With great joy we welcome back worshipers to in-person services on this Pentecost Sunday. Fifty days after Easter, the church celebrates the festival of Pentecost. Echoing the ancient Jewish festival of Shavuot, which remembers God’s giving of the law on Mount Sinai, Pentecost celebrates God’s giving of the Holy Spirit, itself a fulfillment of ancient prophecy. Ezekiel prophesies about the Spirit of God enlivening dry bones and breathing life into them. Where the hope of the people is lost, the Spirit of God gives new life. In the Acts of the Apostles, the disciples are gathered in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descends upon them in tongues of flame. They are given miraculous ability to speak in many languages, and to proclaim boldly to the people that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord Jesus shall be saved.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 655

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist, BWV 667

Choral Introit

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Wilson Niwagila, arr. Egil Hovland

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.
It’s your leading that we’re needing, help us to follow you.
Njoo, njoo, njoo Roho mwema. (Come, come, come Holy Spirit.)

Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.
Njoo, njoo, njoo Roho mwema. (Come, come, come Holy Spirit.)

Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.
Njoo, njoo, njoo Roho mwema. (Come, come, come Holy Spirit.)

Text: Wilson Niwagila, tr. Howard S. Olson

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

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

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open hearts, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

*All rise as able
Proclamation
Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, and come now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

First Lesson
Ezekiel 37:1–14

Second Lesson
Acts 2:1–21

*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 1 through 3. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine                                    SONG 13

*Gospel Lesson
John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

*Gradual Hymn | Sing stanzas 4 through 6. See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine                                    SONG 13

Sermon
Breathe

Baptism and Confirmation

*Presentation of Candidates | Suin Kpa and Yen Kpa are joining the congregation by affirmation of faith and baptism; Lloyd Armstrong, Graelyn Takacs, and Sampras Takacs are joining by way of confirmation. The congregation responds by reading the passages in bold at the minister's prompting.

Profession of Faith | In unison:

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

Confirmation Prayer

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.

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
’gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee.

Text: Thomas T. Lynch (1818–1871), alt.; and K. Lee Scott (st. 4)

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.
*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.

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

Choral Benediction

The Spirit of the Lord

May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you;
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone has done wondrous things.

Text: Acts 1:5, Isaiah 11:2, Psalm 72:18

*Benediction

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

O Spirit of the Living God

Closing Voluntary

Fantasia super Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 651
TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon..............................................Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg.........................................................Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery.....................................................Dean, Duke University Chapel

LECTOR
Mr. Lloyd Armstrong..............................................................Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Ms. Deborah Hackney..............................................................Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

MUSICIANS
Duke Chapel Summer Choir....................................................Choir
Dr. Zebulon Highben..............................................................Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Mr. Christopher Jacobson.......................................................Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | The flowers for the worship service today are given by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS | Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading (Njoo kwetu, Robo mwema).
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ENGAGE

REGISTER TO ATTEND IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES | The Chapel is holding limited, in-person worship services Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Preregistration online is required to attend a service. Those registering to attend must adhere to public health safety protocols for campus visitors—including masking when indoors, handwashing, maintaining physical distance, and staying home when sick—as well as protocols specific to the services, such as providing proof of registration, no congregational singing, and following foot traffic patterns inside the Chapel. Preregistration will become available on the Chapel website each Tuesday at 12-noon for the following Sunday’s service. Up to 100 people may register for each service. Once registration for a service is full, other congregants will be invited to join in worship online. We will continue to livestream and broadcast services on our website, YouTube, Facebook, WDNC Radio 620 AM, and the Duke Hospital television network channel 12. Learn more and watch a video about what to expect at in-person services.

AUDIO-VISUAL EXHIBITION AT THE CHAPEL HIGHLIGHTS BLACK WOMEN PASTORS | As the recipient of the Chapel’s C. Eric Lincoln Theology and Arts Fellowship this year, Duke Divinity School student Kaiya Jennings is presenting an exhibition of audio recordings and photography documenting the testimonies of Black women pastors. The exhibition, On the Shoulders of Our Sisters!, is being presented in the Chapel nave and on the Chapel’s website. Learn more about how to view it in-person and online at chapel.duke.edu/art.
PARKING IN BRYAN CENTER GARAGE FREE UNTIL 1:00 P.M. | There is no charge for parking in the Bryan Center Garage on Sunday morning as long as you leave the deck by 1:00 p.m. When you leave, insert into the pay machine the ticket you received when you entered the garage. ADA parking is available at no charge in the Bryan Center Surface Lot, which is the lot between the garage and the Chapel.

CARILLON LIVESTREAM | You are invited to participate virtually in an ongoing campus tradition. Listen live online to the playing of the Chapel’s carillon bells weekdays at 5:00 p.m. on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

BACK PEW COLLECTION | One activity that answers the question “what can I do to help?” is to contribute to the monthly Back Pew Collection. During May, this collection will be supporting Families Moving Forward, which provides shelter, care, and education for families. Families Moving Forward currently needs: laundry detergent, bleach, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, gas cards for residents going on job interviews, new twin or full sheet sets, new comforters, and new towels. In addition, FMF has an Amazon Wish List, which can be found here. For questions, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

VIRTUAL ART MUSEUM | The Congregation’s first Virtual Art Museum will open this afternoon, Sunday, May 23, at 4:00 p.m. Artwork submitted for the Visual Statement of Antiracism and Inclusion contest will be unveiled. Come see the inspiring artwork and meet the artists. In addition, Congregation member and a managing director at Duke Divinity School’s Leadership Education, Gretchen Ziegenhals, will lead participants in a special prayer practice. Bring your paper, colored pencils, crayons, and markers to the event so that you may experience Praying in Color. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for the Zoom link.

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. The next meeting dates are May 24 and June 14 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright for additional information.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY | Christian education for all ages will continue through the summer months at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings. A Bible study for adults focusing on the Minor Prophets will begin on Sunday, June 6 from 9:45–10:45 a.m. This class will be held by Zoom and all are welcome to attend. For more information, contact congregation@duke.edu.

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
Adult Forum: On May 30, Christopher Redmon, PhD Student in Religion, Duke University, will speak on “Nahum and Jonah: A Prophetic Conversation.”
Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise! Father all mighty sword, our prayer attend! Come, and thy witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al praiss'es be, hence, ever more. Thy sovereign glorious, o'er all victorious, people bless, and give thy word success; mighty art, now rule in every heart, majesty may we in glory see,

2. Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend! Come, and thy witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al praiss'es be, hence, ever more. Thy sovereign glorious, o'er all victorious, people bless, and give thy word success; mighty art, now rule in every heart, majesty may we in glory see,

3. Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred mighty sword, our prayer attend! Come, and thy witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al praiss'es be, hence, ever more. Thy sovereign glorious, o'er all victorious, people bless, and give thy word success; mighty art, now rule in every heart, majesty may we in glory see,

4. To thee, great One in Three, eternal mighty sword, our prayer attend! Come, and thy witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who al praiss'es be, hence, ever more. Thy sovereign glorious, o'er all victorious, people bless, and give thy word success; mighty art, now rule in every heart, majesty may we in glory see,

WORDS: Anon.
MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN

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Alt. tune: AMERICA
Gradual Hymn

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

1 Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.
2 Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
3 Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
4 Holy Spirit, law divine, reign within this soul of mine.

Voice of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and gladly give.
Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

5 Holy Spirit, peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine.
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
grant me your tranquility.

6 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
gladden now this heart of mine.
In the desert ways I sing—
spring, O Living Water, spring!
O Spirit of the Living God

1. O Spirit of the living God, thou
2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow un-
3. Teach us to utter living words of
4. So shall we know the power of Christ who

light and fire divine, descend upon thy

until our minds are free from mists of error,

truth which all may hear, the language all may

came this world to save; so shall we rise with

church once more, and make it truly thine.

clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.

understand when love speaks loud and clear;

him to life which soars beyond the grave;

Fill it with love and joy and power, with

Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with

till every age and race and clime shall

and earth shall win true holiness, which

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O Spirit of the Living God

righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in
flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy
blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one
makes thy children whole; till, perfected by

human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.
great good news, God's glorious commonweal.
fam - ily by whom thy will is done.
thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

WORDS: Henry H. Tweedy, 1935 (Acts 2)
MUSIC: Trad. English melody; arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906