The Gospel of John says that Jesus appeared again among his disciples a week after his resurrection. Earlier when Thomas had missed Jesus’s visit, he said he would not believe Jesus was alive unless he touched the marks of crucifixion on Jesus’s body. This time, Thomas was with the others. Jesus spoke his peace upon the disciples and invited Thomas to believe by touching his hands and side. Jesus then blessed all who would come to believe without ever seeing him in the flesh. The Book of Acts describes how believers came together, their lives a testimony to Jesus’s resurrection from the dead. By caring for one another and sharing all things in common, these believers bore witness to Christ’s grace that was upon them all.
Gathering
Carillon

Prelude

Improvisation

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 318

Christ Is Alive

Baptism

Presentation of Candidates | Chloe Aurelia Mackessy and Luke Roberson Peters are presented for baptism by their parents.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith | The Congregation and those presenting themselves or candidates for baptism affirm their faith by responding to the following questions.

Minister: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?
All: I do.

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?
All: I do.

Minister: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?
All: I will.

All: Believing that God reaches out to us with love and forgiveness, we seek to grow together in faith through worship, study, service, and our life together, to the end that we embody Christ’s compassion and holiness.
Commitment by the Congregation

Prayer over the Water

Baptism

Commissioning Prayer and Welcome | In unison:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ’s church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

*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 | In unison:

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts as we open the pages of your scriptures, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

Anthem

Brighter Days

Blessing Offor
arr. Ella Taylor

First Lesson | Page 114 in pew Bibles.

Acts 4:32–35

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Psalmody | The organ will introduce the tone. The psalm is chanted by all.

Psalm 133 (The ascent song, David’s.)

Behold, how good, how love-ly it is, when kinfolk dwell together as one—like good oil upon the head, descending upon the beard, Aaron’s beard, descending over the edge of his robes; like mist of Hermon that descends on the mountains of Zion. For there Adonai ordained His blessing: Life forevermore!

—Trans. Ellen F. Davis

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 317, Stanzas 1, 6, and 7. All turn to face the Gospel procession.

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

*Gospel Lesson | Pages 108–109 in pew Bibles.

John 20:19–31

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

*Gradual Hymn | UMH 317, Stanzas 8 and 9.

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Sermon

Receiving the Spirit of the Resurrected Lord
Response

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

Hills and Valleys

Tauren Wells
arr. Samuel Zhu

I’ve walked among the shadows
You wiped my tears away
And I’ve felt the pain of heartbreak
And I’ve seen the brighter days
And I’ve prayed prayers to heaven from my lowest place
And I have held the blessings
God, you give and take away

No matter what I have, your grace is enough
No matter where I am, I’m standing in your love

On the mountains, I will bow my life
To the One who set me there
In the valley, I will lift my eyes to the One who sees me there
When I’m standing on the mountain, I didn’t get there on my own
When I’m walking through the valley, I know I am not alone

You’re God of the hills and valleys
And I am not alone

I’ve watched my dreams get broken
In you, I hope again
No matter what, I know I’m safe inside your hand
Father, you give and take away every joy and every pain
Through it all, you will remain over it all

—Chuck Butler, Jonathan Smith, Tauren Wells

*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 | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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

*Sending Hymn | UMH 547

O Church of God United

Postlude

Offertoire pour le Jour de Pâques: O Filii et Filiae

Jean-François Dandrieu
(1682–1738)
Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today’s worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Presiding Ministers**
Lynn Holmes ...................... *Interim Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Kathryn Lester-Bacon ............ *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

**Preacher**
Daniel Castelo.......................... *Associate Dean for Academic Formation, William Kellon Quick Professor of Theology and Methodist Studies, Duke Divinity School*

**Lectors**
Ryan Parker.......................... *Graduate ’25*
Anders Holmen.......................... *Divinity ’25*

**Musicians**
Something Borrowed, Something Blue.......................... *Choir*
Robert Parkins.......................... *University Organist, Duke University*
Chad Fothergill.......................... *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Mitchell Eithun.......................... *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

**Head Usher**
James Ferguson.......................... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**Baptized Today** | Please welcome Chloe Aurelia Mackessy, daughter of Dana and John Mackessy, and Luke Roberson Peters, son of Ashley and Anthony Peters, to the family of faith.

**Today’s Offering** | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.
Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God in memory of Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans and in honor of her former classmate: Maxine Chambers Engert.

Today’s Guest Preacher | Dr. Daniel Castelo is the associate dean for academic formation and William Kellon Quick Professor of Theology and Methodist Studies at Duke Divinity School. Dr. Castelo has focused his scholarship on the doctrine of God, the theological interpretation of Scripture, pneumatology and mysticism, the theologies of Methodism and Pentecostalism, and Latinx theologies. He is a past winner of the John Templeton Award for Theological Promise and has held roles in the American Academy of Religion and the Wesleyan Theological Society. In further service to the Methodist scholarly guild, Dr. Castelo is the founding coeditor of the series *Wesleyan and Methodist Explorations* and an associate editor of *Methodist Review*. He has also been a member of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies. Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Professor Castelo has tried throughout his teaching and scholarly ministry to maintain connections to those communities that have indelibly shaped him.

Today’s Guest Musicians | Something Borrowed Something Blue (SBSB) is Duke University’s co-ed Christian a cappella group, consisting of students who love God and love to sing. Originally founded in 1969 as a Christian folk band, SBSB became an a cappella group in 1993 and adopted a new wedding-themed name in 1998 to remind us that we, as the church, are the beloved bride of Christ (Revelation 21). They exist primarily to glorify God and choose to perform a wide variety of songs to communicate the love of Christ. Their repertoire reflects aspects of God’s character and includes music that has meaningfully influenced their members’ lives.

ENGAGE

University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Department of Religious Studies.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.
Chapel Flowers | If you would like to honor a loved one and the worshiping community of the Duke Chapel with a gift of flowers to decorate the chancel for Sunday worship, please contact Angela Flynn, coordinator of worship and ministry, at angela.flynn@duke.edu.

Staff Transition | After four and a half years of service at the Chapel, Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon will be leaving Duke on April 14 to join the chaplain team at Glenaire Continuing Care Community in Cary. We rejoice for Kathryn in this new work and give thanks for her faithful service. We have been blessed by Kathryn’s wisdom, kindness, and liturgical leadership. Join us in prayers of praise for the time she spent with us and blessings for this next step of her journey of ministry to the people of God.

Bach’s St. John Passion | First performed 300 years ago on Good Friday, April 7, 1724, the St. John Passion is renowned for its dramatic choruses, expressive arias, and compelling narrative. It sets text from the Gospel of John, chapters 18 and 19, composed in two parts: Part I ends with Peter’s denial of Jesus, and Part II concludes with Christ’s burial. The performance is today, April 7, at 4:00 p.m. Duke Divinity School Professor Jeremy Begbie will give a pre-concert talk about the music of St. John Passion at 2:45 p.m. in the Divinity School’s Goodson Chapel. Purchase tickets for the concert at tickets.duke.edu.

Concert Celebrates Mary Lou Williams’ Music and Legacy | As part of Duke University’s Centennial Celebration, the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture, Duke Arts, and Duke Chapel will present “Our First Lady of Jazz” next Sunday, April 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This dynamic concert celebrating the pioneering composer Mary Lou Williams will feature a wide range of Black sacred music, from vocal jazz and gospel to spirituals, classical, and the blues. For the performance, the Duke Chapel Choir and the North Carolina Central University Vocal Jazz Ensemble will join forces with guest artists. Free admission. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/marylouconcert.

New Member Class | Are you interested in joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel? Learn more about becoming a part of this unique worshipping community at the Spring New Member Class! The class begins on Sunday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. over Zoom and will continue the next two Sundays. For more information, please reach out to Rev. Lynn Holmes at Lynn.Holmes@duke.edu.
PathWays Fellowship | The PathWays Fellowship is a year-long (August 15 to May 15) residential program for students in any of Duke Divinity School’s graduate programs that offers opportunities for vocational exploration, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the Durham community and the fellows’ Christian traditions. Learn more and apply by April 15 at chapel.duke.edu/pathways.

Science Drive Road Work | Maintenance work this month will result in the closure of one lane of Science Drive near the Biological Sciences Building during the day and a total closure of the road from 8:15 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Please plan to allow extra time when coming to Chapel services and events.

LGBTQ+ Fellowship | Members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies are invited to attend the monthly fellowship gathering on the third Sunday of each month from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen and over Zoom. The next meeting will be on Sunday, April 21. For more information or the Zoom link, please contact Tom Link.

Carillon Concert | Jonathan Lehrer, Michigan State University carillonneur, will present a recital on the Chapel’s carillon on Sunday, April 28, at 5:00 p.m. The concert is part of the J. Samuel Hammond Carillon Recital Series. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the music from the beautiful surroundings of Abele Quad. These recitals will be presented rain or shine.

ChorWorks Summer Program in Early Sacred Music | Through Duke Chapel, the nonprofit organization ChorWorks is offering their summer program “Henry Purcell—England’s Orpheus” from June 10 to 16, at Duke University. The workshop is led by Dr. Philip Cave, executive director of ChorWorks and conductor-in-residence at Duke Chapel. Those invited to the program will receive a scholarship covering the full cost of tuition and housing. Learn more and apply by April 30 at chapel.duke.edu/chorworks.
Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook
Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children age 4 –1st grade in 0054 Langford
Godly Play Advanced: Spiritual formation for children in 2nd–5th grades in 0050 Langford
Youth Program: Youth will explore the Gospel of Mark in 0015 Westbrook
Adult Bible Study: Adults will discuss the Epistle of James in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom
The Congregation at Duke University Chapel joyfully welcomes all persons regardless of age, race, class, origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other distinction and invites membership and participation in all of its ministries.

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