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Dear Ms. Pasterski,

It is my privilege to invite you to speak at our daily service of Morning Prayer at the Memorial Church. This daily morning ritual is among Harvard's earliest traditions. Its longevity testifies to the lasting value of a dedicated space for the Harvard community to gather on a daily basis to reflect on our shared humanity. Long before the world ever heard of a TED Talk, the world's best minds have stood before this assembly to offer words of intellectual and spiritual inspiration.

My request is simple and straightforward. You can speak for five minutes on any topic of your choosing. This is neither an academic lecture nor a sermon. Rather this is an opportunity to reflect on a topic that has deep significance for you. Morning Prayers seeks to open up a space for us to explore the qualitative aspects of our lives that often transcend the accepted formats and disciplinary boundaries of the academy. You are free to explore and share any experience that has shaped your understanding of yourself and/or your world. Nothing is too trivial. Nothing is too profound. Those who gather in Holden Chapel want to hear what gets you out of bed each morning. Thus I extend this invitation with full confidence that you have something important to say. More importantly, since you are a proven leader in this community, we need to hear from you.

I pray this opportunity excites you and that the experience will prove to enrich your life as it has the lives of countless members of the Harvard community for 378 years. Please contact Ministry Fellow, Alanna Copenhaver, to confirm that you would like to speak at Morning Prayers this fall. She will follow up with you to confirm a date for your talk and provide you with other details.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan L. Walton'.

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