



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant Service of Worship

Sunday, June 14th, 2015 –11:00 a.m.
The Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✦ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Toccata in G major *Théodore Dubois* (1837-1924)

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** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *arr. Scott Allen Jarrett* (b. 1975)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him! *Joachim Neander*

✦ **Hymn 92** For the beauty of the earth DIX

✦ **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 from Missa 'O quam gloriosum' *Tomás Luis de Victoria* (1548-1611)

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 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Lector: A lesson from the First Book of Samuel, chapter 15, verse 34 through chapter 16, verse 13:

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Quam pulchri sunt

Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)

Quam pulchri sunt gressus tui, filia principis! *How beautiful are thy feet, O prince's daughter!*
 Collum tuum sicut turris eburnea, oculi tui divini, *Thy neck as a tower of ivory, thy eyes divine,*
 et comae capitis tui sicut purpura regis. *and the hairs of thy head as royal purple.*
 Quam pulchra es, et quam decora carissima! *How beautiful and pleasing art thou, my dearest!*
 Alleluia. *Alleluia.*

Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Lector: A lesson from Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 5, verses 6-17:

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20

Cantor: The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

People: *May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion.*

Cantor: May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.
May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

People: *May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners.*

Cantor: May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

People: *Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.*

Cantor: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

People: *They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.
Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call. ♪*

✦ **Gloria Patri** (*sung by all*)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY



Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or to the Son,
laud and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;
one in might and one in glo - ry, while un - end - ing a - ges 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 [Jesus] 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.

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

✠ **Hymn 140** Great is thy faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

Sermon "A Grain of Mustard Seed" Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

Call to Prayer Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*) LEAD ME, LORD

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

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 Amen, from *Geistliches Lied*, Op. 30 *Johannes Brahms* (1833-1897)

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory My soul, there is a country *C. Hubert H. Parry* (1848-1918)

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars,
Where stands a wingèd sentry, all skillful in the wars.

There, above noise and danger, sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,
And One, born in a manger, commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend, and (O my soul, awake!)
Did in pure love descend, to die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flower of peace,
The Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave, then, thy foolish ranges, for none can thee secure
But one who never changes, thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Henry Vaughan (1622-1695)

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

NUN DANKET; *arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)*



All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv - en, The



Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est hea - ven, The



One e - ter - nal God, Whom heav'n and earth a - dore; For



thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

✘ **Offertory Prayer**

✘ **Hymn 144** This is my Father's world

TERRA BEATA

✘ **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

Postlude Allegro vivace assai (from Sonata No. 1)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The preacher is Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The conductor is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

SUMMER WORSHIP

Each year, from late May to early September, many from our community of faith are away from Boston. Nevertheless, over the last several years we have continued to provide our regular worship service—with choir, sermon, and liturgy—every Sunday all summer (and 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 August 30, 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 “The Beloved Community”) and first-Sunday covered dish luncheons. For personal or pastoral needs, please contact the Chapel office at 617.353.3560.

MARSH CHAPEL SUMMER PREACHING SERIES 2015

“The Beloved Community”

- June 28** **Rev. David F. Romanik**, Associate Rector, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
- July 5** **Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+**, University Chaplain for Community Life
- July 12** **Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill**, Dean of Marsh Chapel, Boston University
- July 19/26** **Rev. Dr. Chapin Garner**, Adjunct Instructor in Homiletics and Pastoral Ministry
Boston University School of Theology; Pastor, United Church of Christ, Norwell
- August 2** **Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill**, Dean of Marsh Chapel, Boston University
- August 9** **Rev. Dr. Regina L. Walton**, Rector, Grace Episcopal Church
Newton, Massachusetts
- August 16** **Rev. Brittany Longsdorf**, University Chaplain for International Students

DEAN HILL’S SPRING/SUMMER SPEAKING SCHEDULE, 2015

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| March 2 | Boston University Metropolitan College | Boston, Massachusetts |
| March 18 | University of Massachusetts – Boston | Boston, Massachusetts |
| April 14 | United Methodist Foundation of New England | Hampstead, New Hampshire |
| April 19 | Asbury First United Methodist Church | Rochester, New York |
| May 4 | Epiphany School – Bible Institute | Dorchester, Massachusetts |
| May 6 | Boston University Academy | Boston, Massachusetts |
| May 9 | Rhode Island/SE Massachusetts District, UMC | East Greenwich, Rhode Island |
| May 20 | Boston University Summer Session | Boston, Massachusetts |
| May 28 | Upper New York Annual Conference, UMC | Syracuse, New York |
| June 27/28 | Asbury First United Methodist Church | Rochester, New York |
| July 7 | Lemoyne College | Syracuse, New York |
| July 19 | Osterville United Methodist Church | Osterville, Massachusetts |
| July 26 | Union Chapel | North Hampton, New Hampshire |

SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NEXT SUNDAY	10:40 a.m.	Intercessory Silent Prayer Group (Nave)
	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship
	12:00 noon	Father's Day Brunch (Marsh Room)

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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