

MARSH CHAPEL AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY
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**University Interdenominational Protestant
Service of Worship**

Sunday, July 26th, 2026 — 11:00 a.m.
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Series LXXVI №. 50

The Reverend Doctor Robert Allan Hill, Dean

✠ *Please rise, as you are able.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Fantasia à 4, SwWV 259 *Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562–1621)*

Call to Worship and Greeting

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

✠ **Introit** Northfield *Jeremiah Ingalls (1764–1828)*

How long, dear Saviour, O how long shall this bright hour delay,
Fly swifter 'round the wheel of time, And bring the welcome day.

✠ **Hymn 715** Rejoice, the Lord is King! DARWALL'S 148TH

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore;
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love;
3. His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Je - sus the Judge shall come,

mor - tals, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of earth and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
 We soon shall hear th'arch - an - gel's voice;

re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice.
 the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1746 (1 Cor. 15:51-52)

MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

DARWALL'S 148th

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✦ **Collect** (*in unison*)

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Kyrie

from Missa in F

Claudio Monteverdi (1567–1643)

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.*

Assurance of Pardon

The Chaplain: 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

1 Kings 3:5–12

Solomon's prayer for wisdom

Lector: A lesson from the first Book of Kings, chapter 3, verses 5–12:

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Anthem

O God, be merciful

Christopher Tye (c. 1500–1573)

O God, be merciful unto us, and bless us:
and shew us the light of his countenance upon us.
So be it.

Psalms 67:1

Lesson

Romans 8:26–39

*Nothing can separate us from God's love**Lector:*

A lesson from the epistle to the Romans, chapter 8, verses 26–39:

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 groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector:

The Word of the Lord.

*People:**Thanks be to God.***The Psalter**

Psalm 119:129–136

*Light and understanding**The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.**Cantor:*Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.*People:**The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.*

Cantor: With open mouth I pant,
because I long for your commandments.

People: Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your custom toward those who love your name.

Cantor: Keep my steps steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.

People: Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.

Cantor: Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

People: My eyes shed streams of tears
because your law is not kept. 🎵

✠ **Gloria Patri** from Magnificat in B-flat major Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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 13:31–33, 44–52 Parables of the reign of heaven

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew,
chapter 13, verses 31–33 and 44–52:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

✦ Hymn 451

Be thou my vision

SLANE

Unison



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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

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

Cast thy burden upon the Lord (*from Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee.
He will never suffer the righteous to fall; for He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great and far above the heavens.
Let none be put to shame that wait upon Thee.

Psalms 16:8 and 108:4

Offertory Sentences

At the Offertory O for a closer walk with God

C. V. Stanford (1852–1924)

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

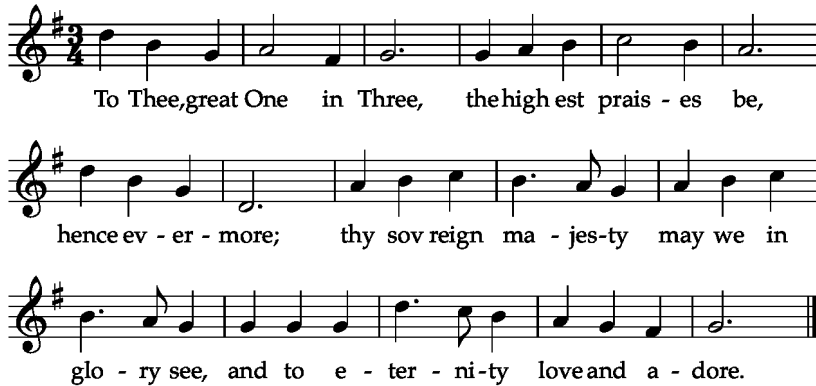
Return, O holy Dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest!
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn
And drove Thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
 Calm and serene my frame;
 So purer light shall mark the road
 That leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

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

MOSCOW



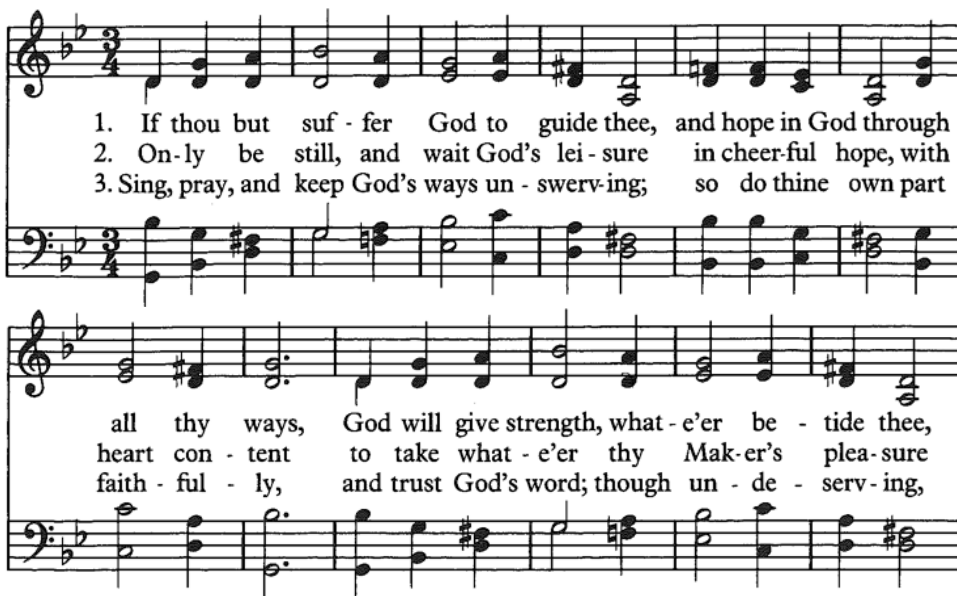
To Thee, great One in Three, the high est prais - es be,
 hence ev - er - more; thy sov reign ma - jes-ty may we in
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni-ty love and a - dore.

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

✦ **Hymn 142**

If thou but suffer God to guide thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT



1. If thou but suf - fer God to guide thee, and hope in God through
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
 3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; so do thine own part

all thy ways, God will give strength, what - e'er be - tide thee,
 heart con - tent to take what - e'er thy Mak-er's plea - sure
 faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word; though un - de - serv - ing,

and bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
and all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent; we know our in - most
thou yet shalt find it true for thee. God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love builds on the rock that naught can move.
wants are known, for we are called to be God's own.
sook at need the soul that trust - ed God in - deed.

WORDS: Georg Neumark, 1657; trans. by
Catherine Winkworth, 1863 (Ps. 55:22)
MUSIC: Georg Neumark, 1657

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✦ Benediction

✦ Response from "Peace I leave with you"

Walter L. Pelz (b. 1926)

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth give I unto you.

John 14:27

✦ Postlude Carillon

Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

A memorial service for Loren Hoekzema (June 7, 1947–April 23, 2026) will be held at Marsh Chapel tomorrow, Monday, July 27, at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the lower level of Marsh Chapel.



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