In the second Sunday of Lent, the scripture lessons emphasize faith rooted in the grace of God. In Romans, Paul points to Abraham as the father of faith, emphasizing that Abraham was justified by faith and not by works. In this way, God's promised inheritance to Abraham and his descendants is dependent on grace. In John’s gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born again. In doing so, Jesus intimates that Nicodemus, though a leader among the Pharisees, does not yet understand true obedience which grows from loving trust in the living God.
Gathering

Choral Prelude

Ecce Dedi Verba Mea

Ndikhokhele Bawo

Sing On! Dance On!

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | In unison:

In the presence of God and of one another, let us confess our sin and pray for mercy and forgiveness.

Refrain

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness;
For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves: Refrain

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others;
For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare: Refrain

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation;
For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm: Refrain

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: Refrain

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

* All rise as able
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.

New Testament Lesson | NT page 144-145 in the pew Bibles.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 88 in the pew Bibles.

John 3:1-17

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

Sermon
Why Work?

Response
*Response Hymn 116

The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

Recognition of New Members | New members stand before the congregation. All worshipers are invited to respond to the questions of faith.

Minister: Do you believe that God has reached 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 celebration?
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
Sicut Locutus Est from Magnificat
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

According to the promise he made to our ancestors
To Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Text: Luke 1:55

*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 and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical setting D, found on page 23 in the hymnal.
*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.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their
sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive
Communion. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape
juice, it is available upon request at a Communion station on the pulpit side.

If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who
will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive
Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated
by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Motet
Agnus Dei from Missa Brevis
Stephen Hatfield (b. 1956)

Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world,
Grant us mercy.
Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

Text: Ordinary of the Mass

Communion Hymn 452
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth
*Benediction
*Closing Hymn 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552/ii

Johann Sebastian Bach

TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Bruce Puckett .................................. Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel
The Rev. Breana van Velzen ......................... Community Minister, Duke University Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg ............................ Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel

LECTORS
Ms. Robin Barefoot .................. National Advisory Board Member, Duke University Chapel
Ms. Danielle Voigt ......................... Duke Chapel Worship Intern, Divinity ’21

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Millbrook High School Madrigals .................................................. Choir
Mr. James Adams .................................................. Choir Director
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ........................... Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Ms. Mary Anderson .................................................. Cantor

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The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon .... Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

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

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Today’s flowers are provided 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 given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry.

TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR | The Millbrook High School Madrigals from Raleigh, North Carolina, is a mixed auditioned ensemble that typically ranges from twenty-five to thirty-five members. Represented in this group are sophomores through seniors, who dedicate themselves—year round—to daily rehearsals and average twenty to thirty performances a year. These performances include Duke Chapel, the North Carolina Governor’s Mansion, the State Capitol Building, and many concerts at Millbrook High School. The Madrigals receive consistent Superior ratings at major festivals in both performance and musical literacy.
HEALTH PRACTICES IN WORSHIP | During this season of heightened illnesses, know that the Chapel is caring for your health in worship. Our regular practice is for ministers and communion servers to use hand sanitizer prior to serving communion. We also welcome people who are concerned about the spread of germs in passing the peace or in the receiving of communion to consider the following options: pass the peace in word only without touching your neighbor and receive only bread at communion.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the rear sound desk.

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

ENGAGE

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.

NEW MEMBERS | Please welcome the following new members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel: Keith Campbell, Lee Guile, Monica Hill, Siaka Kromah, Jessica Mullis, Ryan Mullis, and Jim Parker.

LUNCH TODAY | All worshipers are invited to stay after worship today for lunch in the Brodhead Center. The Brodhead Center is a short walk from the Chapel and volunteers will point the way. Participants will select and purchase their own food from one of the many vendors, then gather in the Great Hall for conversation.

STUDENTS ON ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK TRIP | During spring break, a group of students will travel to the Monastery of Christ in the Desert in New Mexico as a part of the Chapel’s alternative spring break mission trip this year. There, the students will spend a week alongside the brothers of this Benedictine monastic community in silence, prayer, and meditation.

GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on Mondays, March 9 and 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Duke Chapel kitchen, located on the lower level of the Chapel. Conversation is focused on the Gospel of Matthew. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for additional information.

RETREAT DEADLINE TUESDAY | The deadline for registering for the Overnight Retreat is Tuesday, March 10. The retreat, focused on “Praying and Singing..."
the Psalter,” will be Friday, May 15, through Sunday, May 17, at Ft. Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center. For additional details, please contact the Congregation office.

**BACK PEW COLLECTION** | Reality Ministries, which creates opportunities for adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging, kinship, and the life-changing reality of Christ’s love, will welcome the following donations: paper plates and napkins, plastic cups, forks, rectangular tablecloths, white and color printing paper, postage stamps, sharpies (black or colored), dishwasher detergent and dish soap, paper towels, and large trash bags. Donations may be placed on the back pews on today or Sunday, March 15.

**JAZZ VESPERS MARCH 17** | The Chapel’s Jazz Vespers worship service on Tuesday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. combines the form of the traditional evening vespers service with the musical improvisation of jazz. The service brings together Duke Professor John Brown, his Little Big Band, Chapel minister Rev. Joshua Lazard, local ministers, and students for a service of prayers, songs, and blessings. Admission and parking are free.

**BACH CANTATA MARCH 22** | The Chapel’s Bach Cantata Series continues Sunday, March 22, at 5:15 p.m. This concert includes Bach’s cantatas BWV 37 Wer da gläubet und getauft wird, BWV 86 Wahrlich, wahrlich, ich sage euch, and BWV 92 Ich hab in Gottes Herz und Sinn. For the performance Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music, leads the Bach Ensemble and Mallarmé Chamber Players. Admission is free.

**SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT** | Volunteers are needed to assist at the Reality Ministries Annual Ladies Tea scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Ladies are invited to provide refreshments and serve a tea from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m. The tea will be held at the Reality Center, 916 Lamond Ave., Durham. Men (and women) also have the opportunity to support Reality Ministries by gardening at Reality Farm 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, and then enjoy a potluck lunch after work. Reality Farm is located at 3120 Mount Sinai Rd., Durham. Please indicate your plans to attend by contacting the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu. Transportation is available for students.

**UNIVERSITY ORGANIST’S RECITAL** | Dr. Robert Parkins will present the final organ recital in this year’s series on Sunday, March 29, at 5:15 p.m. Titled “J. S. Bach and His Legacy,” the program, performed on the Flentrop organ, will feature works of Bach and German Romantic composers who were influenced by him, including Mendelssohn, Schumann, Brahms, and Reger. A professor of the practice of music at Duke, Dr. Parkins has recorded for the Calcante, Gothic, Loft, Musical Heritage Society, and Naxos labels. Admission is free.
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ENGAGE (Continued)

**SPRING ORATORIO APRIL 4** | The Chapel Choir’s spring concert, “Multivalence: The Mass and Its Music,” will be held on Saturday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. The concert explores the diverse music of the Mass across ten centuries and five continents. The program begins with a pastiche Mass, including musical settings by Louis Vierne, Hildegard of Bingen, William Byrd, Johann Walter, Eleanor Daley, and more. The second half of the program features Ludwig van Beethoven's majestic Mass in C Major, Op. 86, in observance of the 250th anniversary of Beethoven’s birth. Commentary during the concert will be provided by the Rev. Dr. Paul Westermeyer, a prolific author and scholar of sacred music and professor emeritus at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. Westermeyer will also deliver a pre-concert lecture at 6:00 pm in Goodson Chapel at Duke Divinity School. To purchase tickets, contact the Duke Box Office at 919-684-4444 or tickets.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 0–3 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 in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study**: On the book of Acts in 0015 Westbrook
- **Adult Forum**: On March 15, Galia Goodman, artist and calligrapher will discuss “Pesach, Easter and Ecology: Bridging Faiths through Art and Spirituality” 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