

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 9, 2021, 11:00 a.m.



*Hallelujah* Mike Moyers, 2013

Today's lesson from Acts is the conclusion of the story of Cornelius and Peter. Cornelius is a God-fearing Gentile who respects the customs and laws of the Jewish people. He was instructed by an angel to search for Peter. After Peter's dream where God shows him that "what God has made clean, you must not call profane," he meets with Cornelius and his household and friends. In their home, the Holy Spirit falls upon everyone present, Jew and Gentile alike. The God of Israel is revealed as the God of all creation. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples that God does not simply desire our service; he desires our friendship. Those who are friends of God love by laying down their lives for others. The epistle lesson from 1 John claims that those who love God and keep God's commandments are the ones who will conquer the world. In the end, faith and love conquer all.

# Gathering

**Opening Voluntary** 

Soliloquy David Conte (b. 1955)

Greeting and Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

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\*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister: Lord have mercy.
People: Lord have mercy.
Minister: Christ have mercy.
People: Christ have mercy.
Minister: Lord have mercy.
People: Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

\*Greeting of Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: as we hear your word, renew your call among us today; help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

First Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

**Psalm** 

Psalm 98 James R. Hart

Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

\*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 1 and 2. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

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\*Gospel Lesson

John 15:9–17

\*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 3 and 4. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

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Sermon

A New Song

# Response

\*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Prayer

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us pray.

**Prayers of the People** | The congregation responds to each petition:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offering Music (Virtual)

O God Beyond All Praising

arr. Richard Proulx

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord Most High; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ the man from heaven, from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*Text: Michael Perry* (1942–1996)

\*Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

# **Thanksgiving**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*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, forever. Amen.

# Sending Forth

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

**Closing Voluntary** 

Carillon, Op. 31, No. 21

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

# **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

### PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon	Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg	Pastor. Congregation at Duke Chapel

#### **PREACHER**

### **LECTOR**

#### **MUSICIANS**

Duke Chapel Choir	Virtual Choir
	Brass Ensemble, Virtual Anthem
Mr. Bob Brewer	Guest Organist, Virtual Anthem
Dr. Zebulon Highben	Director, Virtual Anthem
Dr. Philip Cave	Associate Conductor for Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Mr. Christopher Jacobson	
Mr. Tom Gurin	

### **ONLINE MINISTER**

**TODAY'S OFFERING** All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

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**IN-PERSON SERVICES TO BEGIN MAY 23** | The Chapel will hold limited, in-person worship services beginning Sunday, May 23. Preregistration online will be required to attend a service. Those registering to attend a service must adhere to public health safety protocols for campus visitors—including masking when indoors, handwashing, maintaining physical distance, and staying home when sick—as well as protocols specific to the services, such as providing proof of registration, no congregational singing, and following foot traffic patterns inside the Chapel. Preregistration will become available on the Chapel website each Tuesday at 12-noon for the following Sunday's service. As such, registration for the first in-person service (May 23) will begin on May 18. Up to 100 people may register for each service. Once registration for a service is full, other congregants will be invited to join in worship online. We will continue to livestream and broadcast services on our website, YouTube, Facebook, WDNC Radio 620 AM, and the Duke Hospital television network channel 12. Learn more and watch a video about what to expect at in-person services.

**PATHWAYS FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE TOMORROW** | The PathWays Fellowship not only gives participants the tools they need to discern their vocational and spiritual direction, but it also gives them opportunities for exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. This is a one-year residential discernment

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program designed for recent Duke graduates. Duke graduate students who have finished their first year may apply to be a PathWays Fellow in Residence. <u>Learn more and apply</u> by tomorrow (May 10).

**DEAN POWERY CONTRIBUTES TO NEW BOOK ON PREACHING** A new book honors the late, great teacher of preaching Fred B. Craddock with a collection of essays titled *What's Right with Preaching Today?* Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery is among the "ten leading voices in homiletics" who contributed to the book. The book is described this way: "If you appreciate effective and engaging preaching—as either a preacher or listener—the essays and remembrances here will speak to you and provide encouragement about preaching's present and future." <u>Learn more about the book</u>.

**MIDWEEK PRAYER** | The final online Midweek Prayer service for this semester is this Wednesday, May 12, at 12-noon. To participate in this prayer time, please join the Zoom call here.

MAY VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION | One activity that answers the question "what can I do to help?" is to contribute to the monthly Back Pew Collection. During May, this collection will be supporting Families Moving Forward, which provides shelter, care, and education for families. Families Moving Forward currently needs: laundry detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, gas cards for residents going on job interviews, new twin or full sheet sets, new comforters, and new towels. In addition, FMF has an Amazon Wish List, which can be found here. For questions, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

MAY RETREAT: "POST PANDEMIC?" | Questions abound. When will the pandemic end? What can we safely do? What is the latest research? How do we take care of ourselves and each other? What have you experienced? How has faith helped? Join others in exploring these questions at a virtual retreat on Saturday, May 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon. Four experienced individuals will lead the three sections of this retreat. Dr. Bart Haynes, professor of medicine and director of the Human Vaccine Institute at Duke University School of Medicine, will address current research and conditions pertaining to COVID-19. James Osborne, director of community outreach and education at Alliance Health, will address overcoming the trauma of the pandemic and ways to take care of ourselves and each other. Dr. Kelsey Armstrong, podiatrist, and Peppi Browne-Armstrong, manager, are the owners of Armstrong Podiatry and Sports Health. As sharing stories is one means of encouragement, the Armstrongs will share their experience of family life during the pandemic as they juggled the demands of two jobs, two school-age children, and a medical practice. All are welcome to participate in this retreat. Please sign-up here. For questions, please contact the Congregation Office.

**MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION** A brief virtual communion service will be held after the worship service today. The communion service will start approximately five minutes after the conclusion of the closing organ voluntary. Please have bread and wine or grape juice available. The communion Zoom link is here.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY** | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The next meeting dates are May 10 and May 24 at 6:30 p.m. The conversation will focus on the Book of Romans this semester. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please <u>contact Matt Wright</u> for additional information.

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE** The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held virtually, are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:congregation@duke.edu">congregation@duke.edu</a>.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade

Youth Confirmation Class: An exploration of Christian faith for students in 6th–12th grades Adult Forum: On May 16, Alberto Borges, Ecologist and Geographer will speak on "The Marsabit

Tree Project; Coming Together to Reforest, Re-grass and Renew a Desert Oasis."

### Opening Hymn

From All That Dwell DUKE STREET



# HYMNS FOR MAY 9, 2021

### Gradual Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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William Kethe, 1561; alt.

GENEVAN 134 (OLD HUNDREDTH) L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

### Closing Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103) MUSIC: John Goss, 1869 LAUDA ANIMA 87.87.87