The scripture lessons today describe the spread of the message of Jesus and God’s kingdom. In the lesson from Acts 8, an Ethiopian eunuch is traveling a wilderness road to worship in Jerusalem. This high-ranking Ethiopian official is reading from the prophet Isaiah when he encounters Philip on the way. The Ethiopian asks Philip to guide him to understanding about what he is reading, and Philip tells him about Jesus and then baptizes him. In Acts 9, the great persecutor of the church Saul encounters Jesus on his way to Damascus. A great light knocks Saul to the ground and blinds him. He then hears Jesus’s voice and is instructed to wait on further guidance, where he will learn of his calling to spread the message of Jesus. The lesson from Luke 10 tells of Jesus sending seventy of his disciples to spread the message of God’s kingdom throughout the land. Sharing the good news of God’s kingdom coming near was the message of the seventy disciples, the message of the early church, and the message Jesus calls his followers to proclaim today.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Trio Super: Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 655  J. S. Bach
Fantasia Super: Komm, Heiliger Geist, BWV 651  (1685–1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  HOUSTON

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have withheld our treasures, been slow to welcome those we see as outsiders, resisted your transformation, and refused the leading of your Spirit. We repent and turn to you. For the sake of the Holy and Righteous One, your Son Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and renew us by your Spirit. 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:

God of compassion, send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love as we hear your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
First Lesson | NT page 119 in pew Bibles.

Acts 8:26–40

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

Second Lesson | NT page 119 in pew Bibles.

Acts 9:1–9

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

Gradual Anthem

Viri Sancti Gloriosum

Vinko Jelić
(c. 1596–1636)

Viri sancti gloriosum sanguinem fuderunt pro Domino
amaverunt Christum in vita sua,
imitati sunt eum in morte sua,
et ideo coronas triumphales meruerunt.

These holy ones gloriously shed their blood for the Lord.
They loved Christ in their lives,
and copied Him in their deaths,
And so, they have merited triumphal crowns.

—Antiphon for a Feast of Martyrs

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 66 in pew Bibles.

Luke 10:1–12

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

Sermon

*All rise as able
*Response Hymn 415

Take Up Thy Cross

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God shows no partiality, and that those who fear God and do what is right are acceptable to God. We believe God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and that Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed. We believe Jesus was put to death by hanging on a tree, but that God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear to those who were chosen by God as witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Lord of all and is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead, and that all the prophets have testified about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

—Adapted from Acts 10:34–43

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

Gaudent in coelis

Gaudent in coelis animae sanctorum,  
qui Christi vestigia sunt securi:  
et quia pro ejus amore sanguinem suum fuderunt,  
et ideo cum Christo exsultant sine fine.  
Alleluia.
The souls of the saints rejoice in heaven, 
you who have followed in the footsteps of Christ; 
and because they shed their blood for love of Him, 
you rejoice with Christ without end. 
Alleluia.

—Antiphon for Vespers

*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

*Closing Hymn 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Closing Voluntary

Allegro, from Symphony No. 6, Op. 42

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844–1937)
TODAY IN WORSHIP

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Today’s Offering | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used for an emergency fund for disaster and recovery support for communities affected by natural disasters and humanitarian crises. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today’s Flowers | Flowers for today’s worship service are provided by the generosity of the Erlenbach Family Trust.

Accessibility | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

Gift of Liturgical Art | In celebration of its thirty-fifth anniversary, the Congregation at Duke University Chapel has given a gift of an altar frontal and stoles to Duke Chapel for use in ordinary time. Ordinary time is the part of the year which is outside of Christmastide and Eastertide. The commissioned pieces were created by Jeff Wunrow Designs in St. Louis, Missouri, specifically for Duke Chapel.

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 and beyond. This morning we give thanks for the Duke Office of Admissions.

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

Young Adult Bible Study Tomorrow | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study tomorrow, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. to begin an exploration of the book of Ephesians. The Bible study meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for zoom link or additional information.

Guest Preacher July 3 | On Sunday, July 3, we will welcome as our guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Eric D. Barreto, Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. As a Baptist minister, Dr. Barreto has pursued scholarship for the sake of the church, and he regularly writes for and teaches in faith communities around the country. He has also been a leader in the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium, a national, ecumenical, and inter-constitutional consortium comprised of some of the top seminaries, theological schools, and religion departments in the country. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion.

Ice Cream Social | Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, July 10 for an ice cream social in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. All are welcome to enjoy a sweet treat and visit with other worshipers.

Christian Education Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for more information.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in person in room 0011 Westbrook.
Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in person in room 0050 Langford.
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 very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

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