



# MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant

Service of Worship

Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 - 11:00 a.m.

Whitsunday – The Day of Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

☒ *Please rise, as you are able.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Prelude** Fugue in G minor, K. 401 *W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)*

### 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** Rejoice in the Lord always *Anonymous*

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.

—Philippians 4, 4

☒ **Hymn 539** O Spirit of the living God *FOREST GREEN*

☒ **Opening Prayer** (*in unison*)

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kyrie** from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* *Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

*All are invited to enter into a time of silent confession during the singing of the Kyrie.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### 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:* Amen.

**Lesson** Romans 8, 22-27

*Lector:* A lesson from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 22-27:

*People:* Thanks be to God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Anthem** If ye love me *Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

—John 14, 15-17

### Psalm 104, 24-34, 35b

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

♪ **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



*Cantor:* O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
 In wisdom you have made them all;  
 the earth is full of your creatures.

*People:* *Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
 creeping things innumerable are there,  
 living things both small and great.*

*Cantor:* There go the ships,  
 and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

*People:* *These all look to you to give them their food in due season;*

*Cantor:* when you give to them, they gather it up;  
 when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

*People:* *When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
 when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.*

*Cantor:* When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
 and you renew the face of the ground.

*People:* *May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
 may the LORD rejoice in his works—*

*Cantor:* who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
 who touches the mountains and they smoke.

*People:* *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
 I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

*Cantor:* May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
 for I rejoice in the LORD.

*People:* *Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
 and let the wicked be no more.  
 Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD 🎵*

✠ **Gloria Patri** *(sung by all)*

*The music to this hymn may be found on page 559 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 4.*

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** John 15, 26-27; 16, 4b-15

*The Dean:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John, chapter 15,  
 verses 26-27, and chapter 16, verses 4-15:  
*People:* *Glory to you, O Lord. (over)*

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.”

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

✠ **Hymn 405** Seek ye first SEEK YE

**Sermon** ‘A Recession Theology’ The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ **Hymn 404** Every time I feel the Spirit PENTECOST

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

*The music to this hymn may be 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**

**Choral Response** *adapted from Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

There for me the Savior stands, shows his wounds and spreads his hands. God is Love! I know, and feel; Jesus weeps and loves me still.  
 Now incline me to repent, let me now my sins lament, now my foul revolt deplore, weep, believe, and sin no more.

## Community Life and Offering

**At the Offertory** Come down, O Love divine

*William H. Harris (1883-1973)*

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

—Bianco da Siena (d. 1434); tr., Richard Frederick Littledale, Jr.

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

CWM RHONDDA

*The music to this hymn may be found on page 577 of the United Methodist Hymnal.*

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 465** Holy Spirit, Truth divine

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✠ **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**

Tocatta in B minor

*Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)*

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

*The choir is conducted by Timothy Westerhaus.*

*The organist is Brent Erstad*

## DEAN ROBERT ALLAN HILL: SPEAKING EVENTS, 2009

February 4	Boston University	Christian Unity Event
February 10	Boston University	Chi Alpha
March 15	New Haven, CT	Yale University Divinity School New Haven Theological Discussion Group
March 18	Marsh Chapel	Lecture Respondent <i>Violence in the Hebrew Bible</i>
April 2	Boston University	Boston University Academy
April 18	Cambridge, MA	Harvard Memorial Church Overseers' Committee
May 15	Evanston, IL	Commencement Address Northwestern University Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
June 4	Baltimore, MD	Conference Speaker Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference, UMC
June 5	Scranton, PA	Luncheon Speaker Wyoming Annual Conference, UMC
June 12	Saratoga Springs, NY	Troy Annual Conference, UMC
June 16-19	Buffalo, NY	Western New York Annual Conference, UMC
July 26	Hampton, NH	Union Chapel
August 2	Hamilton, NY	Summer Marsh Friends Gathering

## DARWIN AND FAITH: 2009 SUMMER PREACHER SERIES

The third annual **Marsh Chapel National Summer Preacher Series** brings some of the finest preaching in the country to the pulpit of Howard Thurman. In recognition of the bicentennial of the birth of Charles Darwin and the sesquicentennial of the publication of his *On the Origin of Species*, this summer we offer **eleven weeks of sermonic considerations of Darwin**, his thought, and the implications of his thought for the life of faith. It is no secret that the so-called wars of science and religion have become entrenched especially in fundamentalist Christian theology and the contemporary movement known as the New Atheism. At Marsh Chapel, in a spirit of responsible Christian liberalism, we long for a way forward toward a faith that appeals to culture and a culture that is attractive to faith, acknowledging that all truth is God's truth.

This summer's series includes voices from around the country, from Boston University's School of Theology, and from the Marsh community itself. The second edition of Marsh Chapel's new on-line magazine, *motives*, will present the printed texts of these summer sermons. In addition, Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett and the Marsh Chapel Choir (who last summer presented to much appreciation Palestrina's motets on the Song of Songs), will be offering choral music related to the theme of creation. As was done previously, two summer luncheons on the theme of Darwin and Faith will be offered July 15 and July 29, 12--1:30PM in the Thurman Room of the Chapel. For more information call 617.353.3560 or email [chapel@bu.edu](mailto:chapel@bu.edu).

June 21: Rev. Dr. Wesley Wildman

June 28: Rev. Dr. Robert C. Neville

July 5: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

July 12 and July 19: Rev. Dr. Dean Snyder

July 26 and August 2: Rev. Dr. Charlie Yoost

August 9: Dr. Kirk Wegter-McNelly

August 16: Rev. Dr. Rodney Petersen

August 23: Br. Lawrence Whitney, LC+

August 30: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean

## SUMMER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

**SUNDAYS**      11:00 a.m.    Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Main Chapel)  
6:00 p.m.      Roman Catholic Mass (Main Chapel)

## 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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*The Chapel Office is open 9 am – 5 pm weekdays, and on Sunday Mornings.*

**Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean and Chaplain of the University**  
**Br. Lawrence A. Whitney, LC+, University Chaplain for Community Life**  
**Ray Bouchard, MTS STH'95, Director of Marsh Chapel**  
**Scott Allen Jarrett, DMA CFA'08, Director of Music**  
**Justin Thomas Blackwell, MM CFA'09, Associate Director of Music**  
**Elizabeth Fomby, Director of Hospitality**  
**Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, OSL, Chapel Associate for Methodist Students**  
**Susan Forshey, Chapel Associate for Ministry Formation**  
**Liz Douglass, Chapel Associate for LBGTQ Ministry**  
**Herbert S. Jones, Director, Inner Strength Gospel Choir**  
**Timothy Westerhaus, MM CFA 08, Assistant Conductor, Marsh Chapel Choir**  
**Melissa Riesgo and Rachel Cape, Music Program Administrators**  
**David Ames, Chapel Sacristan**  
**George Coulter, Mark Gray, Ushers**  
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