

HARVARD

The Memorial Church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 29, 2023, 11 am

PRELUDE

Partita on “How Firm a Foundation” (2005)

Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

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. 3, “Let the Whole Creation Cry”
The congregation stands and sings

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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 90:1–6, 13–17 *Domine, refugium*

Arthur Henry Mann (1850–1929)

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 2:1–8

Pew Bible, page 179 (NT)

ANTHEM

A House of Prayer, Op. 1480 (2022)

Carson Cooman '04 (b. 1982)

“My House shall be a House of Prayer
For all that live, to worship there.”
Thus saith the Lord:—how answer we?
Thine House, our House of Prayer shall be.”

“Wherever I my Name record,
There will I meet Thee,” saith the Lord;
Thee in Thine House of Prayer we meet;
Now bless us from the Mercy-seat.

James Montgomery (1771–1854)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:34–46

Pew Bible, page 22 (NT)

ANTHEM

Ye, Who Seek the Truth (1952)

Julia Perry (1924–1979)

Saith the Lord: “Ye, who seek the truth, follow me; in no resting place shall ye find me, but only in the Lamb of God, who, merciful, forgives the transgressions of them that seek the truth. Follow me; all ye, who seek the truth. And ye, who seek the light, go up into the hills, up into the high mountains, ’til ye find me.” “Follow me,” saith the Lord, “all ye who seek the truth; so shall ye find peace in your hearts.”

Julia Perry

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



SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown

HYMN

No. 282, “How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

The congregation stands and sings

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Preambolo e toccata energico, Op. 1442 (2022)

Carson Cooman

TODAY'S SERVICE

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