

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
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**University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship**
Sunday, October 19th, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Series LXXVI №. 8

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Präludium in C major *Georg Böhm (1661–1733)*

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”[†] *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.

✠ **Hymn 598** O Word of God incarnate **MUNICH**

✠ **Collect** (*in unison*)

*Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with
steadfast faith in the confession 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.*

[†] “Behold, I build an house” was written for the dedication of Marsh Chapel, March 14, 1950.

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

Genesis 32:22–31

Jacob receives God's blessing

Lector: A lesson from the book of Genesis, chapter 32, verses 22–31:

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

Psalm 121 (from *Requiem*)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper: he is thy defence upon thy right hand.
So that the sun shall not burn thee by the day: neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth and for evermore.

Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

Christ the judge

Lector: A lesson from the second epistle to Timothy, chapter 3, verses 14 through chapter 4, verse 5:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 121

The Lord watches over you

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

🎵 **Antiphon** (*sung by all*)



In the shad-ow of your wings I sing for joy.

Cantor: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Cantor: The Lord will not let your foot be moved,
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

People: Behold, the One who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Cantor: The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

*People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore. 🎵*

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.

A widow begs for justice

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

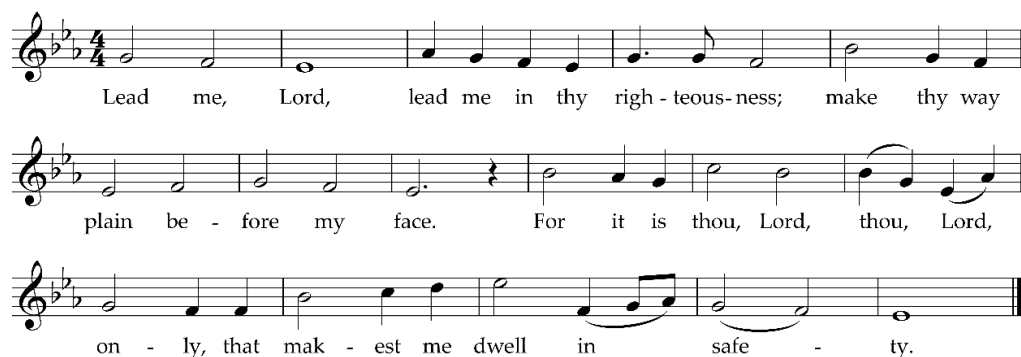
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Call to Prayer

Lead me, Lord (*sung by all*)

LEAD ME, LORD



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

Amen, from Geistliches Lied, Op. 30

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory

He, watching over Israel (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

Ps. 121:4 and Ps. 138:7

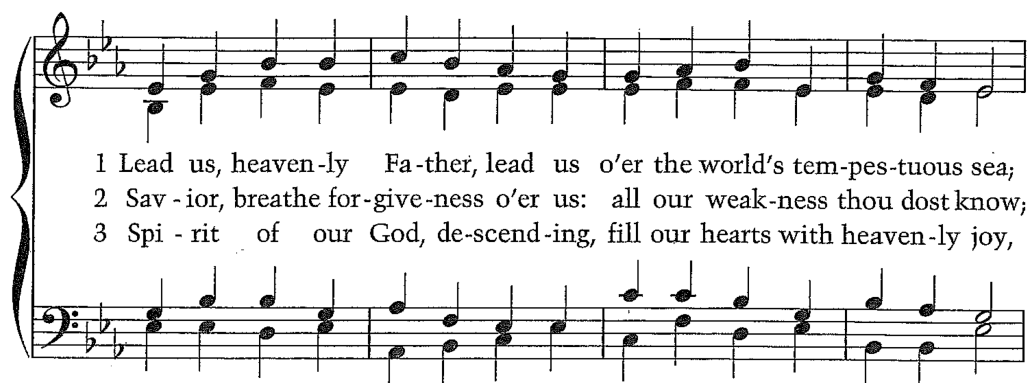
✦ Presentation of the Gifts (*sung by all*)

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

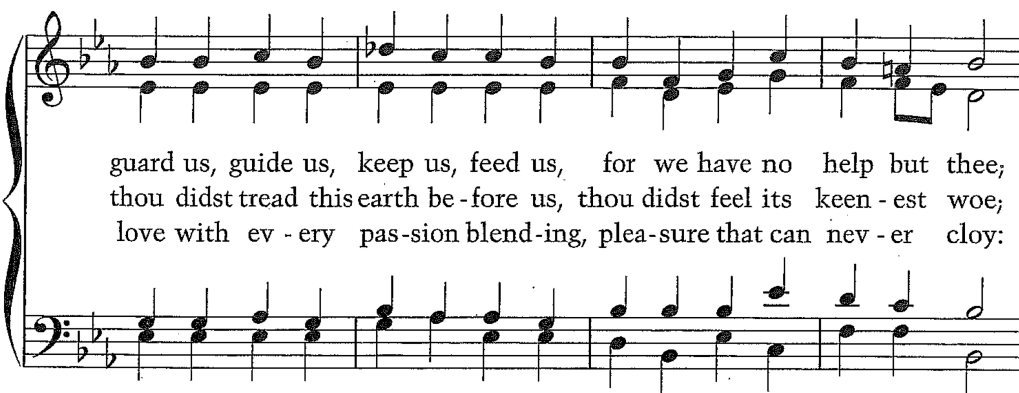
The music to this hymn is found on page 102 of the United Methodist Hymnal, verse 3

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.

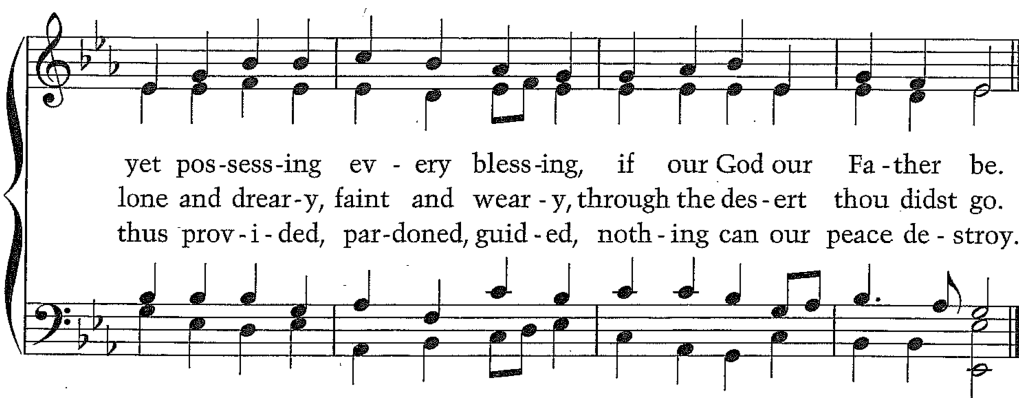
✦ Offertory Prayer



1 Lead us, heaven-ly Fa-ther, lead us o'er the world's tem-pes-tuous sea;
2 Sav-ior, breathe for-give-ness o'er us: all our weak-ness thou dost know;
3 Spi-rit of our God, de-scend-ing, fill our hearts with heaven-ly joy,



guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
thou didst tread this earth be-fore us, thou didst feel its keen-est woe;
love with ev-ery pas-sion blend-ing, plea-sure that can nev-er cloy:



yet pos-sess-ing ev-ery bless-ing, if our God our Fa-ther be.
lone and drear-y, faint and wear-y, through the des-ert thou didst go.
thus prov-i-ded, par-doned, guid-ed, noth-ing can our peace de-stroy.

✠ **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** Paean *Rebecca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)*

*The preacher is the Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.
The Marsh Chapel Choir is conducted by Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett.
The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music.*

THIS WEEK AT MARSH CHAPEL

TODAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)
	12:30 p.m.	Women’s Forum (665 Comm. Ave.)
MONDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Tai Chi at Marsh Chapel (Marsh Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Community Dinner (Marsh Room)
TUESDAY	12:00–2:00 p.m.	Create Space (Thurman Room)
WEDNESDAY	12:00–1:00 p.m.	Tai Chi at Marsh Chapel (Marsh Room)
	5:15 p.m.	Ecumenical Service with Eucharist (Robinson Chapel)
THURSDAY	6:30–9:00 p.m.	Marsh Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
NEXT SUNDAY	11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship (Nave)

Join us on Sunday, October 19th at 12:30 p.m. for our annual Fall Gathering hosted by the **Marsh Chapel Women’s Forum**. This year our conversation will honor the 75th anniversary of Marsh Chapel and the influence and vision of our namesake, Daniel L. Marsh. We will enjoy a lovely meal, hear stories, and chat with Robin Mosgrove, granddaughter of Daniel and Arlene Marsh. BU Archivist Sean Noel will also share some historical photos of the BU Castle and Marsh Chapel from the BU Archives. The event will immediately follow the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the beautiful event space on the 17th floor of BU’s Center for Computing & Data Sciences (CDS).



MARSH CHAPEL & RELIGIOUS LIFE



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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The Reverend Dr. Karen Coleman		<i>University Chaplain for Episcopal Ministry</i>
Jonathan Byung Hoon Lee		<i>Associate Chaplain for Student Outreach</i>
Darby McMonagle		<i>Ministry Assistant</i>
Emmanuel Segbedzi		<i>Ministry Assistant</i>
Shea Thompson		<i>Ministry Assistant</i>
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