ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation is invited into silent prayer prior to the service.

Prelude

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Chaplain: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
The Chaplain: 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 through all eternity we’ll rejoice!

Hymn 568 Christ for the world we sing Italian Hymn

Collect (in unison)

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
Kyrie

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

Assurance of Pardon

The Chaplain:  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

Isaiah 58:9b–14

Lector:  A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 58, verses 9–14:

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Lector:  The Word of the Lord.

People:  Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Bless the Lord, O my soul  Carson P. Cooman (b. 1982)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy.
And the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Psalm 103:1–2, 8, 11, 17a, 22b
Lesson Hebrews 12:18–29

Lector: A lesson from the epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 18–29:

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1–8

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

Antiphon (sung by all)

As far as the east is from the west,
so far the Lord removes our sins from us.

Cantor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
Cantor: who forgives all your iniquity,  
    who heals all your diseases,  
People: who redeems your life from the Pit,  
    who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
Cantor: who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
    so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
People: The LORD works vindication and justice  
    for all who are oppressed.  
Cantor: He made known his ways to Moses,  
    his acts to the people of Israel.  
People: The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
    slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. 🎶

🌟 Gloria Patri from ‘Magnificat in B-flat major, Op. 10’ C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

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.


Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 13, verses 10–17:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

🌟 Hymn 733 Marching to Zion 🎶
Sermon
“Weight of the World”
The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman
Associate Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry

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 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 “Set me as a seal” René Clausen (b. 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death. Song of Solomon 8:6a

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)*

\(\text{All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The}\)

\(\text{Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven, The}\)

\(\text{One eternal God, Whom heav'n and earth adore; For}\)

\(\text{thus it was, is now, And shall be ever more. Amen.}\)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Hymn 582**  
Whom shall I send? our Maker cries  
**Deus Tuorum Militum**

**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**

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The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, Associate Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry.
The conductor and organist is Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.
COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us next Sunday at 11 a.m. for the University Matriculation Service.

Dean’s Garden Party — Thursday, September 5 — 4:30–6:00 p.m. — BU Beach
To mark the start of the academic year, join the Dean of the Chapel and the Marsh Chapel community for an outdoor garden party, complete with iced teas, snacks, and lawn games. The gathering is open to all—staff, students, friends, and colleagues alike. We hope you will join us for this convivial moment of fun and fellowship.

Morning Study Group — Sundays (beginning 9/8)— 9:45 a.m. — Thurman Room
This semester, the Morning Study Group will be reading Anne Lamott’s *Hallelujah, Anyway*. Lamott shares wisdom on truth and paradox in this comforting book of reflections inspired by the current social and political climate. “In general, it doesn’t feel like the light is making a lot of progress,” she writes. Each brief essay explores a theme or topic such as hope, love, or faith with Lamott’s customary optimism. This semester’s class is co-taught by the Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman and Marsh Associate Tom Batson. (Contact: The Rev. Dr. Karen Coleman, revkaren@bu.edu)

Bible Study — Sundays — 12:30 p.m. (beginning 9/8) — Thurman Room
Join us each Sunday in the Thurman Room to study God’s word together. Each semester, we explore a different biblical book or theme, with an emphasis on discernment, dialogue, fellowship, and faith formation. Bible Study is led by Bill Cordts, a 2011 STH graduate and Marsh Chapel alumnus. Bill is a candidate for ordination in the United Church of Christ and a member of Newton Highlands Congregational Church, UCC. (Contact: Bill Cordts, wmcordts@gmail.com)

Ms. Heidi Freimanis-Cordts, our Director of Hospitality, continues to solicit information for the next edition of our photo directory. Please see her following worship to insure your inclusion in the directory.

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer childcare 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).
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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