How does the resurrection affect Christian identity and hope? The gospel lesson from Luke reveals the disciples’ journey from fear and shock to joy and wonder at the presence of Jesus in their midst. Jesus shows his wounds and eats a lunch of broiled fish to emphasize this bodily resurrection—he is not a ghost, but the risen Lord. In 1 John, the author names the disciples as children of God, children of resurrection who wait with hope and assurance of Jesus’s ongoing presence in their lives, even in the face of sin. This week Duke has been celebrating its alumni. The Chapel welcomes all alumni who are joining the service virtually today as part of their alumni reunion week celebrations.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Andante religioso

Franz Liszt
(1811–1886)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Greeting of 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.

Proclamation
Prayer for Illumination

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life as we hear your holy word. In your name we pray, Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 3:12–19

Second Lesson

1 John 3:1–7

*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 1 and 2. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Day of Arising

*All rise as able
*Gospel Lesson


*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 3 and 4. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Day of Arising

Sermon (Virtual)

Doubting Joy

Response

Solo

Lift Up Your Heads

Zebulon M. Highben
(b. 1979)

Lift up your heads, all you bowed low, hear the living water flow:
quenching spring and cleansing pool, healing river, clear and cool.
How fresh it falls upon your face, streaming from the font of grace.

Lift up your hands, your voices raise, bold in pleading, bright with praise.
Weep no more, your God has come; greet the wounded, risen One,
who blessed you with joy complete, dwelling in the Word of peace.

Lift up your hearts, your great Amen; Mercy feeds her guests again:
bread enough to break and share, festive wine that scents the air.
Oh, taste and see what once was lost rising in this feast of love.

Behold, the Spirit here abides, bearing God’s abundant life:
peace between you, love within, grace beside you loosing sin.
Beloved, Christ among you stands, moving through your hearts and hands.

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New Member Recognition (Virtual)

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.
Mission of the Month (Virtual)

*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, 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, forever. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare

John Cook
(1918–1984)
TODAY’S FLOWERS | The flowers for the worship service today are given by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support our Mission of the Month, the Samaritan Health Center. Samaritan Health Center’s (SHC) mission is to share the love of Christ by serving those in need through health care. SHC provides medical, vision, and dental services to uninsured and underinsured community members. Its welcoming, high-quality patient care is offered through a multilingual staff/volunteer team and community partnerships that broaden advocacy for the underserved. In 2020, SHC cared for 757 patients in eight different languages, with no required payment for services. Donations help provide outstanding care to patients, regardless of their ability to contribute. Gifts received during April and May will count toward a $20,000 match from an anonymous donor. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

NEW MEMBERS | Today we recognize nine new members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel. These new members are: Greg Beck, Doug Gallo, Carmelita Chadwick-Gallo, Lauren Goetzl, Monica Harris, Charlene James, Patience Sowa, and Christian and Marianne Wilson. Please welcome these individuals, couples, and families to this community.
RELIGIOUS LIFE GROUPS OUTDOOR SERVICES | Campus Religious Life groups are holding small outdoor prayer and worship services for Duke students, staff, and faculty who are on campus. The services are an opportunity for collective worship for the many faith traditions represented by the groups. The services adhere to all university public health protocols, including masking, physical distancing, and compliance with the Duke Compact. See a listing of the services.

VIRTUAL TOWER CLIMB | Duke seniors and others are invited to take a “virtual tower climb” on the last day of classes. This Friday on the Chapel website a new video will give viewers an opportunity to ascend the stairs of the Chapel tower—making stops at rarely seen locations along the way—to discover a 360-view at the top. Watch the virtual tower climb here.

DUKE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF INVITED TO SIGN UP FOR TIME IN THE CHAPEL | By reservation only, the Chapel is open to students and to employees who are working on campus to #FindSanctuary. Duke students, faculty, and staff with and without a faith affiliation are welcome to sign up for a time to meditate, reflect, pray, contemplate, or just be in the Chapel. Ticketed time slots for students and employees are available during these hours: Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn more and sign up at chapel.duke.edu/findsanctuary.

SPRING CONCERT RECORDING | The recording of last Sunday’s concert, “Faith & Hope & Love Abide,” is available on our website. The hour-long concert featured two world premiere compositions, virtual performances from five Chapel choirs and poetry readings of works by Howard Thurman, T.S. Eliot, Julian of Norwich, and others. Watch it here.

RECORDING OF 'JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED' CONVERSATION | In a wide-ranging conversation on April 6, Chapel Dean Luke Powery and Professor Walter Fluker from Emory’s Candler School of Theology discussed suffering, faith, the love ethic of Jesus, the legacy of theologian Howard Thurman, and more. Watch the recording of this Duke Chapel Reads conversation.

ALUMNI SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE | As part of this year’s virtual alumni reunion, the Chapel held an online Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance Honoring Deceased Alumni on Friday. Watch a recording on our website here.

VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION | The April Virtual Back Pew collection is for The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham. Their Reconciliation and Reentry Ministry has the most immediate needs due to the increased number of Durham residents being released from prison. Here are two ways to assist in welcoming them home: 1) Donations of $25 Walmart gift cards, purchased online here, may be mailed to Drew Doll, 2802 Broad St, Durham NC 27704. 2) Make up a “Welcome Home” box following these detailed instructions. Please contact congregation@duke.edu with questions.

MIDWEEK PRAYER | Please join us for a brief service of prayer on Wednesdays at 12-noon through May 12. To participate in this prayer time, please join the Zoom call here.

ART FOR ANTIRACISM AND INCLUSION | The Fellowship Committee of the Congregation invites artists of all skill levels to develop visual symbols of antiracism and inclusion. These symbols are to represent the Congregation’s commitment to antiracism and inclusion. Art in all of the glorious mediums (such as drawing, painting, crayons, glue, glitter, playdough, fabric, photography, videos, string) are encouraged. For more information and to participate, please click on this link.
UPCOMING BOOK GROUPS | In the month of May, readers are invited to discuss *Dream with Me: Race, Love, and the Struggle We Must Win* by John Perkins. Perkins has worked for racial justice for decades and calls all to live out God’s redemptive love. Discussions on this book will be Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19 and 26, at 10:00 a.m and 7:00 p.m. In June, readers will turn to a collection of writings by Howard Thurman, *Moral Struggle and The Prophets*. The book includes a number of Thurman’s sermons on the prophets as well as other writings. Discussions on this book will be Wednesdays, June 9, 16, 23 and 30, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. For more additional information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

MAY RETREAT: POST PANDEMIC? | Save the date of Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon for a virtual retreat on the topic of “Post Pandemic?” The retreat will explore questions such as: How and when will we recover from the pandemic? How can science and medicine continue to guide us? How shall we take care of ourselves and each other? What stories do we have to tell? How has faith upheld us? More details will be coming soon.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held virtually, are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. For more information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

- Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers
- Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade
- Youth Confirmation Class: An exploration of Christian faith for students in 6th–12th grades
- Adult Forum: On April 25, Carl Hollomon, a member of the Congregation will address “Holy Fire.”
Opening Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
4 Adoring praises now we bring

in praise of love that still abounds: “Christ has
therefore our heart with rapture sings: “Christ has
set heart and will on things above that we
and with the heav'ly blessed sing: “Christ has

triumphted! He is living!” Sing, choirs of
triumphted! He is living!” Now still he
conquer through your triumph; grant grace suf-
triumphted! Alleluia!” Be to the

angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory
comes to give us life and by his presence stills all
ficient for life’s day that by our lives we truly
Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy

here: “Christ has triumphant! He is living!”
strife, “Christ has triumphant! He is living!”
say: “Christ has triumphant! He is living!”
God, all the glory, never ending!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Day of Arising

1 Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

2 When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart.
Yet Christ walks with us ever a waiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

3 Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
When the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

4 Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.
Closing Hymn

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1. Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous head!
2. Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o’er;
3. Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
4. Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en-thrall.

Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!
through the o-pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;
now has found a glo-ri-ous mor-row in the ris-ing of to-day.
We are Christ’s, in him for-ev-er we have tri-umphed o-ver all.

Grate-ful-ly our hearts a-dore him as his light once more ap-pears;
death and hell be-fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic-tor now.
See the grave its first-fruits giv-ing, spring-ing up from ho-ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de-jec-tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow-ing down in joy be-fore him, ris-ing up from griefs and tears.
ang-els on his steps at-tend-ing, glo-ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv-ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hailed the day of res-ur-rec-tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia! Ris-en our vic-to-ri-ous head!

Sing his prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en from the dead!

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