



# Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 5, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



*Messenger of sympathy & love, servant of parted friends, consoler of the lonely, bond of the scattered family, enlarger of the common life, Eugene Francis Savage, 1937.*

Today's lesson from Acts highlights the inclusive nature of God's people. As the Holy Spirit is poured out upon Gentiles, the Jewish believers are initially shocked, but the apostle Peter orders baptism to be made available, making them all one in the name of Jesus. The Epistle of 1 John proclaims that all who believe that Jesus is the Christ are children of God. As children of God, believers are to love God and obey God's commandments. The Gospel brings the message of love to a pinnacle. Jesus says that those who keep his commandments will abide in his love just as he has abided in the Father's love. What is Jesus's commandment? "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

# Gathering

## Carillon

### Prelude

Grave and Adagio (Sonata in C Minor, Op. 65, No. 2)

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809–1847)

### Introit

God Is Love

Mark Mummert

God is love.

God is love; let us love one another as God first loved us.

God is love.

—based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19

### Greeting and Call to Worship

#### \*Gathering Hymn | UMH 312

Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

#### \*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.

#### \*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.**

\*All rise as able

## Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that loving you in all things and above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Christ our Lord.**

First Lesson | NT page 122 in pew Bibles.

Acts 10:44–48

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody

Psalm 98

Thomas Attwood  
(1765–1838)

O sing unto the LORD a new song:  
for he hath done marvelous things.  
With his own right hand and his holy arm:  
hath he gotten himself the victory.  
The LORD declared his salvation:  
his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.  
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel:  
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.  
Show yourselves joyful unto the LORD, all ye lands:  
Sing, rejoice and give thanks.  
Praise the LORD upon the harp:  
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.  
With trumpets also and shawms:  
O show yourselves joyful before the LORD the King.  
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is:  
the round world and they that dwell therein.  
Let the floods clap their hands,  
and let the hills be joyful together before the LORD:  
for he is come to judge the earth.  
With righteousness shall he judge  
the world, and the people with equity.

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.

Second Lesson | NT page 227 in pew Bibles.

1 John 5:1–6

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gradual Hymn | UMH 121. Stanzas 1 and 2. All turn to face the Gospel procession.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

\*Gospel Lesson | NT page 103 in pew Bibles.

John 15:9–17

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gradual Hymn | UMH 121. Stanzas 3 and 4.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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## Sermon

Choosing Friends

## Response

**Recognition of New Members** | New members stand before the congregation. All worshipers are invited to respond to the questions of faith. We welcome these people as the newest members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel: Carlos and Arlene Estol.

Minister: Do you believe that God reaches out to us with love and forgiveness?

**People: We do.**

Minister: Will you seek to grow in faith through participating in worship, study, service, and our life together?

**People: We will.**

Minister: Will you strive to embody Christ's compassion and holiness?

**People: We will.**

### 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.**

### Offertory Anthem

See What Love (*St. Paul*)

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809–1847)

See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness,  
that we should be called God's own children.

—1 John 3:1

### \*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, Alleluia!**

## Thanksgiving

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing.

**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

\*Sending Hymn | See hymn printed at back of worship guide.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

### Postlude

Toccata in F, BuxWV 157

Dieterich Buxtehude  
(c. 1637–1707)

### Carillon

**Memorial Chapel Communion** | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

## Presiding Ministers

Andrew Plasker . . . . . *Intern for Worship and Student Engagement; Divinity '25*  
Lynn Holmes . . . . . *Interim Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

## Preacher

Luke A. Powery . . . . . *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

## Lectors

John Murphy . . . . . *Divinity Intern, Congregation at Duke Chapel; Divinity '25*  
Emilee Ogden . . . . . *Divinity '25*

## Musicians

Duke Chapel Schola Cantorum . . . . . *Choir*  
Zebulon Highben . . . . . *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*  
Chad Fothergill . . . . . *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*  
Katherine Johnson . . . . . *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*  
Joseph (“Joey”) Scarpa . . . . . *Trinity '24*  
Mitchell Eithun . . . . . *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

## Head Usher

James Ferguson . . . . . *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**Today’s Offering** | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at [chapel.duke.edu/offering](http://chapel.duke.edu/offering).

**Liturgical Acknowledgments | Prayer for Illumination.** The Episcopal Church, *The Book of Common Prayer* (New York: Church Publishing Incorporated, 1979). **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.** Text: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt. Music, HYFRYDOL: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887).

**Today’s Flowers** | The flowers in the crossing today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Tracy Bridges as well as Ann and Bob Ballantyne in celebration of the marriage of their granddaughter, Claire Bridges, and the flowers in the chancel are given in honor of the 2024 graduates of the Duke School of Medicine Occupational Therapy Doctorate Program.

## ENGAGE

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**University Prayer of Thanksgiving** | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Nasher Museum of Art.

**Tour After the Service** | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

**Christian Friendship Book Group** | Readers are invited to meet over Zoom to discuss *Faithful Friendships: Embracing Diversity in Christian Community* by Dana L. Robert. Groups will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. On Wednesday, May 8, readers will discuss Chapter 4, “Exile: Friendship and Family.” For more information, please reach out to [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**Ascension Day Choral Evensong** | On Thursday, 9th May, Choral Evensong for Ascension Day will be sung at 7:00 p.m. in Duke Chapel. An extended Organ Prelude will commence at 6:30 p.m. Evensong Singers will offer uplifting music for this major feast in the Church’s year which will include Gerald Finzi’s (1901–1956) celebrated Ascensiontide anthem *God is Gone Up*, and the motet *Caelos Ascendit Hodie* by Charles V. Stanford (1852–1924). The service will also recognize the graduating students from the Anglican House of Studies at Duke Divinity School. Special organ music will be provided by Duke organ scholar Katherine Johnson and visiting guest organist Mr Simon Lawford, who is organist of the Church of Notre Dame de France in London. A homily will be preached by Drew Ibach (Divinity ’24), and the service will be led by Fr. Allen Waller.



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**Rock the Block Day of Service** | Families Moving Forward (FMF) is the largest housing and services provider for homeless families in Durham and a community partner of the Congregation at Duke Chapel. On Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., FMF will host a day of service and celebration. Projects will include painting, sprucing up, mulching the playground, and cleaning/organizing the facility. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. For more information, please reach out to [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu).

**Commencement Weekend** | On Commencement Weekend (May 10–12), there will be no Sunday service, as the Chapel will host eight graduation ceremonies, including the two University Baccalaureate Services. Additionally, some Religious Life groups will hold services elsewhere on campus. Find details at [chapel.duke.edu/commencement](http://chapel.duke.edu/commencement).

**Pentecost Choral Evensong** | On Sunday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m., we are pleased to welcome musicians from the Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill, who will lead a service of Evensong for Pentecost. The Choir of Chapel of the Cross is conducted by Dr. Joseph Causby, director of music and organist, who is a regular guest organist at Duke Chapel.

**Theology and Arts Fellowship** | The C. Eric Lincoln Fellowship supports undergraduate and graduate students in creating sacred art that reflects on theological concepts and personal spiritual commitments. Fellows receive funding and the opportunity to exhibit their work in Duke Chapel. Applications are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 fellowship. The deadline is May 24. Learn more and apply at [chapel.duke.edu/artsfellowship](http://chapel.duke.edu/artsfellowship).

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**Worship and Student Engagement Internship** | The Chapel is now accepting applications for an intern to work with worship and student engagement for the 2024-25 school year. The internship begins in August, entails 10–15 hours of work weekly, and is open to students in the Divinity school who have completed their first year of study. The application deadline is May 30. For more information, email Angela Flynn at [angela.flynn@duke.edu](mailto:angela.flynn@duke.edu).

**Sunday Morning Education Recess and Summer Classes** | Sunday morning classes will not be held next Sunday, May 12, due to commencement activities on the Duke Campus, or on May 26 due to the Memorial Day holiday. Summer classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, June 2 at 9:45 a.m. Contact [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) for additional information.

## SENDING HYMN | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of  
2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to  
3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us  
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and



heav'n, to earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble  
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in -  
all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and  
spot - less let us be. Let us see thy great sal -



dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown!  
her - it; let us find that sec - ond rest.  
nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -  
Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee  
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## ACCESSIBILITY

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Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at [dukechapel@duke.edu](mailto:dukechapel@duke.edu).

## LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH

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We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit [chapel.duke.edu/connect](http://chapel.duke.edu/connect).



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