

**MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY**  
735 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE      BOSTON, MA 02215

**University Interdenominational Protestant  
Service of Worship**  
**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.**  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Series LXXVI № 4

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**The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean**

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✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude**      from the “Suite du Deuxieme Ton”      *Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676–1749)*  
Plein jeu — Duo — Flûtes — Caprice sur les Grand jeux

**Call to Worship and Greeting**

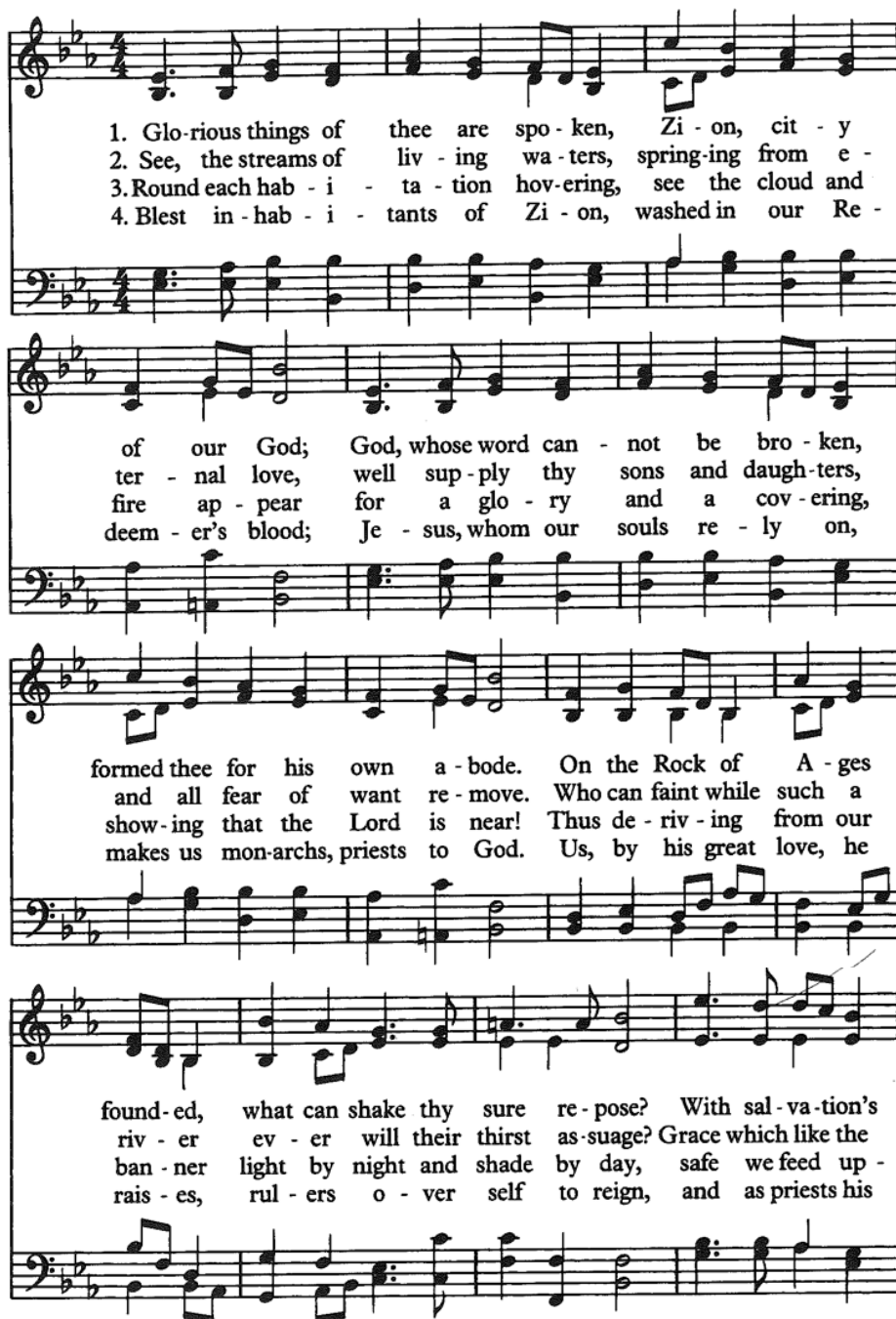
*The Dean:*      The Lord be with you.  
*People:*      *And also with you.*  
*The Dean:*      Lift up your hearts.  
*People:*      *We lift them up to the Lord!*

✠ **Introit**      from “Behold, I build an house”<sup>+</sup>      *Lukas Foss (1922–2009)*

Behold, I build an house.  
Then the house was filled with a cloud,  
For the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

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<sup>+</sup> “Behold, I build an house” was written for the dedication of Marsh Chapel, March 14, 1950.

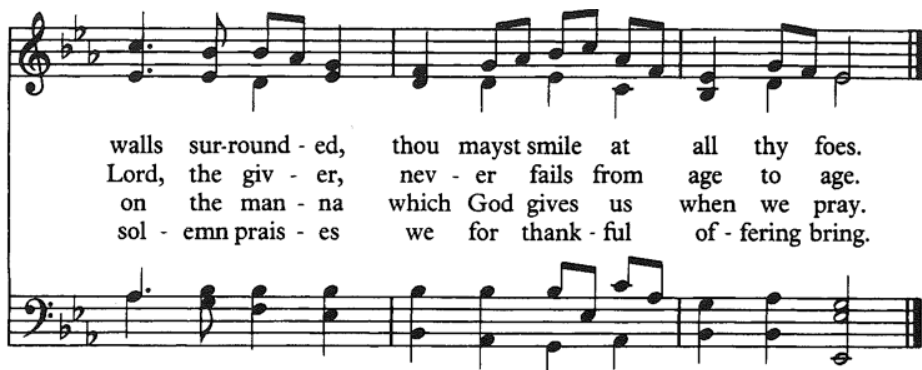


1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, cit-y  
 2. See, the streams of liv-ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e-  
 3. Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov-ering, see the cloud and  
 4. Blest in-hab-i-tants of Zi-on, washed in our Re-

of our God; God, whose word can-not be bro-ken,  
 ter-nal love, well sup-ply thy sons and daugh-ters,  
 fire ap-pear for a glo-ry and a cov-ering,  
 deem-er's blood; Je-sus, whom our souls re-ly on,

formed thee for his own a-bode. On the Rock of A-ges  
 and all fear of want re-move. Who can faint while such a  
 show-ing that the Lord is near! Thus de-riv-ing from our  
 makes us mon-archs, priests to God. Us, by his great love, he

found-ed, what can shake thy sure re-pose? With sal-va-tion's  
 riv-er ev-er will their thirst as-suage? Grace which like the  
 ban-ner light by night and shade by day, safe we feed up-  
 rais-es, rul-ers o-ver self to reign, and as priests his



WORDS: John Newton, 1779 (Ps. 87:3; Is. 33:20-21; Ex. 13:22)  
MUSIC: Croatian folk song; arr. by Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

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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.*

### Kyrie

from 'Communion Service in B minor'

T. Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
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

Exodus 16:2–15

*Manna in the wilderness*

*Lector:* A lesson from the book of Exodus, chapter 16, verses 2–15:

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they

prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites: they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## **Anthem**

Simile est regnum caelorum a 5

*Francisco Guerrero (1528–1599)*

Simile est regnum caelorum  
homini patri familias,  
qui exiit primo mane conducere  
operarios in vineam suam.

Conventione autem facta cum operariis  
ex denario diurno, misit eos in vineam suam.  
Et egressus circa horam tertiam  
vidit alios stantes in foro otiosos,  
Et illis dixit: Ite et vos in vineam meam;  
et, quod iustum fuerit, dabo vobis.

*For the kingdom of heaven  
is like unto a man that is an householder,  
which went out early in the morning  
to hire laborers into his vineyard.  
And when he had agreed with the labourers  
for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.  
And he went out about the third hour,  
and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,  
And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard,  
and whatsoever is right I will give you.*

*Matthew 20:1–4*

**Lesson**

Philippians 1:21–30

*Standing firm in the gospel*

*Lector:* A lesson from the epistle to the Philippians, chapter 1, verses 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; yet I cannot say which I will choose. 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, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me. 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 in no way frightened by those opposing you. 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.

**The Psalter**

Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45

*Remembering the wilderness*

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



**They who wait for the Lord shall re - new their strength.**

*Cantor:* O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

*People:* Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wonderful works.

*Cantor:* Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

*People:* Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually.

*Cantor:* Remember the wonderful works he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

*People:* O offspring of his servant Abraham,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

*Cantor:* Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,  
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

*People:* *Egypt was glad when they departed,  
for dread of them had fallen upon it.*

*Cantor:* He spread a cloud for a covering,  
and fire to give light by night.

*People:* *They asked, and he brought quails,  
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.*

*Cantor:* He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
it flowed through the desert like a river.  
For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.

*People:* *So he brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with singing.*

*Cantor:* He gave them the lands of the nations,  
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,

*People:* *that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws.  
Praise the LORD! ♪*

✠ **Gloria Patri**      from 'Benedictus, Op. 34, no. 2'      *Edward Elgar (1857–1934)*

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      *The parable of the vineyard workers*

*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 a denarius for the day, 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 a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 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 a denarius? 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.

**Sermon** "Marsh Chapel in the Cosmos" The Rev. Dr. Robert Cummings Neville  
Dean of the Chapel, 2003–2006

✠ **Hymn 415** Take up thy cross GERMANY



1. "Take up thy cross," the Sav - ior said, "if thou wouldst  
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak  
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, nor let thy  
4. Take up thy cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

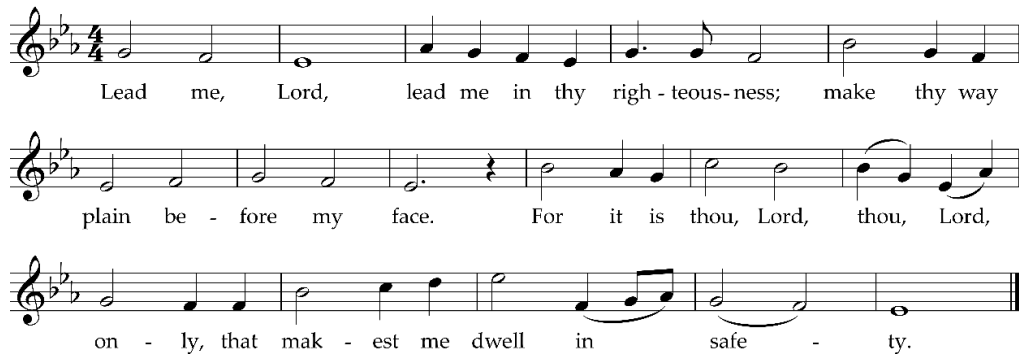
my dis - ci - ple be; de - ny thy - self, the  
spir - it with a - larm; his strength shall bear thy  
fool - ish pride re - bel; thy Lord for thee the  
death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

world for - sake, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
spir - it up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.  
cross en - dured, to save thy soul from death and hell.  
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

## Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD



Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righ - teous-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

Amen, from Geistliches Lied, Op. 30

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

## Offertory Sentences

### At the Offertory

Ich bin das Brot des Lebens

Wolfram Buchenberg (b. 1962)

Wer über die Weisung des Herrn nachsinnt  
bei Tag und Nacht,  
bringst seine Frucht zur rechten Zeit.

*Whoever meditates on the Law of the Lord  
by day and night,  
will bring forth fruit in due season.*

Ich bin das Brot des Lebens;  
wer zu mir kommt, wird nie mehr hunger,  
und wer an mich glaubt,  
wird nie mehr dürsten.

*I am the bread of life;  
he who comes to me will never be hungry,  
and he who believes in me,  
will never be thirsty.*

Ich bin das lebendige Brot  
das vom Himmel herabgekommen ist.  
Wer von diesem Brot isst,  
wird leben in Ewigkeit.

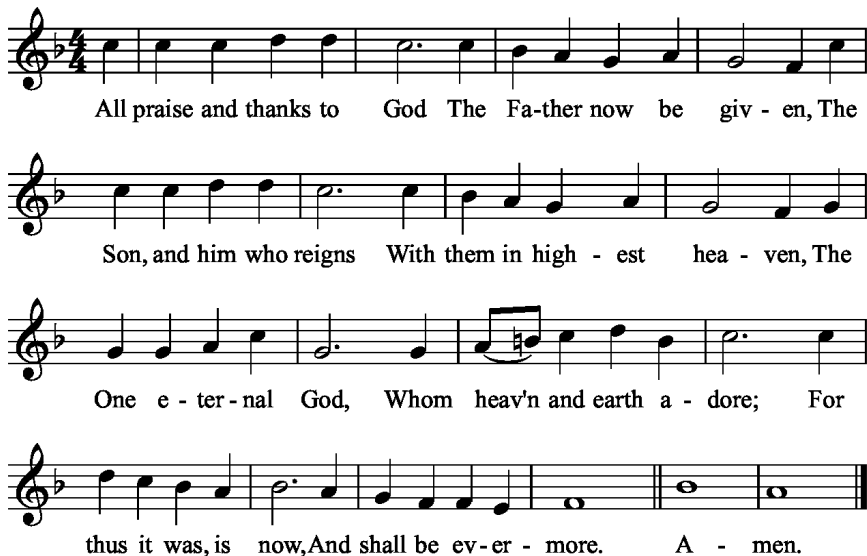
*I am the living bread  
that came down from heaven.  
Whoever eats this bread  
will live forever.*

*Ps. 1:2; John 6:35, 51*



✦ **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**

For the healing of the nations

ST. HELEN



1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with one ac - cord;  
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your world re - lease,  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the earth be banned;  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on hu - man - kind;  
 for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that earth af - fords;  
 that, re-deemed from war and ha - tred, all my come and go in peace.  
 pride of sta - tus, race, or school-ing, dog - mas that ob - scure your plan.  
 for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
 to a life of love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.  
 Show us how through care and good-ness fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Words: Fred Kaan, 1965

Music: George C. Martin, 1881

✦ **Benediction**

✦ **Response**                    from “Behold, I build an house”

*Lukas Foss (1922–2009)*

For great is our God.

That thine eyes may be open upon this house.

✦ **Postlude**                    Präludium in F major

*Franz Tunder (c. 1614-1667)*

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*The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Robert Cummings Neville, Dean of the Chapel, 2003–2006.*

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

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

## THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

<b>TODAY</b>	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
<b>MONDAY</b>	12:00–1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Tai Chi at Marsh Chapel (Marsh Room) Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	12:00–2:00 p.m.	Create Space (Thurman Room)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12:00–1:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	Tai Chi at Marsh Chapel (Marsh Room) Ecumenical Service with Eucharist (Robinson Chapel)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:30–9:00 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Marsh Chapel Choir Reunion Concert (Nave)</b>
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)

Please join us this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. for the first Marsh Chapel Choir Reunion Concert. Over forty members and former members of the choir are participating. Great old friends and meet new ones at this special occasion, featuring some of the Marsh Chapel Choir's favorite anthems. Admission is free of charge. We hope to see you there!

### Welcome to Marsh Chapel

Please scan the QR code on the right to complete our online Connection Form. This form allows us to gather new and updated contact information so that we can stay in touch with you. Thank you for joining us today!





# MARSH CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE

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## The Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill

*Dean of Marsh Chapel and Chaplain to the University*  
*Professor of New Testament and Pastoral Theology*

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Emmanuel Segbedzi		<i>Ministry Assistant</i>
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Delvin Moody		<i>Food Ministry Coordinator</i>

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Sung Jin Choi		<i>Technical Director, Marsh Chapel Media</i>
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