Sometimes the workings of God remain unseen before they bear fruit—similar to a seed growing and taking root in the soil. In the Old Testament reading, Samuel, discerning that God would use David to sow the seed for Israel’s future, trusts God’s choice of the young shepherd David as king. In his second letter to the Corinthian church, Paul also emphasizes that discipleship demands walking by faith, not by sight. In Mark, Jesus uses the image of seeds to describe the mysterious and hidden nature of God’s kingdom.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 203*  
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed  
Ellacombe

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)*  
The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

Christ have mercy.  
**Christ have mercy.**

Lord have mercy.  
**Lord have mercy.**

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE*  
(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

**PROCLAMATION**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)  
Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:  
inspire us by the reading of your word  
and deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

(OT page 248 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Salvation Is Created

Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

Salvation is created in the midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 (NT page 170)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 173 (stanza 1)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 4:26-34 (NT page 36)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 173 (stanzas 2-3)

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

SERMON—The Good Earth

RESPONSE

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: “Hear our prayer.”)


Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

American Folk Hymn
arr. Mack Wilberg
(b. 1955)

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days. Ó may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come: no more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.

—Isaac Watts paraphrase of Psalm 23

*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

This morning we give thanks for Duke’s Sexual Assault Support Services. We are grateful for its support, counseling, and ongoing care for all those who are survivors of sexual assault. The ushers bring a photo of friends embracing to the altar.

In Durham, we remember those who call the community to a more faithful stewardship of creation through their concern for the environment. The ushers bring forward a packet of seeds.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

*Choral Blessing

Seven-Fold Amen

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

Postlude

Finale from Symphony No. 1

David Arcus
(b. 1959)

*All who are able may stand.
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Chapel Announcements

Today’s Flowers—Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers students opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives through study, counsel, service, and community. Dr. Charles and Mrs. Ann Sanders, together with a couple who have asked not to be named, have pledged to match all PathWays gifts on a one-to-one basis up to $60,000.

The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Inviting Nursery Attendants—The Congregation is seeking to hire weekly nursery attendants to assist with childcare each week during the worship service. Substitute attendants are also needed to help out occasionally. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at sonja.tilley@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

Local Mission Collection—The Local Missions and Outreach Committee is collecting items for the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry based in Newton Grove, NC. According to its mission statement, the ministry “responds to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families.” The collection will be held today and next Sunday, June 24. We are seeking donations of the following items: hats; lightweight, long-sleeved, button-down shirts (M, L, and XL); work pants (32 to 36 waist); boots; gloves; and sunscreen. Items can be placed in the back pew for the Mission Committee members to deliver. Cash donations or checks will be accepted as well. (Please make checks payable to “Congregation at Duke Chapel” with “farmworkers” in the memo.) Thank you for caring for our neighbors in this way.

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FOR WORSHIPPERS & VISITORS

† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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