

A Celebration in Memory of the Life of

CHAI-SIK CHUNG

1930—2022



**Marsh Chapel at Boston University
Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.**

CHAI-SIK CHUNG

In loving memory

Chai Sik Chung passed away peacefully in Boston in April 2022 at the age of 91. He was pre-deceased by his beloved wife, Soon Ria Chung, and is survived by his sons Eugene and Warren and grandchildren Caleb Hansu, Chloe, Isabelle and Euan.

Chai-Sik Chung was an American social ethicist and sociologist of religion. After the Korean conflict, he came to Boston at the age of 27 and studied under the late Robert N. Bellah at Harvard Divinity School with whom he had been long associated.

He studied under Walter G. Muelder at the Boston University School of Theology, where he served as the Walter G. Muelder Professor of Social Ethics from 1990 to 2011. As a scholar of comparative religious ethics, he has been a pioneer in the study of social and ethical problems arising from East Asia's modern transformation. He has published widely in both Korean and English, on social and ethical issues involving globalization and encounters between civilizations, particularly those between Korea, East Asian religious traditions and Christianity. His publications include *A Korean Confucian Encounter with the Modern World*; *Korea, Religious Tradition, and Globalization*; *Consciousness and History: Korean Cultural Tradition and Social Change*; *Korean Religion and Society Under Challenge: Continuity and Change*; *The Clash between Korean Confucianism and Modern Western Civilization*; and his culminating work *The Korean Tradition of Religion, Society, and Ethics: A Comparative Historical Interpretation and Looking Beyond* (2016).

Dr. Chung taught at Boston University's College of General Studies, Emory University—Oxford College, Heidelberg College as the Chairman of the Sociology Department, and as the Chairman of Sociology and the Graduate School of International Studies at Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. From 1983 to 1987 he served as Director of the Institute of Humanities at Yonsei. In 1986, he served as the Koret Visiting Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. In 2003, he was the Luce Distinguished Professor of Korean Christianity at the University of California, Los Angeles and in the following year he served as the Yongjae George L. Paik Distinguished Professor at Yonsei University. In 2011, he retired from the Boston University School of Theology where he is an Emeritus Professor, completing a 50-year teaching career.

Gifts to the Dr. Chai Sik Chung Endowed Scholarship in Social Ethics can be made by check payable to "Boston University" with "Dr. Chung Scholarship" added to the memo field. Please mail to the attention of Ray Joyce at Boston University School of Theology, 745 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

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✦ **A Reading from John 14:1–7**

The Rev. Dr. Jessica Chicka
University Chaplain for International Students

Words of Remembrance

The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel
reading remembrances by Robert Cummings Neville and Dana Robert

Dr. Tallessyn Zawn Grenfell-Lee, former student of Chai-Sik Chung
reading remembrances by Lee-Ellen Strawn and Steve Swope

Eugene Chung, son of Chai-Sik Chung
reading a remembrance by Ed Poitras

Closing Prayer

Dr. G. Sujin Pak
Dean of the School of Theology

All stand.

✦ **Hymn 117** O God, our help in ages past (stanzas 4–6) ST. ANNE

✦ **Benediction** Dean Hill

Postlude Violin Partita No. 2, Allemanda *J. S. Bach (1685–1750)*
Performed by Caleb Chung

The service is led by the Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel.

The soloist is Christine Jay.

The organist is Justin Thomas Blackwell.

**Following the service, you are warmly invited to gather for a reception
in the Marsh Room, on the lower level of Marsh Chapel.**

Tallessyn Zawn Grenfell-Lee, BS/MA (biology), MDiv/PhD (ethics), is the founder of Climate Resilience Leadership, which offers consulting and resources for Climate-Proof Leadership and Unshakeable Hope to organizational leaders in academic, religious, interfaith, non-profit, and corporate settings. She is a published author as well as the Book Review Editor for the Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics.

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