ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Introit  Northfield  Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1828)

How long, dear Savior, O how long shall this bright hour delay,
Fly swifter ‘round the wheel of time, and bring the welcome day.

Hymn 578  God of love and God of power

Collect (in unison)

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

_The Dean:_ 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 2 Kings 2:1–12

_Lector:_ A lesson from second Book of Kings, chapter 2, verses 1–12:

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

_Lector:_ The Word of the Lord.

_People:_ Thanks be to God.
Anthem

Almighty and everlasting God

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 20

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

🎵 Antiphon (sung by all)

\[ \text{Cantor:} \quad \text{The \ LORD answer you in the day of trouble!} \\
\text{People:} \quad \text{May he send you help from the sanctuary,} \\
\text{} \quad \text{and give you support from Zion.} \\
\text{Cantor:} \quad \text{May he remember all your offerings,} \\
\text{} \quad \text{and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.} \\
\text{People:} \quad \text{May we shout for joy over your victory,} \\
\text{} \quad \text{and in the name of our God set up our banners.} \\
\text{Cantor:} \quad \text{May the \ LORD fulfill all your petitions.} \\
\text{People:} \quad \text{Now I know that the \ LORD will help his anointed;} \\
\text{} \quad \text{he will answer him from his holy heaven} \\
\text{} \quad \text{with mighty victories by his right hand.} \\
\text{Cantor:} \quad \text{Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,} \\
\text{} \quad \text{but our pride is in the name of the \ LORD our God.} \\
\text{People:} \quad \text{They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.} \\
\text{} \quad \text{Give victory to the king, \ O \ LORD; answer us when we call.} \]
Gloria Patri (sung by all)

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  Mark 4:26–34

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 4, verses 26–34:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn 133  Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Sermon “I Looked Over Jordan” The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Hymn 703  Swing low, sweet chariot
Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord  
*sung by all*

The music to this hymn is 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 and 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

from “Peace I leave with you”  
*Walter L. Pelz* (b. 1926)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: 
not as the world giveth give I unto you.  
*John 14:27*

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory  
*My God, I love thee* (from the *St. Mark Passion*)  
*Charles Wood* (1866–1926)

1. My God, I love Thee; not because 
I hope for heaven thereby, 
Not yet because who love Thee not 
Are lost eternally. 
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me 
Upon the Cross embrace; 
For me didst bear the nails, and spear, 
And manifold disgrace, 

2. And griefs and torments numberless, 
And sweat of agony; 
Yea, death itself; and all for me 
Who wast Thine enemy. 
Then why, most loving Jesus Christ, 
Should I not love Thee well? 
Not for the sake of winning heaven, 
Or of escaping hell;

3. Not from the hope of gaining aught, 
Not seeking a reward; 
But as Thyself has loved me, 
O ever-loving Lord? 
So do I love Thee, and will love, 
Who such a love hast showed 
Only because Thou art my King, 
Because Thou art my God.  
*St. Francis Xavier* (1506–1552) 
*tr. Edward Caswall* (1814–1878)
**Presentation of the Gifts** *(sung by all)*

> God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow’r;
> crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flow’r.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn 157**  
Jesus shall reign where’er the sun  

**Benediction**

**Response**  
God be in my head

*Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer*

**Postlude**

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*The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.*  
*The soprano soloist is Carey Shunskis.*  
*The conductor is Patrick T. Waters.*  
*The organist is Stephan Griffin.*
Each year, from late May to early September, many from our community of faith are away from Boston. Nevertheless, we continue to provide our regular worship service—with choir, sermon, and liturgy—every Sunday all summer (broadcast on WBUR, 90.9 FM). If you are visiting here this summer, we are delighted to have you with us, and hope you will come back soon. Our full fall worship schedule begins with Matriculation Sunday on September 2, and we also hope you will plan to join us that day. In addition, some special summer education and fellowship events are provided, including our Summer Preaching Series (this year on the theme “Toward a Common Hope”) and first-Sunday covered dish luncheons. For personal or pastoral needs, please contact the Chapel office at 617.353.3560.

### Summer Schedule and Special Announcements

The events listed here 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, Covered Dish Luncheon)

**June 24**
- 12:00 noon Vacation Bible School (Marsh Chapel, Lower Level)

*Come and join the Dean and Jan Hill for pizza, music, Bible verses and fellowship—a mini-Vacation Bible School! Please RSVP to chapel@bu.edu if you plan to attend.*

**July 1**
- 12:00 noon Independence Day Cookout (BU Beach)

### Community Announcements

Our **preachers in this year’s Summer Preaching Series**, on the theme “Toward a Common Hope”, include: Br. Larry Whitney (July 1), Dean Robert Hill (July 8, July 29, and August 19), the Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell (July 18 and August 5), the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman (August 12), and the Rev. Scott Donahue-Martens (August 26). For more details on the Summer Preaching Series, visit our website at bu.edu/chapel.

**Dean Hill’s summer speaking schedule** this year includes: the Marsh Sundays listed above; the Syracuse Upper New York UMC Conference (May 30–June 2); the Manchester (NH) New England UMC Annual Conference (conference preacher and study leader) (June 14–16); Jamesville, NY, Federated Church (July 1); Lemoyne College Retreat (July 10); Union Chapel, North Hampton, NH (July 22); and Fayetteville, NY, United Methodist Church (August 12).
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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