In today’s Scripture passage from Genesis, Abraham and Sarah receive a mysterious visitation from three visitors, who declare that the elderly couple will conceive and that Sarah will bear a son. This news makes Sarah laugh, but the giving of her son Isaac proves that nothing is impossible with the God who is faithful to every promise. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus sends out his twelve apostles with his authority over sickness and evil, commanding them to proclaim the coming kingdom of heaven, where the impossible becomes possible.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**PRELUDE**
- Quartet in G Minor, TWV 43:G2  
  Georg Philipp Telemann (1681–1767)
  
  *Lento*  
  *Vivace*  
  *Adagio*  
  *Allegro*

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 116 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)*

The God of Abraham Praise

*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.)*

**PROCLAMATION**

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)*

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love, that we may find true life in your Son: come and illuminate your holy word now; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**—Genesis 18:1–15 *(OT page 13)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
*Gradual Hymn 664 (Stanza 1)
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 9:35–10:8 (NT page 9)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 664 (Stanza 2)
Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

Sermon—God’s Sense of Humour

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: “Hear our prayer.”)

Offertory Anthem
Trio Sonata in F Major, TWV 42:F3

Allegro
Mesto
Allegro

*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 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. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.)

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. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the Communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side. If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.
MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 164 (sung by all)
Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL

COMMUNION ANTHEM
Quartet in G minor, Dr. 26
“O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden”
Johann Janitsch
(1708–1763)
Largo
Allegretto

SENDING FORTH

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 100
God, Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us
Lauda anima

POSTLUDE
Final, from Symphony 6, Op. 42
Charles Marie Widor
(1844–1937)

CARillon

*All who are able may stand.
Ministry of Worship

Presiding Ministers

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson

Lectors

Dr. James Kelly

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Ms. Beth Gettys-Sturkey

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Guest Musicians

Mallarmé Chamber Players

Matvey Lapin, violin
Suzanne Rousso, viola
Stephanie Vial, cello
William Thauer, oboe/recorder

Organist

Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Ministers of Anointing

The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg and Rev. Andrew Phillips

Head Ushers

Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur

Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

† 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.

† Worship Bags for ages 0–5, and Children’s Worship Bulletins™ for ages 3–6 and 7–12, are available at the rear of the Chapel. Please return bags and clipboards at the end of 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. Please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917 for information.
TODAY’S FLOWERS—The flowers for today’s worship service 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.

TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER—Today we are pleased to welcome the Sterly and Pelham Wilder, Jr. distinguished guest preacher, The Rev. Dr. Paul Scott Wilson. Dr. Wilson is professor of homiletics at Emmanuel College of Victoria University in the University of Toronto. He is an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada, has served several churches in full-time and interim capacity, and is a past president of the Academy of Homiletics. His research and teaching interests include the history of preaching, rhetoric and poetics, creativity and use of the arts, homiletical methodology, theology of and theology in preaching, and uses of narrative. He lectures and preaches widely in Canada, the United States, and Europe. He is a past recipient of the United Church of Canada’s Davidson Trust Award for excellence in teaching and scholarship.

GUEST MUSICIANS—The Mallarmé Chamber Players are a flexible ensemble of professional musicians based in Durham, North Carolina, whose mission is to enrich the lives of the community through outstanding chamber music performance. Created in 1984, the ensemble’s name comes from Stéphane Mallarmé, the 19th-century French poet and philosopher who believed that true art is created through a unity of music, dance, literature and the visual arts. In keeping with their namesake, Mallarmé performances are often interdisciplinary and have been praised by critics and audiences as innovative, eclectic and of high artistic quality. Suzanne Rousso, violist, took over as artistic director in 2008 and continues the tradition of “music among friends”.

CONCERT—This evening, the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham presents a 5:00 p.m. concert in honor of Father’s Day, entitled The Road Home. Featured music includes music by composers and their fathers, as well as a setting of “A red, red rose” for men’s choir. Rodney Wynkoop conducts. Tickets: $10, www.tickets.duke.edu, 919-684-4444, or at the door.

AWARD NOMINATIONS—The Chapel is now accepting nominations for the Humanitarian Service Award. Each year it is awarded to a person with a commitment to service and simplicity. The recipient receives a grant of between $1,500 and $3,000 to further humanitarian efforts. Nominations are due by August 14. Contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu with nominations or questions.

NEW WELCOME MINISTRY—The Chapel and Congregation are considering instituting a welcome station in the narthex on Sunday mornings where visitors may learn more about the ministries available to them. Several volunteers are needed to explore this possibility. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Puckett (bruce.puckett@duke.edu) or Carol Gregg (carol.gregg@duke.edu).
The following Congregational opportunities are open to all.

Christians Education Classes—Christian Education classes for all ages are held throughout the summer in the lowest level of the Divinity School from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., with fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome at any time. Classes are as follows:

**Wee Praise**: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

**Lift Ev’ry Voice**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0014 WB.

**Bible Study**: A study on the wisdom literature in the Bible for youth and adults 0013 Westbrook.

Back Pew Collection—Donations for our homeless neighbors served by Urban Ministries of Durham may be left on the back pew today.

Lemonade on the Lawn—Please stay after worship today for a time of refreshment and fellowship on the Chapel lawn. The gathering will be under the shade of the magnolia tree near Page Auditorium. All are welcome.

Report from Zimbabwe—This afternoon, Jane Fellows and Carol Gregg will speak about their recent trip to Zimbabwe to visit children supported by the Congregation. The presentation will be at 1:00 p.m. today in 0012 Westbrook.

Urban Ministries Dinners—Volunteers and cooked lasagnas are needed every month to serve our neighbors at the Urban Ministries shelter in Durham. Upcoming commitments are for Wednesday, June 28, 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 9, 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday, August 23, 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3918 or congregation@duke.edu for detailed information and to volunteer to assist.

Growing Through Grief—All those who are grieving are invited to attend a free, open, confidential program sponsored by a coalition of area organizations and churches (the Congregation included) to offer support and education to those who mourn. The group meets on Tuesdays at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1200 W. Cornwallis Rd., Durham. Refreshments and registration begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by presentations and discussion from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. led by professionals and trained facilitators. For more information, email growingthrougrief@gmail.com.

University Students—For information about ministry with university students, please contact Andrew Phillips at andrew.phillips@duke.edu.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg, Pastor of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to support the Chapel’s Disaster Relief Fund.