



MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship
Sunday, September 20th, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

This Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Minister for Visitation, brings us a new sermon titled "Taking Precedence," which was recorded on Thursday, September 17.

The remainder of the service is being re-broadcast from previous services.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

✠ *Please rise in body or in heart*

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.

1. God of love and God of power, grant us in this burn-ing hour
 2. We are not the first to be ban-ished by our fears from thee;
 3. All our lives be-long to thee, thou our fi-nal loy-al-ty;
 4. God of love and God of power, make us wor-thy of this hour;

grace to ask these gifts of thee, dar-ing hearts and spir-its free.
 give us cour-age, let us hear heav-en's trum-pets ring-ing clear.
 slaves are we when-e'er we share that de-vo-tion an-y-where.
 of-fering lives if it's thy will, keep-ing free our spir-its still.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

WORDS: Gerald H. Kennedy, ca. 1939
 MUSIC: Joachim Neander, 1680

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✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lesson Jonah 3:10–4:11

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Jonah, chapter 3, verse 10 through chapter 4, verse 11:

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem Sicut cervus desiderat

G. P. da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

*As the hart yearns for the water springs:
so longs my soul for thee, O God!*

Psalms 42:1

Lesson Philippians 1:21–30

Lector: A lesson from St. Paul's epistle to the Philippians, chapter 1, verse 21–30:

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21



Let us see your kind-ness, Lord; grant us your sal - va-tion.

Cantor: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.

Cantor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
the LORD's greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

Cantor: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: All the LORD's ways are just,
all the LORD's doings are kind.

Cantor: The LORD is near to all who call,
to all who call upon the LORD in truth.

People: The LORD fulfills the desire of all the faithful,
and hears their cry and saves them.

Cantor: All who love the LORD, the LORD preserves.
All the wicked the LORD destroys.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name for ever and ever. 🎵

✠ **Gloria Patri** from 'Magnificat: Collegium Regale'

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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.

✠ **Gospel Lesson** Matthew 20:1-16

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew, chapter 20, verses 1-16:
People: Glory to you, O Lord.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

✦ Hymn 579

Lord God, your love has called us here

CAREY’S (SURREY)

1. Lord God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2. We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3. Lord God, in Christ you call our name, and then re - ceive us
 4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5. Lord God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your
 love were made; your liv - ing like - ness still we bear, though
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains, by
 as your own; not through some mer - it, right, or claim, but
 call us friends; suf - fer and serve till all are fed, and
 joy to share; give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty to
 marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed; we come, with all our
 so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by powers and sys - tems
 by your gra - cious love a - lone; we strain to glimpse your
 show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that
 heart and mind, your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat, and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do, while love is mak - ing all things new.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1973
 MUSIC: Henry Carey, ca. 1723; harm. from *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right - eous - ness;
 make thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is thou, Lord,
 thou, Lord on - ly, that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

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

We shall walk through the valley in peace

arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

For Jesus Himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace.

At the Offertory

Sicut Moses, SWV 68

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Sicut Moses serpentem in deserto exaltavit,
 ita filium hominis oportet exaltari,
 ut omnis qui credit in eum non pereat,
 sed habeat vitam aeternam.

*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
 so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
 that whoever believes in him
 may have eternal life.*

John 3:14–15

✦ 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

1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true
 3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let
 5. Let us re - call that in our midst dwells
 6. Love can ex - clude no race or creed if

God is ev - er found; brought here to - geth - er
 char - i - ty we learn; let us with heart and
 we our faults con - fess; and let us love each
 all con - ten - tion cease; be Christ the glo - ry
 God's be - got - ten Son; as mem - bers of his
 hon - ored be God's name; our com - mon life em -

by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
 mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.
 oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 that we seek, be ours his ho - ly peace.
 bod - y joined, we are in him made one.
 brac - es all whose Mak - er is the same.

WORDS: 9th cent. Latin; trans. by Omer Westendorf, 1961 (1 Jn. 4:16)
 MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861
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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**

Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Minister for Visitation.

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

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

Today's broadcast was recorded by Eddie Muizulis, compiled by Justin Blackwell, and edited by Chloe McLaughlin.

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