

# HARVARD

The Memorial Church



## SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE KNAFEL CENTER

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 25, 2016

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES UPON ENTERING  
THE MAIN HALL OF THE KNAFEL CENTER.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

Aerial (1994)

*David Hogan (1949–1996)*

## HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Old Hundredth*

*The congregation standing*



All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing  
For why? The Lord our God is good, his



to the Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
mer - cy is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times



praise forth tell, come ye be-fore him and re - joice.  
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure. A - men.

## INVOCATION

## 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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (page 9)

*Precious Lord*

## GREETING

## THE PEACE

*All are invited to join in singing.*

*Children join their teachers in the Church School at the invitation of the worship leader.*



We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing. He chas - tens and



has - tens his will to make known; the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -



ress - ing. Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.

## OFFERTORY

*Here an offering is received for the work of the Church within and beyond the University.*

*Ushers will begin the collection from the back of the hall forward.*

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 *Qui habitat*

*chant by George C. Martin (1844-1916)*

*Sung by the choir*

Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the most high,  
shall abide under the shadow of the almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my stronghold;  
my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter,  
and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers;  
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night,  
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;  
For the pestilence that walketh in darkness,  
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.  
Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him;  
I will set him up, because he hath known my name.  
He shall call upon me, and I will hear him;  
yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and bring him to honor.  
With long life will I satisfy him,  
and show him my salvation.

## DOXOLOGY

*Sung by the congregation, standing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 6:12–19

Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## ANTHEM

“Psalm 63” from *The Best-Beloved* (1990)

*Chris DeBlasio (1959–1993)*

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:  
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;  
To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.  
Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.  
Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.  
My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness;  
And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:  
When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.  
Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.  
My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.  
But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth.  
They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.  
But the king shall rejoice in God; everyone that sweareth by him shall glory:  
But the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped. Amen.

*Psalm 63 (KJV)*

## SECOND LESSON

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son

of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

## 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Following the Lord's Prayer, the hymn is repeated.*

## ANTHEM

Unclouded Day (2010)

*Josiah Kelly Alwood (1828–1909)*  
*arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)*

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,  
They tell me of a home far away,  
And they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise:  
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

*O the land of cloudless days,*  
*O the land of an unclouded sky,*  
*O they tell me of a home where no storm-clouds rise:*  
*O they tell me of an unclouded day.*

O they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,  
They tell me of a land far away,  
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom  
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

O they tell me of a king in his beauty there,  
They tell me that mine eyes shall behold  
Where he sits on a throne that is bright as the sun  
In the city that is made of gold.

## SERMON

Extravagant Hope

Text: “For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

*Jeremiah 32:15*

## HYMN

Hope of the World (page 10)

Vicar

*The congregation standing*

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Toccata for a Joyful Day (1995)

*Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)*

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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.*



# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

PRECIOUS LORD IRREGULAR with Refrain

George N. Allen (1812-1877)

adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932, alt.

1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me  
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger  
3 When the dark-ness ap-pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
near, when my life is al-most gone;  
near, and the day is past and gone;

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
hear my cry, head my call, hold my hand, lest I  
at the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.  
fall, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.  
hand, take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me on.

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# Hope of the World

Georgia Elma Harkness, 1954, alt.

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V. Earle Copes, 1963

1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
5 Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death vic - tor - ious,

speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,  
show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light,  
from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt,  
who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain,

Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en,  
walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;  
we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;

who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.  
lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.  
take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.  
thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system is a single melodic line in treble clef, with lyrics written below it. The second system is a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The music is in a minor key (three flats) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'who by our own false hopes and aims are spent. to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife. lure us a - way from thee to end - less night. take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt. thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign.'

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 25, 2016

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## WELCOME

Today is the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith, Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church. The service is led by Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church; and the Reverend Alanna C. Sullivan, Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Michelle Odonkor '18. The second lesson is read by Douglas Maggs '17. The music is provided by the Harvard University Choir, under the direction of Edward E. Jones, Gund University Organist and Choirmaster, and Thomas M. Sheehan, Associate University Organist and Choirmaster.

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

## WELCOME TABLE

Want to learn about the Memorial Church? Stop by the Welcome Table to learn more about our array of events, programs, and ministries. Questions are encouraged!

## MORNING PRAYERS SPEAKERS: SEPTEMBER 26 – 30, 8:45 A.M.

Monday: Amanda Sharick; Tuesday: Westley Conn; Wednesday: Claudine Cho '15; Thursday: Benjamin Schafer '19; Friday: Courtney Bickel Lamberth, PhD '98

## CHURCH SCHOOL

The Church School offers Christian education classes for children of ages three through twelve. Classes are held in the lower level of the Knafel Center during Sunday services and emphasize biblical themes and scripture. At the conclusion of the worship service, parents are asked to promptly pick up their children. To register, please visit the Church School for Children page on our website.

The Church School is offering confirmation for students in grades 7–8. This program is designed to guide students in the formation of their Christian identity and personal faith. Contact Church School Director Westley (Wes) Conn ([westley\\_conn@harvard.edu](mailto:westley_conn@harvard.edu)) to register for this class, or for more information about Church School programs.

## MUSIC NOTES

This morning's music celebrates the vibrant diversity of American church music and its ongoing legacy. Chris DeBlasio was one of America's most gifted composers, whose life was tragically ended by HIV/AIDS in 1993, at the age of thirty-four. His former composition teacher John Corigliano wrote that he was "a young composer who embodied that rarest of all things—a truly lyric voice," and this characteristic is demonstrated in the soaring beauty of this morning's setting of Psalm 63. It is taken from a set of four anthems, *The Best-Beloved*, written towards the end of his life, whilst contemplating his own question "What use is art when people are dying?" The concluding chord on the word "Amen" seems to leave us with a somewhat imperfect answer.

Shawn Kirchner is a composer, arranger, and pianist based in Los Angeles where he sings with the Los Angeles Master Chorale. Appointed the Chorale's Composer-in-Residence in 2012, Kirchner's spirited arrangement of the Reverend J. K. Alwood's beloved gospel tune "Unclouded Day" was premiered by that ensemble in May 2010.

The prelude is a contemplative piano piece written by American composer David Hogan. This piece was written shortly before his tragic death aboard TWA Flight 800, which exploded off the coast of Long Island. At the time, he was living in Paris, working as music director of Le Choeur Int'l Gai de Paris, a men's choir formed for those who wanted to show their pride in their identity as gay men.

Emma Lou Diemer is Professor of Music, *Emeritus*, at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a distinguished organ recitalist and composer, whose oeuvre includes the perky *Toccata for a Joyful Day*.

## USHERING AND READING SIGN-UP

Ushers and lesson readers play a vital role in worship services for the Memorial Church. If you are interested in ushering or reading, please add your name and e-mail to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. We would love to have you join us!

## 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.

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## NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE

Next Sunday is the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher will be Professor Jonathan L. Walton, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church.

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