ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

offered by Herbert S. Jones, piano
Director, Inner Strength Gospel Choir

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

Introit for the Season of Epiphany

Julian J. Wachner (b. 1969)

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come let us adore him.
The earth is the Lord’s and he made it: O come let us adore.  

Text adapted by the composer

Hymn 545

The church’s one foundation

Aurelia

Collect (in unison)

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Kyrie from Missa ‘Alma Redemptoris’

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

Isaiah 49:1–7

Lector: A lesson from the prophet Isaiah, chapter 49, verses 1–7:

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The 23rd Psalm (dedicated to my mother)

Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,
She makes me lie down in green meadows,
beside the still waters, She will lead.
She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs.
Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me,
She has said, She won’t forsake me, I’m in Her hand.
She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.  
Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will live in Her house forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Text adapted by the composer

Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Lector: A lesson from Paul’s first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 1, verses 1–9:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Psalm 40:1–11

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

Cantor: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry.  
People: The Lord drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,  
set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
Cantor: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, 
a song of praise to our God.

People: Many will see and be in awe, 
and put their trust in the Lord.

Cantor: Blessed are those who make the Lord their trust, 
who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods!

People: O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds 
and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

Cantor: Were I to proclaim and tell of them, 
they would be more than can be numbered.

People: Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; 
but you have given me an open ear.

Cantor: Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

People: Then I said, “Lo, I come; in the roll of the book it is written of me; 
I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Cantor: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

People: lo, I have not restrained my lips, 
as you know, O Lord.

Cantor: I have not hid your saving help within my heart, 
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

People: I have not concealed your steadfast love and faithfulness 
from the great congregation.

Cantor: O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me,

People: let your steadfast love and faithfulness ever preserve me! 🎧

Glory to you, O Lord.

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from
heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* Hymn 420 Breathe on me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

Sermon "A Natural Grace" The 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 maketh 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

All My Trials


If religion was a thing that money could buy,
the rich would live and the poor would die.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
Too late, my brothers; too late, but never mind.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Traditional Spiritual

Community Life and Offering

At the Offertory

Ain’t got time to die

Hall Johnson (1888–1970)

Lord, I keep so busy praisin’ my Jesus,
Ain’t got time to die.
‘Cause when I’m healin’ the sick, I’m praisin’ my Jesus,
Ain’t got time to die.

‘Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus,
All of my time to praise my Lord.
If I don’t praise Him the rocks gonna cry out, “Glory and honor!”
Ain’t got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin’ for the Kingdom…
‘Cause when I’m feedin’ the poor, I’m workin’ for the Kingdom…

Lord, I keep so busy servin’ my Master…
‘Cause when I’m givin’ my all, I’m servin’ my Master…

Text by the composer

Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)

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

The music to this hymn is found on page 102 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 3

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God, whom heav’n and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Hymn 519

Lift every voice and sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

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**

Great day, the righteous marching

arr. William Farley Smith (1941–1997)

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

*The lectors are Katherine Kennedy, Director of the Howard Thurman Institute,*

*and Kenneth Elmore, Associate Provost and Dean of Students.*

*The tenor soloist is Patrick T. Waters.*

*The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music.*

*The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

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**THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL**

**TODAY**

11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (Howard Thurman Center, 808 Comm. Ave.)

**MONDAY**

Martin Luther King, Jr., Day — Chapel Offices Closed

**TUESDAY**

Classes Begin — Marsh Chapel Weekly Activities Begin

**THURSDAY**

12:00–1:00 p.m. Silence Practice (Nave)

12:00–2:00 p.m. Chaplain Office Hours (Med Campus, Talbot 113c)

5:00–6:15 p.m. Mind, Body, and Spirit Yoga (Robinson Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions (Nave)

6:30–9:00 p.m. Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:45 a.m. Morning Study Group (Thurman Room)

10:35 a.m. Take Note (Robinson Chapel)

11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service (Nave)

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (Marsh Room)

12:30 p.m. Abolitionist Chapel Today (Thurman Room)

12:30 p.m. Thurman Choir Rehearsal (Robinson Chapel)

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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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