



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, June 21st, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

☒ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude from Sonata VI, op. 65, no. 6 *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

I. Choral [Variations über den Choral 'Vater unser im Himmelreich']

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 126** Sing praise to God who reigns above MIT FREUDEN ZART

☒ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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: Amen.

Lesson Job 38, 1-7

Lector: A lesson from the book of Job, chapter 38, verses 1-7:

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?'

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem On God alone my hope I build *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

On God alone my hope I build, not in my works confiding; in God my heart will rest, fulfilled, at home, I grace abiding. Lord, speak to me your priceless word, my comfort true, my faithful guard: I trust your constant, constant guiding.

—Martin Luther; tr. Martin A. Seltz

Psalm 8

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)

Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the
 God of all cre - a - tion.

Cantor: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.

People: *Out of the mouths of babes and infants
 you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.*

Cantor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;

People: *what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?*

Cantor: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
 and crowned them with glory and honor.

People: *You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under their feet,*

Cantor: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! 🎵

✠ **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, 1-5

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 1,
 verses 1-5:

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.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

✠ **Hymn 145** Morning has broken BUNESSAN

Sermon 'Narnia's Aslan, Earth's Darwin, and Heaven's God'
Dr. Wesley J. Wildman
 Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics
 Boston University, School of Theology

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.

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* (The Creation) *Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

Rezitativo (Raphael)
 Und Gott machte das Firmament
 und teilte die Wasser,
 die unter dem Firmament waren,
 von den Wassern,
 die über dem Firmament waren,
 und es ward so.

Recitative (Raphael)
*And God made the firmament,
 and divided the waters,
 which were under the firmament,
 from the waters,
 which were above the firmament,
 and it was so.*

Da tobten brausend
 heftige Stürme.
 Wie Spreu vor dem Winde,
 so flogen die Wolken.
 Die Luft durchschnitten feurige Blitze,
 und schrecklich rollten die Donner umher.

*Outrageous storms
 now dreadful arose;
 as chaff by the winds
 are impelled the clouds.
 By heaven's fire the sky is enflamed
 and awful rolled the thunders on high.*

Der Flut entstieg auf sein Geheiss
der allerquickende Regen,
der allverheerende Schauer,
der leichte, flockige Schnee.

*Now from the floods in steams ascend
reviving showers of rain,
the dreary wasteful hail,
the light and flaky snow.*

Solo (Gabriel) mit Chor

Mit Staunen sieht das Wunderwerk
der Himmelsbürger frohe Schar,
und laut ertönt aus ihren Kehlen
der Schöpfers Lob,
das Lob des zweiten Tags.

Solo (Gabriel) with Chorus

*The marv'ulous work beholds amaz'd
the glorious hierarchy of heav'n
and to th' ethereal vaults resound
the praise of God,
and of the second day.*

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

✦ **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 101** From all that dwell below the skies

DUKE STREET

✦ **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 Nun danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

The preacher is Wesley J. Wildman.

The service is read by Lawrence A. Whitney and Victoria Hart Gaskell.

The soloists are Scott Allen Jarrett (Raphael) and Teresa Wakim (Gabriel).

The choir is conducted by Scott Allen Jarrett..

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

DR. WESLEY J. WILDMAN

Today we welcome to the pulpit the first speaker in our **Summer Preacher Series**, Dr. Wesley J. Wildman. Dr. Wildman is Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics at the Boston University School of Theology. He holds degrees from Flinders University (Australia), University of Sydney (Australia), and the PhD from Graduate Theological Union (Berkeley, California).

Dr. Wildman's research and teaching interests are in contemporary Christian theology, philosophy of religion, and religion and science. Dr. Wildman is ordained in the Uniting Church of Australia (a union of Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational denominations) and has served churches in Sydney and in Piedmont, California. He was involved from 1996-2000 in the Crosscultural Comparative Religious Ideas Project, based at Boston University, and is a member of the ongoing research group for the Divine Action Project, sponsored by the Vatican Observatory and the Center for Theology and Natural Sciences in Berkeley. In Boston University's Graduate School, Dr. Wildman directs the doctoral programs in Christian Theology, in Comparative Theology, and in Science, Philosophy, and Religion.

Dr. Wildman is a Director for **LiberalEvangelical.org**, an organization which aims to empower Christians who see themselves as radical moderates and to offer resources to Christian congregations who intend to be both Christ-centered and creatively inclusive. These Christians and congregations have both liberal and evangelical instincts, they find polarized political and religious debates alienating, and they are inspired by Jesus' own example of radical inclusiveness and by his preaching of a love that transcends ideological and theological divisions.

Dr. Wildman is also a co-founder of the **Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion**, a group founded to conduct research into the biological and cultural functions of religion.

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.

June 21: Rev. Dr. Wesley J. 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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