In this morning’s gospel lesson from Mark, Jesus tells his followers to take up their crosses and to follow him. In this act of obedience, they will be freed to live in Christ. This lesson in Genesis recounts God’s promise to Abram and Sarai that they will be ancestors of a great nation, despite their advanced age and Sarai’s barrenness. God plants seeds of new life and ripe promise in otherwise dessicated places. Our obedience opens us to losing the life we make for ourselves, and finding ourselves instead in the story of God.
At the close of today’s service, the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord’s Supper, a service of prayer for healing will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING  
CARILLON  
ORGAN PRELUDE  
Improvisation on leoni  
GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*PROCESIONAL HYMN 116  
The God of Abraham Praise  
LEONI  
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)  
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)  
Almighty God, in the hearing of your word and by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings and, by following in his Way, come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
(OT pages 12-13 in the pew Bible)  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM

Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott

Heinrich Schütz
(1585-1672)

Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott,
Nach deiner grossen Barmherzigkeit.
Wasch ab, mach rein mein Missetat,
Ich kenn mein Sünd und ist mir leid.
Allein ich dir gesündiget hab,
Das ist wider mich stetiglich;
Das Bös vor dir bleibt nicht bestehn,
du bleibst gerecht, ob man urteilst dich.

Have pity on me, O Lord God,
In Your great mercy,
Wash and cleanse me of my wrongdoing,
I acknowledge and repent of my sin.
I alone have sinned in your eyes
And ever shall it stand against me.
Evil cannot triumph in your presence,
You are just though you be judged.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 4:13-25 (NT page 145)

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

*GRADUAL HYMN 415 (stanzas 1-2)
Take Up Thy Cross
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 8:31-38 (NT page 41)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 415 (stanzas 3-4)
Take Up Thy Cross

Serenon—Great Expectations

RESPONSE

*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; 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 com-
munion 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**
Steal Away

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain’t got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,
He calls me by the thunder;
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain’t got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending,
Poor sinners stand a-trembling;
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain’t got long to stay here.

*Doxology*

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

**Thanksgiving**

This morning we give thanks for the Sarah P. Duke Gardens. We celebrate the way the Gardens are a focus for a diverse public community as well as university members, as a quiet location for study, contemplation, prayer, and fun. The ushers bring a plant to the altar.

In Durham, we remember those who are victims of homicide and the families, friends, and neighborhoods touched by these deaths. A representative brings forward a yellow rose and a list of names of the 29 people who died violently in Durham during 2011.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*The Lord’s Prayer* (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

**Sending Forth**

*Benediction*

*Recessional Hymn 159*

Lift High the Cross
**Questions People Often Ask - Why do we read the Gospel from the Center Aisle?**

This was the practice of the Western Church in ancient times, from at least the fourth century onward. The gospel has a special status because in it are recorded the very words of Jesus himself. Placing its reading at the center of our worship reflects this authority—it makes it clear the gospel stands at the very center of the Chapel’s faith and life. Like the opening procession and closing recession, the gospel procession displays the pilgrim character of the church. We invite the congregation to turn to face the gospel, as an embodiment of the repentance the gospel asks of us. Duke Chapel has an interdenominational foundation: this is one way we draw on all the riches of the Church’s liturgical heritage to enhance our encounter with the living God.
**Chapel Announcements**

**Today’s Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends of Duke Chapel, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

**Weekly Worship Services**—The Chapel’s Monday morning prayer, Tuesday service of communion, and Thursday Choral Vespers service will not take place this week due to Duke’s spring break. All regular services will return the week of March 12.

**May 6 Goodbye to Dean Wells**—May 6, 2012, will be Dean Sam Wells’ final Sunday at Duke Chapel. The 11:00 a.m. worship service will include a celebration of his contribution to the life and ministry of the Chapel, Duke, and Durham. A free lunch on the Chapel quad will follow the service, with an afternoon program back in the Chapel from 1:15-2:30 p.m.

**Dean Wells’ Exit Interview Live in Duke Chapel**—On Tuesday night, April 17, at 7:30 p.m., Frank Stasio, host of NPR’s *The State of Things*, will interview Sam Wells live in Duke Chapel for the final Dean’s Dialogue. This “Exit Interview” will be an occasion for candid conversation, challenging questions, and perhaps surprising answers. A few questions will be taken from the audience near the end of the interview. Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

**Berlioz Requiem**—On March 24 at 8:00 p.m. and March 25 at 4:00 p.m., the Duke Chapel Choir, along with the Choral Society of Durham and Duke Chorale will join forces to offer Hector Berlioz’s monumental *Requiem* in Duke Chapel. Inspired by the dramatic potential of the medieval requiem text, Berlioz produced a work of grandeur. Conceived for 430 performers, including over a dozen percussionists, with brass choirs at the four corners of the church, the work ranges in mood from introspective to apocalyptic to serenely celestial. Rodney Wynkoop will conduct. Tickets available for $20 at [www.tickets.duke.edu](http://www.tickets.duke.edu)

**Director of Community Ministry**—Upon the departure of the Rev. Keith Daniel in April, Duke Chapel will be seeking a new Director of Community Ministry as soon as possible. Applicants should be ordained, hold an M.Div., and have experience in relation to neighborhoods and issues of social disadvantage. For details contact Gerly Ace at gerly.ace@duke.edu.

**Stations of the Cross**—The stations of the cross hanging in Duke Chapel this Lenten season were created by Haitian artist John Silvestri using recycled materials. Silvestri made the pieces from discarded steel oil drums by scrubbing off the paint, slitting them down the side, and hammering them flat. He then used a chisel and wooden mallet to cut out the design templates, and finally the textured the pieces with an ice pick or awl. These works of art allow us to see the suffering of our Lord through the lenses of our Haitian sisters and brothers.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

SECOND SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR—Next Sunday, join friends old and new at the Second Sunday Coffee hour at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel basement kitchen. All are invited. The coffee will be extra strong to compensate for the hour lost for Daylight Savings time. There will be no Adult Forum next week, but it will meet again on March 18.

NEW INTERIM ASSOCIATE PASTOR—The Congregation has recently hired Brad Troxell as the Interim Associate Pastor. Brad is a graduate of Davidson College and of Duke Divinity School. Brad is in the ordination process with the Presbyterian Church USA through the Plains and Peaks Presbytery of Colorado. For the next year, Brad will be serving the Congregation across various ministries, with special focus on pastoral care, world missions and outreach, and environmental stewardship. Please welcome Brad to our church community.

MARCH LOCAL MISSIONS COLLECTION—The Local Mission and Outreach collection for March is for PORCH-Durham. PORCH-Durham is a new, grass-roots, community-wide hunger relief organization. This program regularly provides 250-300 packs of food for the weekend to those children most in need within five Durham public schools. Suggestions for individual, serving-size foods include: pasta dishes (e.g., Easy Mac); canned meat, beans, fruits, vegetables; breakfast items, and snacks. Please place your items for donation on the back pew of the Chapel on Sundays, March 11 and 18. Check donations can be made to The Congregation at Duke Chapel with “PORCH” in the memo line.

CROP WALK INFO SESSION—On Sunday, March 11, immediately after worship in the Chapel kitchen, there will be an information session about the April 1 Durham CROP Walk. CROP Hunger Walk is an annual event that combines fun and fundraising to raise money for hungry people throughout the world. For further information contact Brad Troxell at brad.troxell@duke.edu.

BOOK STUDY—All are invited to study Thomas Langford’s book Prayer and the Common Life, which explores the opportunities that ordinary, everyday events offer for prayer, reflection, and devotion. The group will meet on Mondays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. from March 5 through April 15 at The Forest at Duke. For more information, please contact Melissa at 919-294-6832 or melissa.mills@duke.edu.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY—Godly Play meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Children entering third grade or younger will meet in the crypt. Those in the fourth and fifth grades will meet in the York Reading Room on the second floor of Duke Divinity School. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at sonja.tilley@duke.edu.
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FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS

† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

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