



# Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

## SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 11:00 a.m.



Lorenzo Veneziano, *The Apostle Peter Preaching*, 14th cent., from Collection, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin

This morning's New Testament and Gospel readings demonstrate the radical love of God. In the reading from Acts, the Holy Spirit moves beyond narrow interpretations of revelation to welcome all people groups into the family of God. The reading from John complements this movement of love by giving Jesus's command to his followers to love one another just as he had loved them.

# Gathering

## Carillon

### Prelude

Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude  
(c. 1637–1707)

### Greeting and Call to Worship

#### \*Gathering Hymn | UMH 318

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

#### \*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:

**O God, may the inspiration of your word form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*All rise as able

New Testament Lesson | NT page 122 in pew Bibles.

Acts 11:1–18

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\***Gradual Hymn** | UMH 384. Stanzas 1 and 2. All turn to face the Gospel procession.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

\***Gospel Lesson** | NT page 102 in pew Bibles.

John 13:31–35

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\***Gradual Hymn** | UMH 384. Stanzas 3 and 4.

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Sermon

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

O Gracious Light

Traditional; arr. Jaclyn Brown

O Gracious Light  
So pure and bright  
Dispel the darkness of our hearts  
That by Your brightness we may know the light  
Incarnate word  
Grant that the light  
Deep and kindled in our hearts  
May shine forth and give us divine life

Dayspring of life  
To light from light  
Pour into every broken heart  
Peace and virtue blinded by the light  
O Jesus Christ  
Holy and blessed  
We sing Thy praises in our hearts  
God of heaven, giver of all life

Bring Your peace  
Hope and love  
Bring Your peace  
Gracious one

O Gracious Light  
So pure and bright  
Dispel the darkness of our hearts  
That by Your brightness we may know the light

—*Phos Hilaron* (Greek hymn, 3rd cent.)

## \*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 and Holy Communion

\***The Great Thanksgiving** | Musical Setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.

\***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.**

**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. Bread and wine are used for Communion. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant's desk. 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 Anthem

Love One Another

Luacine Clark Fox; arr. A. Laurence Lyon

As I have loved you,  
love one another.  
This new commandment:  
love one another.  
By this shall men know  
Ye are my disciples,  
If ye have love  
one to another.

—*Luacine Clark Fox, after John 15:12*

Communion Hymn | UMH 561

Jesus, United by Thy Grace

ST. AGNES

\*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

\*Benediction

\*Sending Hymn | UMH 632

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

UNION SEMINARY

Postlude

Registo baixo do 1º tom

Sebastián Aguilera de Heredia  
(1565–1627)

Carillon

# TODAY IN WORSHIP

## Presiding Ministers

Bruce Puckett ..... *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*  
Lyn Pace. .... *Assistant Dean of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

## Preacher

Racquel Gill ..... *Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel*

## Lectors

Russell Owen ..... *Trinity '84, Graduate School '89*  
Mary Anderson. .... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

## Musicians

Chad Fothergill..... *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*  
Katherine Johnson ..... *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*  
Mitchell Eithun ..... *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*  
Jaclyn Brown..... *Soloist*

## Head Usher

Ken Arneson ..... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

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**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: Ann Louise Reist Dunlap.

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