

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

11 am

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Lyric Suite (2002)

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

1. Prelude
3. Pastorale

HYMN

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

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. 9, "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Lauda Anima

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

THE PEACE & GREETING

All are invited to join in the 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. Ushers will begin collection from the front of the church. Checks can be written to the Memorial Church with the memo line "Grants Committee." You may also donate online at <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/donate>

Psalm 125:1–2, Psalm 126 *Qui confidunt*

Chant by George Garrett (1834–1897)

Sung by the choir

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion,
which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

The hills stand about Jerusalem; even so standeth the Lord round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion,
then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already; whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord, as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed,
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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

Psalm 34: 1–8

Pew Bible, page 471 (OT)

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Eurydice V. Osterman (b. 1950)

Create in 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. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Psalm 51:10–13, KJV

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10: 46–52

Pew Bible, page 41 (NT)

ANTHEM

Unclouded Day

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.

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

Following without Faith

HYMN

No. 345, "Morning Glory, Starlit Sky"

Memorial Church

The congregation stands and remains masked while singing.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Finale" from *Toccata, Aria, and Finale*, Op. 1184 (2017)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 24, 2021

WELCOME

Today is the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Teddy Hickman-Maynard, Associate Dean for Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School. 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 Alanna C. Sullivan, Associate Minister and Director of Administration in the Memorial Church; and the Reverend Calvon Tjuan Jones, Assistant Minister in the Memorial Church. The first lesson is read by Ahmaad Edmund MDiv I. The second lesson is read by Emma Thomas MDiv I. 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

For over thirty years Alfred V. Fedak was the organist and composer in residence at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, New York. Widely regarded as one of the greatest living composers of original hymn tunes, he is also a prolific composer of works for organ. This morning's prelude presents two contemplative movements from his *Lyric Suite*, commissioned for the 2003 American Guild of Organists Regional Convention in Albany.

Eurydice V. Osterman was born in Atlanta, Georgia and was educated at Andrews University and the University of Alabama. From 1978 until her retirement in 2016, Osterman was a member of the faculty of Oakwood University in Huntsville where she was the primary theory teacher and director of the Oakwood College Choir. She also served for periods as director of the Aeolians and as chair of the music department. *Create in Me a Clean Heart* begins meditatively, gaining in intensity while imploring "Cast me not away from thy presence," before settling back into peace again.

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 has written numerous works for the ensemble, including this spirited arrangement of the Reverend J. K. Alwood's beloved gospel tune *Unclouded Day* that has since become a favorite of choirs worldwide.

Carson Cooman is composer in residence at the Memorial Church which has witnessed the premiere of many of his compositions. "Finale" is the final part of *Toccata, Aria, and Finale*, a work that was commissioned in memory of Dorothy Virginia Garman Blankenship Laurie for the ongoing dedication events and recitals for the "Jennie Laurie Memorial Organ" at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roanoke, Virginia.

MORNING PRAYERS

Our daily service of Morning Prayers takes place at 8:30 am. Monday: Richard Parker; Tuesday: Ellen K. Williams '76, MD '80; Wednesday: Matthew Ichihashi Potts; Thursday: Aric B. Flemming, Jr. MDiv '19; Friday: Phoebe Carrai.

CHORAL FELLOWS RECITAL

On Sunday, October 31 at 1:15 pm, the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir will present a recital of works for chorus and piano, including choral cycles by Gwyneth Walker and Alfred V. Fedak. Admission is free and all are welcome.

HARVARD BAROQUE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

On Sunday, October 7 at 4 pm, the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra will present a concert of works that represent G. F. Handel's time in Italy. Countertenor Benjamin Perry Wenzelberg and cellist Phoebe Carrai will be featured soloists. Admission is free and 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 taking important steps to protect against COVID-19. 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 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. Seating with physical distancing is available.

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.

Things are a bit different. Some of the details of our worship life have been altered to accommodate pandemic restrictions. Some of our programming has been adjusted to keep everyone safe. But what we hope you find entirely familiar is the love and openness and welcome with which we hope to fill our church each day.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

The Faith & Life Forum of the Memorial Church explores matters of faith and public life. The Forum takes place in the Buttrick Room in the lower level of the Memorial Church from 9:30–10:30 am on Sundays. Each week we explore themes such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation in relation to the world in which we live. We learn from scholars and practitioners of religion, religious intellectuals, writers, activists, and artists whose work captures conceptions of the sacred and wrestles with the mysterious dimensions of life. All are welcome to join. Participants will need to register and attest to their health in order to participate in the weekly forum gatherings. There is both a virtual and in-person component. Please visit our website to learn more.

CHURCH SCHOOL

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 participate in the Church School program, parents or guardians need to register their children, and to attest to the state of their children's health weekly. Please visit our website to learn more or email Assistant Minister, Calvin Jones (*calvon_jones@harvard.edu*), with any questions.

The Rev. Jones and the Church School team are excited to announce the launch of our newly designed MemChurch School digital platform. Our children and families will have access to fun, exciting, and educational episodes, steeped in stories of love and humanity. Take a virtual journey to a digital place where the Bible comes to life. You can find episodes at: <https://bit.ly/3iUtEWW>

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!

AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

Looking for a space to relax, connect with other students, and grab some good food towards the end of your week? Join Professor Potts, his family, and their dog Suki for weekly After-School Snack at Sparks House, 21 Kirkland St., Thursdays from 4-6 pm. Feel free to drop in and out as you need. Bring a friend!

SUPPER AT SPARKS HOUSE

Colette and Matt Potts would like to invite vaccinated members of the congregation to join them for small group, casual suppers at Sparks House over the coming months. If you would like to gather with Colette, Matt, and a few other Memorial Churchgoers for conversation and fellowship, please contact Elizabeth Montgomery (*elizabeth_montgomery@harvard.edu*). As Elizabeth gathers names, we will begin scheduling suppers to match the Potts' and others' schedules over the coming months.

STUDENT OASIS

The Student Oasis in the lower level of the Memorial Church is a tranquil and relaxing space for study, for meeting friends and fellow students, even cooking a favorite meal in the full-service kitchen. Located in the heart of Harvard Yard, the Oasis is open daily to Harvard students during the academic term. For more information and the hours of operation, visit <https://memorialchurch.harvard.edu/studentoasis>

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. 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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost. The preacher is the Reverend Matthew Ichihashi Potts, Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church and Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University.

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