Today the Chapel honors the witness of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., recalling his conviction that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” The service includes a litany remembering the prophetic witness of Rev. Dr. King and asking for grace for all who continue to work toward God’s justice on earth. Even as we remember Rev. Dr. King, we are reminded through the scriptures of others who have cried out in truth about their life situations and about the God who comes to rescue and redeem. Isaiah and Paul both speak of the God who is faithful to give strength and help to accomplish the work to which God calls. In the Gospel Lesson, John the Baptist declares that Jesus is God’s lamb who has come to take away the sins of the whole world.
Gathering
Organ Prelude
Bergamasca
Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 573 | Stanzas 1, 3 and 4.

O Zion, Haste

*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.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: as your word is proclaimed, anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 638 in the pew Bible

Isaiah 49:1-7

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-11 | Chanted in alternation between the choir and congregation.

I waited patiently | for the Lord;
he inclined his ear to me and | heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the | miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.

* All rise as able
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud or to those who follow lies.

O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.
Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
‘I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.’”

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and faithfulness keep me safe forever.

New Testament Lesson | NT page 155 in the pew Bible

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Motet

I Believe This Is Jesus spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

I believe this is Jesus, come and see, come and see.
The light of God shines in his face, oh, come and see.
He offers all his pardoning grace. Come and see, come and see!
I believe this is Jesus, come and see, come and see.
I believe this is Jesus, come and see, come and see.

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 86-87 in the pew Bible

John 1:29-42

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What We Are Missing
*Response Hymn 142*

**If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee**  
**WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT**

**Prayer Litany for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday | Congregation responses in bold**

We remember the conviction of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that “freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.”

**Lord, give courage and determination to those who are oppressed.**

We remember Dr. King’s warning that “a negative peace which is the absence of tension” is less than “a positive peace which is the presence of justice.”

**Lord, help those who work for peace in our world to cry out first for justice.**

We remember Dr. King’s insight that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.”

**Lord, allow us to see nothing in isolation, but know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven.**

We remember Dr. King’s lament that “the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church’s silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are.”

**Lord, we pray that neither this congregation nor any church may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is your call to us.**

We remember Dr. King’s hope that “dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities and in some not-too-distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.”

**In faith, Lord, we commend ourselves and our work for justice to your goodness, almighty God. Amen.**

—Modified from a litany published by the Reformed Church in America

**Offertory Anthem**

**Great Day**  
**spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan**

Great day, the righteous marching,  
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.  
Chariot moved on the mountaintop, brother,  
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.
My God spoke and the chariot stopped, sister,  
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.
This is the year of jubilee, brother,  
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.
My God set his people free, sister,  
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

Great day, that morning, great day,  
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.
Great day, my brother, great day, my sister,  
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

*Doxology

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 | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

Choral Benediction

A Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.  
Hold fast that which is good, render to no one evil for evil.  
Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,  
help the afflicted, honor all people.  
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Ghost be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.  
—Book of Common Prayer, 1892, alt.

*Closing Hymn 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
FAITHFULNESS

Organ Postlude

Let the people respond, Amen!  
Dan Locklair
Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**PRESIDING MINISTERS**
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg ...................... *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
The Rev. Breana van Velzen ............. *Community Minister, Duke University Chapel*

**PREACHER**
Rev. Dr. Soong-Chan Rah .................. *Professor, North Park Theological Seminary*

**LECTORS**
Ms. Grace Cai ........................................ *PathWays Fellow, Trinity ’19*
Ms. Tatayana Richardson ............. *Chapel Scholar, Duke Wesley Fellowship, Trinity ’20*

**MUSICIANS**
Duke Chapel Choir .......................................................... *Choir*
Dr. Zebulon Highben .................. *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Dr. Robert Parkins ..................... *University Organist, Duke University*
Mr. Christopher Jacobson .......... *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*

**MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION**
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg ...................... *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**HEAD USHERS**
Dr. James Ferguson ....................... *Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Ms. Acelynn Barefoot ............. *Chapel Scholar; Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**TODAY’S FLOWERS** | Today’s flowers are made possible by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Fund.

**TODAY’S OFFERING** | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program.

**TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER** | Today’s Wilder guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Soong-Chan Rah. He is professor of church growth and evangelism at North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago. He enjoys helping students find answers to difficult questions. As an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church, Dr. Rah has seen firsthand the denomination’s significant growth in urban areas, and an increasing need for intercultural ministry. He was founding senior pastor of Cambridge Community Fellowship Church, Cambridge, Mass., a multi-ethnic, urban ministry-focused church committed to living out the values of racial reconciliation and social justice in the urban context.

**FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN** | Children age four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel’s lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.

**ACCESSIBILITY** | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.
WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL | Students, staff, visitors, and community members are always welcome at Duke Chapel. For more information, please see the websites listed on the back page and sign-up for weekly e-newsletters.

CHAPEL TOUR | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

BACK PEW COLLECTION | Today and next week, donations of single serving packets of sugar, half & half creamers, hot chocolate, or peanut butter as well as disposable cutlery and 20 oz paper bowls may be placed on the back pew. These donations will benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Durham.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATION TODAY | Former Tallahassee Mayor and 2018 Democratic Florida gubernatorial nominee Andrew Gillum will deliver the keynote address for Duke University’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. commemoration today. Gillum, the Florida Democratic Party’s first African-American nominee for governor, will speak on “the power of the people,” the commemoration theme. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. in Duke University Chapel, and it is open to the public.

SERVICE TRIP MEETING TODAY | A meeting will be held after worship today in the Chapel lounge to provide information on the Lenten Service Trip sponsored by the Congregation at Duke Chapel. During the week of March 8-13, volunteers will assist homeowners in eastern North Carolina whose property was damaged by hurricanes. The trip, which is open to University students, adults and youth age 16 and older, will include work, laughter, prayer, relationship building, and the opportunity to learn new skills. For more information, please contact trip leader Carol Matteson at cjmatteson@hotmail.com.

UNEVEN GROUND EXHIBIT | Join the Chapel and First Presbyterian Church in exploring our faith and the history of racism and housing through the Uneven Ground exhibit by Bull City 150. Originally commissioned for the 150th anniversary of Durham as a city, the exhibit is a tool for reflection, learning, and dialogue. It will be on display from January 3 through February 16 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. First Presbyterian Church is located at 305 E. Main St., which is on the free bus line and has limited free parking. On February 4 at 6:00 p.m. is an open house entitled “Sharing, Naming, and Healing.” For more information, contact the Chapel’s community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES | There are many opportunities for students to engage with the Chapel in the upcoming semester. The C. Eric Lincoln Fellowship supports an undergraduate student in creating and displaying a sacred art project. The Eruditio et Religio Living-Learning Community fosters relationships among students of diverse religious traditions and prepares them
to work together for the common good. The PathWays Fellowship is for graduating seniors, and recent graduates, who wish to spend a year living in Christian community and serving in Durham. The application deadline for these programs is January 24. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu.

**TWO-PART ORGAN RECITAL** | To celebrate the sesquicentennial of Louis Vierne's birth, Eric Plutz will present all six of the composer's symphonies on the Aeolian organ in a pair of recitals. This rare two-part event in Duke Chapel is not to be missed. The first recital is on Saturday, January 25, at 8:00 p.m. The second recital is on Sunday, January 26, at 5:15 p.m. Admission is free.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** | A four-week new member class for the Congregation at Duke Chapel will begin Sunday, February 9 from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in 0014 Westbrook. Individuals, couples, and families are welcome to consider membership in the Congregation, irrespective of affiliation with Duke University. For more information, please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** | Classes for all ages are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of the Westbrook building, Duke Divinity School. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children ages 03– with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB
- **Godly Play**: For children ages 4 through 1st graders in 0054 Langford
- **Godly Play Advanced**: For children in 2nd–5th grade in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study**: Study on the book of Acts in 0015 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: On January 26, Rev. Amanda Highben will lead the forum in 0012 Westbrook.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email