

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

“He who dwells...” from *Psalm-Sonata No. 1* (2021)

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

“...lovest thou me more than these?” from *St. John’s Suite* (2007)

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

HYMN

No. 1, “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Old Hundredth

The congregation stands and sings

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. 4, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dix

The congregation stands and sings

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

Your offering supports the work of the Memorial Church, especially our ministries to students and to our neighbors in need through the Grants Committee. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church. You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 96:1–2, 6–9, 11–13 *Cantate Domino*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Pew Bible, page 179 (NT)

ANTHEM

Your Healing Touch (2023)

Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)

Almighty God, Heavenly Creator, blessed is your name in all the earth.

Tender and reaching is your love in all the world.

May your guiding spirit be with us in all we are and do.

May your caring touch heal the broken parts of our lives.

Bringing love and compassion, renewing and restoring us, making us whole.

We are ill; we are tired and feel we can't go on: physical and mental exhaustion.

Lonely and frightened, what is this fatigue we feel?

Please bless us with your peace and your understanding,

Make us whole with your healing love.

Bringing love and compassion, renewing and restoring us, making us whole.

Please bless those in our inner circles: family and friends whom we hold so dear.

Bring health to all those who suffer, painful and perplexing, what is this fear we feel?

Help the struggling find their way in this life.

Bless us with your empathy, filled to overflowing with your inner peace.

Bringing love and compassion, renewing and restoring us, making us whole.

Please bless those in our community, those with daily hardship and hunger.

Combatting hidden forces, what is this anger we feel?

Help us to create a just and caring world, affirming a path for all.

Bringing love and compassion, renewing and restoring us, making us whole.

Please watch over our embattled world, many people building lives around the globe.

Sharing the planet with all the living creatures.

Alarmed and bewildered, what is this peril we feel?

Bring us mindfulness and healing.

Teach us to be your healing stewards, sharing freely your unconditional love.

Bringing love and compassion, renewing and restoring us, making us whole.

*Commissioned in celebration of the completion of the C. B. Fisk organ, Op. 139
and the the life of Dr. Lynne M. Reid (1923–2021)*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:15–22

Pew Bible, page 21 (NT)

ANTHEM

The Garden Hymn (arr. 1961)

*Southern Folk Hymn
arr. Ronald Perera '63 (1941–2023)*

The Lord into his garden comes,

The spices yield a rich perfume,

The lilies grow and thrive.

Amazing love and grace divine,

From Jesus flow to every vine,

And make the dead revive.

Come, brethren, ye that love the Lord,

Who taste the sweetness of the his word,

In Jesus' ways go on;

Our troubles and our trials here

Will only make us richer there,

When we arrive at home.

The glorious time is rolling on,

The gracious work is now begun,

My soul a witness is;

I taste and see the pardon free

For all mankind a well as me,

Who comes to Christ to live.

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. Matthew Ichibashi Potts

HYMN

No. 285, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Full Sun (2011)

Ronald Perera

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.

