève* was written earlier this year and is based on the hymn tune *SURSUM CORDA* by Alfred Morton Smith, usually paired with the text "Come, Risen Lord, and deign to be our guest."

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: Alex Grayson '22; Tuesday: Anya Bernstein Bassett PhD '97; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday: Edward Elwyn Jones; Friday: Jeromel Dela Rosa Lara '23

CHORAL EVENSONG

On Thursday, September 23 at 5:30 pm, the Harvard University Choir will present a service of choral evensong featuring works of Charles Villiers Stanford, Stephen Paulus, Edward Bairstow, and David Conte. All are welcome.

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 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 3rd.

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 of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. 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, Calvin Jones (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), for more information!

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

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