Please rise, as you are able.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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 Saints bound for heaven arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt’s yoke set free, hail the glorious Jubilee, and to Canaan we’ll return by and by. Shouting “Glory to our King”, till the vaults of heaven ring, and thro’ all eternity we’ll rejoice!

Traditional

☆ Hymn 116 The God of Abraham praise LEONI

☆ Collect (in unison)

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Kyrie from Missa ‘Selva morale e spirituale’ Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
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 Genesis 22:1-14

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 22, verses 1-14:

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Prayer to Jesus

Jhesu, since Thou me made and bought, 
be Thou my love and all my thought, 
and help that I may to Thee be brought, 
withouten Thee I may do nought.

George Oldroyd (1887-1956)
Jhesu, since Thou must do Thy will, 
and nothing is that Thee may let, 
with Thy grace my heart fulfil, 
my love and my liking in Thee is set.

Jhesu, at Thy will I pray that I might be, 
all my heart fulfil, with perfect love to Thee. 
That I have done ill, Jhesu, forgive Thou me, 
and suffer me never to spill, Jhesu for pity. 

Richard Rolle (1300-1349)

Psalm 119:105-112

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

🎵 Antiphon (sung by all)

I shall walk at liberty, 
for I have sought your precepts.

Cantor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
People: I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, 
to observe your righteous ordinances.
Cantor: I am severely afflicted; 
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.
People: Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, 
and teach me your ordinances.
Cantor: I hold my life in my hand continually, 
but I do not forget your law.
People: The wicked have laid a snare for me, 
but I do not stray from your precepts.
Cantor: Your decrees are my heritage forever; 
they are the joy of my heart.
People: I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end. 🎵
**Gloria Patri**
from 'Magnificat in G major'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson**
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 13, verses 1-9 and 18-23:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Hymn 159**
Lift high the cross

Rev. Dee H. Wade, Senior Pastor
Anchorage Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)
Anchorage, Kentucky

**Sermon**
“The Binding of Isaac”
Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (sung by all)

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

The music to this hymn is found on page 473 of the United Methodist Hymnal.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Response

Call to remembrance

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies and Thy loving kindness, which hath been ever of old, O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to Thy mercy think Thou on me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

 Psalm 25:5-6

Response

Call to remembrance, Richard Farrant (c. 1530-1580)

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Community Life and Offertory

At the Offertory

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e’en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Philippians 4: 4-7

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

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 396**

O Jesus, I have promised

**Benediction**

**Response**

God be in my head

**Postlude**

Please remain standing until the procession has left the nave.

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**Summer Preaching Series 2011**

**“Evangelism in the Liberal Tradition”**

We welcome to the pulpit Rev. Dee H. Wade, Senior Pastor of Anchorage Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, Kentucky. In addition to today’s sermon, Rev. Wade will also offer the sermon next week, July 17, as well as host a discussion on Wednesday, July 13 at noon in the Marsh Room. The title of the discussion is “Whither Personalism?” and all are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Welcome to Rev. Wade, and thank you for offering the first sermons in this year’s Summer Preaching Series: “Evangelism in the Liberal Tradition.”
DEAN ROBERT ALLAN HILL: SPEAKING EVENTS, 2011

January 16  Cambridge, MA  Harvard Memorial Church
May 11    Rolling Ridge Retreat Ctr.  New England Annual Conference, UMC
          North Andover, MA  Stewardship Training
June 7 & 30  Syracuse, NY  Lemoyne College
June 8 & 10  Rochester, NY  Upper New York Conference, UMC
July 17    New Hartford, NY  First United Methodist Church
July 31    North Hampton, NH  Union Chapel
August 14  Fayetteville, NY  First United Methodist Church
September 18  Concord, MA  Trinitarian Congregational Church (UCC)

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The events listed here will take place weekly throughout the summer. Additional events for the week will be listed in the bulletin as it becomes necessary.

SUNDAYS
11:00 a.m.  Interdenominational Protestant Worship
12:00 noon  Coffee Hour (First Sundays, Potluck Lunch)

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer child care during our Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made at the main office on the lower level of the building.

We are happy to provide free parking for the Sunday morning service (11:00 a.m.) in the lot behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Many of the twenty-four Marsh Chapter families with children, and other families within our radio congregation, will be interested in our 2011 plans for Vacation Bible School. Our one-day VBS session, open to children ages 16 and under, is scheduled for Sunday, August 7, 12:30—2:30 p.m., here at Marsh Chapel following worship. The afternoon will consist of lunch, singing, and prizes for reciting either Psalm 23 or Psalm 100 (double prize for those who memorize both!). To help with the planning, or to register, contact Elizabeth Fomby Hall at efomby@bu.edu or 617.353.3560.
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.

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