



# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

☒ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### Prelude

### Call to Worship and Greeting

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts!

*People:* We lift them up to the Lord!

☒ **Introit** Rejoice in the Lord always *Anonymous*

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

—Philippians 4: 4

☒ **Hymn 166** All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine *SINE NOMINE*

☒ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kyrie** from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

*All are invited to enter into a time of silent confession during the singing of the Kyrie.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Assurance of Pardon

*Leader:* If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

**Lesson** Acts 17, 21-31\*

*Lector:* A lesson from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 17, verses 21-31:

Downtown Athens was a great place for gossip. There were always people hanging around, natives and tourists alike, waiting for the latest tidbit on most anything. So Paul took his stand in the open space at the Areopagus and laid it out for them. "It is plain to see that you Athenians take your religion seriously. When I arrived here the other day, I was fascinated with all the shrines I came across. And then I found one inscribed, to the god nobody knows. I'm here to introduce you to this God so you can worship intelligently, know who you're dealing with. The God who made the world and everything in it, this Master of sky and land, doesn't live in custom-made shrines or need the human race to run errands for him, as if he couldn't take care of himself. He makes the creatures; the creatures don't make him. Starting from scratch, he made the entire human race and made the earth hospitable, with plenty of time and space for living so we could seek after God, and not just grope around in the dark but actually find him. He doesn't play hide-and-seek with us. He's not remote; he's near. We live and move in him, can't get away from him! One of your poets said it well: 'We're the God-created.' Well, if we are the God-created, it doesn't make a lot of sense to think we could hire a sculptor to chisel a god out of stone for us, does it? God overlooks it as long as you don't know any better—but that time is past. The unknown is now known, and he's calling for a radical life-change. He has set a day when the entire human race will be judged and everything set right. And he has already appointed the judge, confirming him before everyone by raising him from the dead."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** Hide not thou thy face *Richard Farrant (d. 1580)*

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure; for we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.

—Psalm 27, 10

\* *Today's lesson from the Acts of the Apostles is taken from The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language by Eugene H. Peterson, copyright 2002.*

## Psalm 19

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

♪ **Antiphon** (sung by all)



The law of God is just, re - viv - ing the soul.

**Cantor:** The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People:** *Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.*

**Cantor:** There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

**People:** *yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.*

**Cantor:** In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**People:** *Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hid from its heat.*

**Cantor:** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**People:** *the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;*

**Cantor:** the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**People:** *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.*

**Cantor:** Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.

**People:** *But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.*

**Cantor:** Keep back your servant also from the insolent;  
do not let them have dominion over me.  
Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**People:** *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.* ♪

✦ **Gloria Patri** (sung by all)

The music to this hymn may be found on page 559 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 4.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
One in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

✦ **Gospel Lesson** John 1, 1-18

**Lector:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 1,  
verses 1-18:

**People:** *Glory to you, O Lord.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**Lector:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✦ **Hymn 152** I sing the almighty power of God

FOREST GREEN

**Sermon** 'The God nobody Knows'

Rev. Dr. Charles D. Yoost  
Pastor, Church of the Saviour  
Cleveland Heights, OH

**Call to Prayer**Lead Me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD

*The music to this hymn may be found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.*

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
 Make thy way plain before my face.  
 For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,  
 That makest me dwell in safety.

An seinen Busen schmieget sich,  
 für ihn, aus ihm geformt, die Gattin,  
 hold und anmutsvoll.

*With fondness leans upon his breast  
 a partner for him form'd,  
 a woman fair and graceful spouse.*

In froher Unschuld lächelt sie,  
 des Frühlings reizend Bild,  
 ihm Liebe, Glück und Wonne zu.

*Her softly smiling virgin looks,  
 of flow'ry spring the mirror,  
 bespeak him love, and joy, and bliss.*

—Baron Gottfried van Swieten (1733 – 1803), text and translation

**Prayers of the People****Choral Response***adapted from Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands. God is Love! I know, and feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.  
 Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament, now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

— Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**Community Life and Offering****At the Offertory**from *Die Schöpfung**Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)***Rezitativ (Uriel)**

Und Gott schuf den Menschen  
 nach seinem Ebenbilde.  
 Nach dem Ebenbilde Gottes schuf er ihn.  
 Mann und Weib erschuf er sie.  
 Den Atem des Lebens hauchte er  
 in sein Angesicht, und der Mensch  
 wurde zur lebendigen Seele.

**Recitativo (Uriel)**

*And God created man  
 in his own image.  
 In the image of God created he him.  
 Male and female created he them.  
 He breathed into his nostrils  
 the breath of life,  
 and man became a living soul.*

**Arie (Uriel)**

Mit Würd' und Hoheit angetan,  
 mit Schönheit Stärk' und Mut begabt,  
 gen Himmel aufgerichtet, steht der Mensch,  
 ein Mann und König der Natur.

**Aria (Uriel)**

*In native worth and honor clad,  
 with beauty, courage, strength adorn'd,  
 to heav'n erect and tall, he stands a man,  
 the Lord and King of nature all.*

Die breit gewölbt' erhabne Stirn,  
 verkünd't der Weisheit tiefen Sinn,  
 und aus dem hellen Blicke strahlt der Geist,  
 des Schöpfers Hauch und Ebenbild.

*The large and arched front sublime  
 of wisdom deep declares the seat.  
 And in his eyes with brightness shines the soul,  
 the breath and image of his God.*

**✠ Presentation of the Gifts** (*sung by all*)

CWM RHONDDA

*The music to this hymn may be found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.*

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
 crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
 serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

**✠ Offertory Prayer****✠ Hymn 147**

All things bright and beautiful

ROYAL OAK

**✠ Benediction****✠ Response**

God be in my head

*arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)*

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.  
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
 God be at mine end and at my departing.

—Old English Prayer from *Sarum Primer**Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.***Postlude***The preacher is Charles D. Yoost, Pastor, Church of the Saviour.**The tenor soloist is Zach Wilder.**The conductor and organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.*

## DARWIN AND FAITH: 2009 SUMMER PREACHER SERIES

The third annual **Marsh Chapel National Summer Preacher Series** brings some of the finest preaching in the country to the pulpit of Howard Thurman. In recognition of the bicentennial of the birth of Charles Darwin and the sesquicentennial of the publication of his *On the Origin of Species*, this summer we offer **eleven weeks of sermonic considerations of Darwin**, his thought, and the implications of his thought for the life of faith. It is no secret that the so-called wars of science and religion have become entrenched especially in fundamentalist Christian theology and the contemporary movement known as the New Atheism. At Marsh Chapel, in a spirit of responsible Christian liberalism, we long for a way forward toward a faith that appeals to culture and a culture that is attractive to faith, acknowledging that all truth is God's truth.

This summer's series includes voices from around the country, from Boston University's School of Theology, and from the Marsh community itself. The second edition of Marsh Chapel's new on-line magazine, *motives*, will present the printed texts of these summer sermons. In addition, Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett and the Marsh Chapel Choir (who last summer presented to much appreciation Palestrina's motets on the Song of Songs), will be offering choral music related to the theme of creation. As was done previously, two summer luncheons on the theme of Darwin and Faith will be offered July 15 and July 29, 12--1:30PM in the Thurman Room of the Chapel. For more information call 617.353.3560 or email [chapel@bu.edu](mailto:chapel@bu.edu).

June 21: Rev. Dr. Wesley Wildman

June 28: Rev. Dr. Robert C. Neville

July 5: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

July 12 and July 19: Rev. Dr. Dean Snyder

July 26 and August 2: Rev. Dr. Charlie Yoost

August 9: Dr. Kirk Wegter-McNelly

August 16: Rev. Dr. Rodney Petersen

August 23: Br. Lawrence Whitney, LC+

August 30: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

## WELCOME TO MARSH CHAPEL!

We thank you for joining us this morning for worship, and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

Although Boston University is in summer session, and many of our faculty, staff, administrators and students are away for summer break, we continue at Marsh Chapel to offer Sunday services of ordered worship, every week of the year, including the summer months. Each year we offer a special National Preacher Series for the summer (see the information printed elsewhere in the bulletin). We are happy that you have joined us for our summer worship. We look forward to the regathering of our full worshipping community in early September, and invite you also to join us in the autumn.

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