

Service of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2015, Page Auditorium EL Eleven o'clock in the morning

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'The Jewish Bride (Esther)' by Aert de Gelder, 1645–1727.

God is sovereign and raises up the most ordinary and unlikely of people to accomplish the Lord's will and good purposes. Esther is the orphaned daughter of Jewish exiles who remarkably becomes Queen of Persia and uses her influence to save God's people Israel. Likewise the Apostle James reminds us that the great prophet Elijah was also human like us and whose example of faith should encourage us to pray for miracles in Jesus' name. Jesus himself encourages all to join in the good work of the Gospel, so that those who are on the fringes of faith might too come and receive salvation. There is a fierce warning not to impede this work but rather to labor together in peace with whomever God has brought together to build the Kingdom of Heaven.

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Page Auditorium by the seats at the front left of the stage, in front of the organ. Immediately following Communion, a service of prayer for healing will be held in the same location. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

During the prelude the congregation is asked to remain prayerfully or meditatively silent. The Chapel welcomes families with children; if at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please utilize the nursery in the Box Office on the second floor of Page.

GATHERING

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier Johann Sebastian Bach (Blessed Jesus, we are here), BWV 730/1 (1685–1750)

CHORAL INTROIT
Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer, In the morning when I rise. It's your servant, bound for glory. O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, And you come to take me home. Just to know I'm bound for glory, And to hear you say well done. Done with sin and sorrow, Have mercy. Amen.

Greeting and Announcements

*Processional Hymn 479 (Please see hymns at back of bulletin.)
Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

(All exchange signs and words of God's peace.)

PROCLAMATION

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Compassionate God, our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: we ask you to send your Spirit so that we would hear from you now; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te deus.

As the deer longs for the waterbrooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

-Psalm 42:1

New Testament Lesson—James 5:13–20

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson—Mark 9:38–50

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—Followers of Jesus

RESPONSE

*Response Hymn 596 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

LIEBSTER JESU

*The 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: "Hear our prayer.")

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Thanks Be to God (fr. Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Thanks be to God; he laveth the thirsty land.

The waters gather, they rush along!

They are lifting their voices!

The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty;

But the Lord is above them, and Almighty.

-Psalm 93: 3-4

*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

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, for ever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 670

Go Forth for God

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*CHORAL BLESSING

God Be in My Head

John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

*All who are able may stand.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

This morning we give thanks for the administration of the University and its leadership in creating the policies and procedures that allow the university to flourish.

In Durham, we remember those who are unemployed, underemployed, or living on low incomes, and we give thanks to employers who seek to offer a living wage.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

Preacher The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

Lectors Mr. Zach Heater

Duke United Methodist Campus Ministry, Trinity '17

Ms. Liza Oslyn Sukra Trinity '16

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Choir Conductor Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

Chapel Organist Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Presiding Minister over Post-Service Communion The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg Head Ushers Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

FOR WORSHIPERS AND VISITORS

- † Prayer requests may be emailed to chapel-prayers@duke.edu.
- † Tours of Duke Chapel are suspended until the nave re-opens.
- † Hearing assistance units are available in the lobby of Page Auditorium. See the attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print bulletins for the worship service.

FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

- † Children 4 and younger are invited to the nursery located in the Page box office, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Capacity is limited. Parents are welcome to feed or change infants; pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship.
- † Children's bulletins are available from the ushers, and activity bags are available in the entryway of Page for children 5 or younger. Please return the

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. Please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917 for information.

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Flowers—Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY'S OFFERING—All of today's cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel's PathWays program, which offers students opportunities to discern God's call through study, artistic expression, counsel, service, and Christian community.

World Communion and Founders' Sunday—October 4 will see a celebration of Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday, when we will give thanks for the worldwide Church. We will also welcome President Brodhead and a member of the Duke Family as we celebrate Founders' Sunday.

SERMONS AVAILABLE—Each week, a downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons are available on the Chapel's website, chapel.duke.edu. Paper copies are usually available by the main Quad and accessible exits of Page Auditorium after the service.

CHORAL EVENSONG—Choral Evensong is offered every Sunday during the semester at 4 p.m. in Goodson Chapel. All are welcome and invited to enter into a sacred space of reflection through music, scripture, and prayers drawn from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Note: incense will be used at this service.

Choral Vespers—Vespers is offered every Thursday during the semester at 6 p.m in Goodson Chapel. This meditative 40-minute candlelit service consists of scripture readings, prayers, and sacred choral music spanning from the Renaissance through today.

Bibles—As pew Bibles are not available during this year of transition, please do feel free to bring your own print or electronic version to worship.

Greeting the Preacher—Our preacher this morning will be available to greet after the service, up the stairs in the main lobby of Page.



Service of Worship for the Blessing of the Animals

October 4 at 3:00 p.m. Chapel Quad
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp, preaching
Durham Children's Choir
The rain date is October 11

THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL



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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Sunday Christian Education Classes—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time:

Wee Praise: Ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

Godly Play: Ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.

Youth Sunday School: For 6th-12th graders in 0013 Westbrook. Adult Forum: Next Sunday, Mr. Mark Gass, Congregation member, will lead us in discussion of "Logos vs Zeitgeist 2.0: Lots of computers—has the world really changed?" in 0012 Westbrook.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE—The Education Committee will meet after worship today in Page 106. All those interested in helping to plan educational events are welcome to attend.

Lectionary Bible Study—The lectionary Bible study will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Congregation office in Northgate Mall and Friday, October 2 at 10 a.m. in the library at The Forest at Duke. All are welcome to attend.

Young Adult Dinner—Young Adults and their families are invited to dinner on the first Friday of the month. On October 2nd at 6:00 p.m., the group will gather at Baba Ghannouj, 2200 W. Main Street A140, Durham, which serves wonderful Mediterranean food. Enjoy the food and the fellowship. Bring your family, your friends, or come alone. Everyone is welcome.

RIPPLES OF GRIEF SERIES—Growing Through Grief, a coalition of churches including the Congregation at Duke Chapel, is sponsoring a six-week series on the grief process to begin Tuesday, October 6. The series will be led by Rob Womak, a licensed mental health counselor and experienced grief counselor. All sessions are held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis, Durham. Refreshments are at 4 p.m. The sessions begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

New Member Class—All those considering joining the Congregation are invited to attend the fall new member class which will be held on the four Sundays of October from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in 0015 Westbrook. For more information, please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

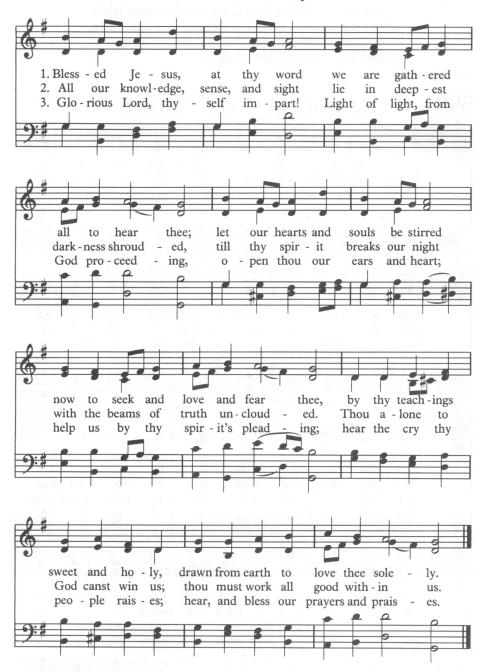
Saturday Service Project—The Congregation's next monthly service project will be Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Reality Ministries, 916 Lamond Ave., Durham. Volunteers will offer fall yard work for this ministry "where friends with and without disabilities grow together."

ENEWS—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing fellowship events, service opportunities and Christian education classes. If you would like to receive this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.



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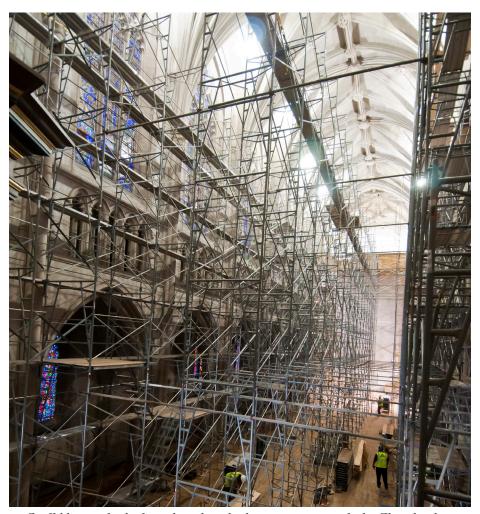


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Scaffolding with platforms have been built so crews can reach the Chapel ceiling Please continue to pray for the Chapel and all those working on its restoration. Photo Credit: Ray Walker, Duke Facilities architect/project manager.

DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

Duke Chapel is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. It is also a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it further acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service, especially during this year of the Chapel's restoration during which we will gather to worship God in different places across Duke's campuses.

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PRAYER CARD

Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to write a prayer request in the space below and please place it in the offering plate. It will be offered up to God in confidence by the Chapel team this week.