

THE REVEREND JANET M. COOPER NELSON  
BIOGRAPHY

The Reverend Janet M. Cooper Nelson is Chaplain of the University, Director of the Office of Chaplains and Religious Life and faculty member at Brown University, appointed in 1990 after appointments at Vassar College, Mount Holyoke College, and The Church of Christ at Dartmouth College. As Brown's Chaplain she leads a multi-faith team of Associate chaplains and oversees the University's broad circle of Religious Life affiliates who advise student religious organizations. Together they endeavor to ensure that a diversity of belief has voice and vitality and that Brown is able to nourish religious literacy and maintain an inclusive climate for its diversity of religious spiritual and secular convictions.

She earned degrees at Wellesley College, Tufts University, and Harvard Divinity School as well as serving on the Divinity School's Visiting Committee and Leadership Council.

Ordained in 1980 by the United Church of Christ her work is anchored in academic settings and examines interfaith collaboration, advocacy, religious identity and literacy, education, ethics and grief. Her recent publications include: *Dearly Beloved* in the *My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation (2012)* edited by Jennifer Howe Peace, Or Rose and Greg Mobley; and *The Foreword for College and University Chaplaincy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Multifaith Look at the Practice of Ministry on Campuses across America (2013)* edited by Lucy A. Forster-Smith.

Professional associations include: Home and Hospice Care of Rhode Island; The Association of College and University Religious Affairs; AIDS Project Rhode Island; The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology; The Spurwink Institute; Reach Out and Read Rhode Island; Brown/RISD Hillel Foundation; the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ; Education as Transformation; and Women and Infants Hospital Institutional Research Board.



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Sunday, April 30, 2023  
Eleven O'clock AM

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**Prelude** Chromatic Fantasy in D Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greeting One Another**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**People: Let us also lay aside every weight... and run with perseverance the race that is set before us,**

Leader: Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who

**People: for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**\*Hymn 347** Tell God's Praise in Song and Story *Holy Manna*

**Scripture** 2 Corinthians 4:7-12, Luke 7:18-23

**Anthem** Thine is the Glory from *Judas Maccabeus*  
George Frederick Handel  
[The text may be found in the Hymnal 251]

**Prayers of the People**

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not unto temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever Amen.

**Hymn 517** The Solid Rock *Solid Rock*

\* Indicates congregation standing

**Sermon** **Hope Bearing: The Profession**  
Rev. Janet Cooper-Nelson

**Offertory** River in Judea<sup>+</sup> Linda Marcus and Jack Feldman  
[In memoriam Curtis Ivins Hannum 1989-2010]

**\*Doxology**  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that Love has done:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Parting Hymn 532** Be Thou My Vision *Slane*

**\*Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude** Rondo all' Ongarese Franz Joseph Haydn

### Worship Participants

Ushers: Donna Puckett and Cheryl Dexter  
Worship Leader: Colleen Whelpley  
Tour Guide: Stan Lemons

### Ministry Staff

Minister: Jamie P. Washam  
Minister of Music: Stephen T. Martorella  
Administrative Assistant: Holly B. Edwards  
Bookkeeper: Anne H. Gagan  
Sexton: Tony Zambarano  
Sunday Sexton: Ary Peralta  
Child Care Worker: Mauwa Bilobi