Our first lesson provides an example of hospitality and compassion as Abraham goes to great lengths to welcome three angelic visitors who have the appearance of men. Abraham gives them a place to rest and bathe and plentiful food. God’s message, delivered through these visitors, is one of compassion and the promise of a son. In the Gospel, Jesus shows the same compassion for the masses, even sending the apostles out to the Jews to tell of the Messiah’s arrival and warning them that a time of great persecution will come. The Psalm provides a joyous interlude by reminding us of God’s steadfastness and love throughout all time.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott, BWV 652        Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | UMH 194. All sing stanzas 1, 2, 5 and 6. Stanzas 3 and 4 and will be interpreted by music and movement in the center aisle.

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

*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 Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Proclamation
Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Lead us in the dance of life, O God. Turn our hearts towards you as we follow your lead into places of wonder and grace. By your Spirit, attune our ears to the music of your voice as you speak through your holy word. Amen.
Old Testament Lesson | OT Pages 13 and 16 in pew Bibles.


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

Psalmody

Psalm 66:1–2, 14

Giovanni Paolo Cima (c. 1570–1630)

Jubilate Deo omnis terra, Jubilate Deo universa terra, psalmum dicite nomini eius.
Vnite et audite, et narrabo vobis omnes qui timetis Deum quanta fecit Dominus animae meae.
Alleluia.

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honour of his Name: O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God: and I will tell you what he bath done for my soul.

Alleluia.

⇒ Gospel Lesson | NT page 9 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 9:35–10:8

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

Sermon

Is Anything Too Wonderful For God?

Response

Movement and Music

French Suite No. 5 in G Major, BWV 816

III. Sarabande

J. S. Bach
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

Inclina Domine  
Paolo Tarditi  
(1580–1661)

Inclina, Domine, aurem tuam et exaudi me, quoniam pauper sum ego.  
Miserere mei, Domine, quoniam ad te clamavi tota die; laetifica animam servi tui, quoniam ad te, Domine, animam meam levavi.  
Ostende nobis Domine misericordiam tuam  
Et salutare tuum da nobis.

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor, and in misery.  
Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy: my God,  
save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.  
Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily upon thee.  
Comfort the soul of thy servant: for unto thee,  
O Lord, do I lift up my soul.  
Shew us thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us thy salvation.

Psalm 86:1–4; 85:8

*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.

Sending Forth
*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn | UMH 549. During an extended hymn introduction, the lectionary book will be borne by the dancer down the center aisle. Following the introduction, all sing stanzas 1–6.

    Where Charity and Love Prevail  
    st. peter

Closing Voluntary

    O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort  
    Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713–1780)

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today’s worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.
TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Racquel Gill .......................... Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel
Carol Gregg .......................... Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Preacher
Luke A. Powery .......................... Dean, Duke University Chapel

Lectors
Sharon Jones .......................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Russ Owen .......................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Musicians
Guy Cutting .......................... Tenor, Chorworks Faculty
Giles Underwood .......................... Bass, Chorworks Faculty
Philip Cave .......................... Conductor-in-Residence, Duke University Chapel
Chad Fothergill .......................... Interim Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Daniel Jacky .......................... Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel

Dancer
Tony Johnson .......................... Choreographer; American Dance Festival Ambassador

Head Usher
James Ferguson .......................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Guest Dancer | The service today includes liturgical dance by Tony Johnson. A resident of Durham, Johnson is being celebrated for his choreography and leadership at this summer’s American Dance Festival with a documentary, a new dance, and a scholarship named in his honor. His experience with liturgical dance goes back to an invitation to dance in a service at Duke Chapel in 1991. Since then, he has been interweaving dance with his faith and his ministry to people who are homeless.

Today’s Music | Chorworks is a nonprofit organization founded in 2005 by Dr. Philip Cave to explore the rich diversity of choral music. Through concerts and educational workshops, Chorworks offers singers and conductors the opportunity to study and perform choral masterpieces, with an emphasis on the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. As part of Duke Chapel’s educational outreach, Chorworks is providing a summer program at Duke for experienced, early-career singers to participate in a week-long workshop on Baroque sacred music before Bach.
Today's Offering | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s student engagement programming. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

Today’s Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

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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 community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Duke University Dance Program.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

Listen-Assist Smartphone App | A new smartphone app lets you use your own phone and earbuds to listen in the pews to services. Stop by the AV console in the sanctuary on the way into a service for an easy two-step process to connect to the sound system.

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.

Chapel Flowers | If you would like to honor a loved one and the worshiping community of the Duke Chapel with a gift of flowers to decorate the chancel for Sunday worship, please contact Angela Flynn, coordinator of worship and ministry, at angela.flynn@duke.edu.
Large-print worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

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 brief form, and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

The Congregation at Duke Chapel joyfully welcomes all persons regardless of age, race, class, origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other distinction and invites membership and participation in all of its ministries.

Please email congregation@duke.edu to receive the weekly eNews.
Pastor Carol to Retire at Year’s End | The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg, pastor of the Congregation at Duke Chapel, has announced that she will retire at the end of the calendar year. Pastor Carol has been such a blessing to so many people—in public services and private visits—for so many years. She will be dearly missed. We look forward to celebrating her ministry among us later in the year.

Back Pew Collection | To continue their mission of assisting adult learners, the Durham Literacy Center welcomes donations of 3-ring binders (1 inch), spiral-bound notebooks (1-inch), white and multi-colored index cards, pencils and erasers, ballpoint pens, binder clips, and both wide- and college-ruled looseleaf paper. Donations may be placed in the back pew today, June 18.

Baroque Before Bach Concerts | A group of twenty talented, early-career singers will be participating in a week–long workshop, beginning tomorrow, that strengthens their understanding and performance of Baroque sacred music before the time of J.S. Bach. The Chorworks summer program at Duke University is led by Dr. Philip Cave, conductor-in-residence at Duke Chapel, along with other distinguished faculty from the United States and United Kingdom. The Chorworks ensemble will sing in next Sunday’s worship service and present these two concerts, which are free and open to the public:
  • Smaller Sacred Works—Friday, June 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School
  • Sacred Symphonies—Saturday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Duke Chapel

Guest Preacher Next Sunday | In next Sunday’s worship service, we will welcome as the guest preacher Rev. Scott E. Hoezee. An ordained pastor in the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Rev. Hoezee is the director of the Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary. In addition to preaching in the 11:00 a.m. service, Rev. Hoezee will lead a class on “Why We Listen to Sermons” before the service at 9:45 a.m. in 0013 Westbrook in the Divinity School.

Saturday Service Project | Volunteers are needed to assist the Durham Literacy Center to clean up classrooms and beautify the grounds at the Center, 1905 Chapel Hill Road in Durham, on Saturday, June 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.
Lasagnas and Volunteers Needed | The Congregation serves dinner at Urban Ministries of Durham once a month. Donated lasagnas to serve twenty-four (such as two party-sized Stouffer’s lasagnas) are needed on Wednesday, June 28, at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to stay to serve the meal. To donate or volunteer, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages and are offered from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information. The classes are as follows:

- **Wee Praise**: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook
- **Godly Play**: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in 0050 Langford
- **Youth Bible Study**: Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore New Testament letters in 0015 Westbrook
- **Adult Bible Study**: On June 25, the Rev. Scott E. Hoezee, director, The Center for Excellence in Preaching at Calvin Theological Seminary, will speak on “Why We Listen to Sermons” in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom