

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Selections from *Pastoral Suite (Seven Prayers)* (2006–07)

Patricia Van Ness (b. 1951)

HYMN

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”
The congregation stands and sings

Old Hundredth

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 36 & Lamentations 3

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: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
God’s mercies never come to an end;

People: They are new every morning;
great is God’s faithfulness.

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. 233, “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
The congregation stands and sings

Gopsal

THE PEACE AND GREETINGS

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All are invited to join in the singing of Hymn No. 27, stanza 1

OFFERTORY

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Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

C. Hylton Stewart (1884–1932)

Sung by the choir

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

Philippians 4:1–9

Pew Bible, page 174 (NT)

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd (1978)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his name's sake

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me.

Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

Ashley Gong '25, oboe

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:1–14

Pew Bible, page 21 (NT)

ANTHEM

Work (2019)

Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)

You have been told that life is darkness,
and in your weariness
you echo what was said by the weary.

And I say that life is indeed darkness
save when there is urge,

And all urge is blind
save when there is knowledge.

And all knowledge is vain
save when there is work,

And all work is empty
save when there is love;

And when you work with love
you bind yourself to yourself,
and to one another,
and to God.

Work is love made visible.

Khalil Gibran (1883–1931)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

The congregation remains seated



Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

SERMON

The Rev. Terrence L. Johnson

HYMN

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

McKee

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata-Rondo, Op. 1076 (2014)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

TODAY'S SERVICE

Additional information about today's service and music notes are available from our website at memorialchurch.harvard.edu/service-and-music-notes or by scanning the following QR code.



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