Today’s service acts as the conclusion of the Black Alumni Collective’s National Conference held at Duke this week. The Chapel is delighted to have conference attendees join in worship today. The scripture lessons this morning are characterized by pivotal encounters with God. The conversion of Paul in Acts is a dramatic account of the power of God to transform lives—the foremost persecutor of the early church becomes its leading champion. John’s gospel describes Jesus giving Peter the opportunity to reaffirm his love for Christ. After Peter declares his commitment, Jesus charges Peter to “Feed my sheep.” This command reveals the good news of Christ’s resurrected life—a life devoted to the care and service of others.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Fantasia (The Resurrection)  
Eurydice V. Osterman

Greeting and Call to Worship

Minister:   Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People:    He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn 733

Marching to Zion  
MARCHING TO ZION

*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.

*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, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: as we are inspired by your word today, strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*All rise as able
First Reading | OT page 720 in pew Bibles.

Lamentations 3:21–23

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

Second Reading | NT page 119 in pew Bibles.

Acts 9:1–6

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

*Gradual Hymn 548 | Stanzas 1 and 2

In Christ There Is No East or West

*Mckee

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 109–110 in pew Bibles.

John 21:1–19

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

*Gradual Hymn 548 | Stanzas 3 and 4

In Christ There Is No East or West

*Mckee

Sermon

Things Are About to Get Better
**Response**

**Anthem**

Hear My Prayer  
Moses Hogan  
(1957–2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer,  
in the mornin’ when I rise.  
It’s your servant bound for glory.  
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer,  
keep me safe within your arms.  
It’s your servant bound for glory.  
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done,  
and you come to take me home,  
just to know I’m bound for glory,  
and to hear you say, “Well done.”  
Done with sin and sorrow,  
have mercy, mercy. Amen.

—Moses Hogan

**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**

Guide My Feet  
arr. Avis D. Graves

Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
’cause I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Hold my hand...

Lord, guide my feet, direct my path, and keep my way.  
Can’t make a step without you.  
I don’t want to run this race in vain.

Be my friend...

Stand by me...

Lord, guide my feet, direct my path, and keep my way.  
Can’t make a step without you.  
I don’t want to run this race in vain.

—*trad. spiritual*

*Doxology*  
Lasst uns erfreuen

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.
Let the Church Say, “Amen”  
Andraé Crouch  
(1942–2015)  

Let the church say, “Amen,” let the church say, “Amen.” 
God has spoken; let the church say, “Amen.” 
Amen. Amen. Amen.... 
God has spoken; let the church say, “Amen.” 

—Andraé Crouch

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Improvisation on “We Shall Overcome”  
Carl Haywood
Today's Offering: All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

Today’s Guest Preacher: Today’s Wilder Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley, a 1994 Duke graduate and senior pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Under Dr. Wesley’s leadership, the Alfred Street Baptist Church has grown from 2,800 members to 10,000 members, 60,000 plus monthly online viewers, and eighty active ministries with an emphasis on children’s ministries and missions. His radio show Faith Forward is one of the most listened-to religious broadcasts in the Washington, DC area, and his sermons on YouTube have garnered more than 100 million views. A sought-after speaker for worship services, conferences, and revivals, he serves on the board of trustees of Virginia Union University, the board of visitors of Duke Divinity School, the board of trustees of and the John Leland Center for Theological Studies, and the board of directors of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention.

Today’s Guest Musician: Today’s guest organist and choir conductor is Dr. James Abbington, associate professor of church music and worship at the Candler School of Theology. Dr. Abbington serves as executive editor of the African American Church Music Series from GIA Publications, and was executive editor of One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, GIA’s ecumenical African American hymnal. In addition to writing and editing, he has produced numerous recordings under GIA. He has previously served as the national director of music for both the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the NAACP.

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In 2015, he became the second African American to be named a Fellow of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. His research interests include music and worship in the Christian church, African American sacred folk music, organ, choral music, and ethnomusicology.

**Today’s Flowers** | Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment in memory of Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans and in honor of her former classmates: Ann Louise Reist Dunlap, Maxine Chambers Engert, and Betty Pyle Baldwin.

**Accessibility** | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.


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**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 and beyond. This morning we give thanks for all graduating students.

**Tour After the Service** | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

**Snackluck Today** | Please plan to stay after worship today, May 1, for a “snackluck” to be held in the Memorial Garden, located between Duke Chapel and Duke Divinity School. All are welcome to come enjoy a variety of snacks and the opportunity to visit with other worshipers.

**LGBTQIA+ Fellowship** | A fellowship to welcome LGBTQIA+ community members and their allies will meet at 3:00–4:00 p.m. today, May 1, in the Chapel kitchen and by Zoom. Please contact link.thom@gmail.com for more information.
Choral Evensong Today | Today at 4:00 p.m., we will hold our final Choral Evensong service for this semester. Rich with music spanning from the Renaissance to the present, Choral Evensong features sung prayers, psalms, and canticles. Distinct from the noisy world around us, this service offers a place for quiet contemplation. The next Choral Evensong will be a special service for Ascension Day on Thursday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Carillon Recital Today | This afternoon at 5:00 p.m., Fr. John Hammond, CGNA, will offer a recital on the Chapel’s fifty-bell carillon. The instrument is named in honor of Hammond’s late father, J. Samuel Hammond. People attending the outdoor recital are invited to bring chairs or blankets for sitting on the quad in front of the Chapel. The program for the recital includes pieces by composers Ronald M. Barnes, Matthias van den Gheyn, Albert Gerken, and Roy Hamlin Johnson. It will conclude with the Duke Alma Mater.

Commencement Weekend at Duke Chapel | As part of commencement weekend, the Chapel will host eight services and ceremonies with livestreams available via the Chapel website. Note: To give students and families space to celebrate during these graduation ceremonies, the Chapel will be closed to the public all day on May 6 and 7 and also during the ceremony on May 8.

**Friday, May 6**
- 9:00 a.m. Air Force and Navy ROTC Commissioning Ceremony
- 4:30 p.m. Baccalaureate Service (Surnames A–G)
- 7:00 p.m. Hippocratic Oath Ceremony

**Saturday, May 7**
- 9:00 a.m. PhD Hooding Ceremony (Humanities and Social Sciences)
- 11:30 a.m. Baccalaureate Service (Surnames H–Z)
- 2:00 p.m. PhD Hooding Ceremony (Biomedical Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Engineering)
- 6:30 p.m. Divinity School Baccalaureate Service

**Sunday, May 8**
- 12-noon Department of Psychology and Neuroscience Diploma Ceremony

Learn more and find livestream links at chapel.duke.edu/commencement.

Worship on May 8 | As there is no Sunday morning worship service at Duke Chapel on graduation weekend, the Congregation is offering a worship service on Sunday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium of The Forest at Duke, 2701 Pickett Rd., Durham which is open to all who wish to attend. Pastor Carol Gregg will be preaching.
**Young Adult Bible Study** | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, focusing on the Gospel of Luke. The next gathering will be Monday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for more information.

**Wild, Wonderful Spirit** | The Congregation is sponsoring a day-long retreat to reflect on the power of the Holy Spirit. Bishop William Willimon, a prolific author and professor of the practice of ministry at Duke Divinity School, will provide a morning address on “The Wild, Wonderful Spirit Acting Up in Acts.” The retreat will be held at New Hope Camp and Conference Center in Chapel Hill on Saturday, May 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information and to sign up to attend.

**‘Communion of Saints’ Exhibition** | The exhibition now on display in the Chapel, *Communion of Saints: A Reflection on the Body of Christ through Time and Space*, present woodblock prints of past saints and important figures of the church alongside images of current students, faculty and staff at Duke. The series of prints represents the beautiful diversity of the body of Christ across time, place and culture. *Communion of Saints* was created by Rebekah Schultz, a Duke Divinity School student. Schultz was selected as this year’s Duke University Chapel C. Eric Lincoln Fellow. The annual fellowship for students provides funding to an undergraduate or graduate student to complete a sacred art project and is named in honor of C. Eric Lincoln who was a professor of Religion and Culture at Duke University from 1976–1993. The exhibition will be on view in the Chapel until May 16.

**May Book Group** | The Congregation’s Education Committee has named the “Power of the Spirit” as its theme to run from May 2022 to May 2023. This theme will influence book groups, retreats and other opportunities. The first book group will focus on *The Source of Life: The Holy Spirit and the Theology of Life* by Jürgen Moltmann. In this book, Moltmann presents his reflections on the Spirit and the spiritual life, combining a deep personal faith with scholarship. Book groups will meet by Zoom at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18 and 25. For more information contact congregation@duke.edu.
The St. Olaf Choir Concert June 5 | The St. Olaf Choir, conducted by Anton Armstrong, will perform at Duke Chapel on Sunday, June 5, at 8:00 p.m. For more than a century, the St. Olaf Choir has set the gold standard for choral singing, performing for millions around the world. Comprising seventy-five mixed voices, the St. Olaf Choir is hailed as one of the nation’s premier a cappella ensembles, renowned for its artistry and beauty of sound. Purchase tickets from the Duke Box Office at tickets.duke.edu.

Christian Education Classes | The Congregation provides Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom links. No classes will be held on May 8. Classes will resume on May 15 as follows:

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers (available virtually).

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade (available virtually).


Adult Forum: On May 15, Tom Link, Congregation Member and LGBTQIA+ Fellowship Leader, with Jeff Evans and Jill Hinton, members of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, will discuss “The Congregation at Duke University Chapel’s New LGBTQIA+ Fellowship/Ministry: Introduction, and 20 Years of Welcoming LGBTQ Congregants at Raleigh’s Pullen Memorial Baptist Church” in Westbrook 0012 and by Zoom.
LET’S KEEP IN TOUCH

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

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