“Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.” Today’s reading from James exhorts us not only to hear the Word of God, but to become doers of the Word. James’ directive echoes Psalm 46, in which stillness and knowledge of God are connected. Though mountains and seas tremble, though nations rage and falter, God remains our refuge. God’s Word—incarnate in Jesus Christ—abides forever. Filled with this truth, we go forth to serve the world and love our neighbor.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Toccata in F major, BWV 540/i                            Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God                          EIN FESTE BURG

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

Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in our hearts;
    there is no fear of you, O God, before our eyes.
For we flatter ourselves in our own eyes
    that our iniquity cannot be found out and hated.
The words of our mouths are mischief and deceit;
    we have ceased to act wisely and do good.
We plot mischief while on our beds; we are set on a way that is not good;
    and we do not reject evil.
Yet your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
    and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
    and your judgments are like the great deep;
    you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
Forgive us we pray and free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Text: Adapted from Psalm 36

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Greeting of 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

Lord God, our refuge and strength, make us still in your presence and plant your word in us deeply. Give us confidence that you continue to dwell in our midst through the Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*All rise as able
First Lesson

James 1:19-27

Psalmody | The refrain is introduced by the cantor, then sung by all.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;
God will help it at the dawn of day.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
God voice resounds, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Refrain

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
who has wrought desolations in the earth;
who makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
who breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire!
"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Refrain

*Gospel Lesson


Sermon

Scripture’s Silence
Response

*Affirmation of Faith

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God, who is a refuge for us.

Text: Adapted from Psalm 62

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 Solo

God Alone Be Praised

Oceans rise, the coastland trembles;
mountains melt, and dry earth crumbles.
All the world with longing groans.
Love abides; this gracious promise
is our help, our hope and solace.
God’s strong word is solid ground.

Nations rage, the empire falters;
seeking refuge, exiles wander.
Walls and weapons rise from fear.
Through this wilderness a river
flows to heal and bless us ever.
God the crucified dwells here.

Come and see, God’s mercy gathers
all that sin and grief have shattered.
Life from fields of death is raised.
Peace, be still; let prideful thunder
yield to songs of joy and wonder.
God and God alone be praised.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, after Psalm 46

*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.

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**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**

*Benediction*

*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.*

Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak

**Closing Voluntary**

Final, from Symphony 1, Op. 14

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

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**TODAY’S OFFERING |** Today’s offerings will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.
SUMMER PSALMS SERIES | As Christians who worship in a liturgical tradition, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary for our scripture texts throughout the year. This three-year cycle of scriptures follows the Christian calendar, and passages are selected to match the season of the church year and the themes present therein. As with the last two years, this summer we will be following a different selection of texts. Together, we will read the Psalms as our primary scripture lesson in our Sunday services and we invite you to read Psalms with us throughout your week; this approach is called lectio continua. Reading in this way opens us up to a broader range of the scriptural canon by allowing our community to learn from passages not regularly included in the Sunday morning lectionary. We hope you will join us through the summer as we read, study, and learn from Psalms. For July 5, please read Psalms 61-75.

SINGING THE PSALMS | Two hymns in today’s service have a connection to Psalm 46. Martin Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” was probably written in the late 1520s—the text appears in an Augsburg broadsheet from 1529, where it was called “A Hymn of Comfort.” Luther based it on the psalm, though it is not a strict paraphrase (particularly in English translations). Susan Briehl took a similar route with her hymn “God Alone Be Praised,” which is inspired by Psalm 46. It was commissioned for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, and is sung today as an offertory solo.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE PSALMS | The Sunday morning Bible Study focuses on the Psalter to correspond with the summer preaching series. The online classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and are open to all. Please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu for the Zoom link.

LAMENTING INJUSTICE AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED | The Chapel continues lamenting injustice and those who have died. See a collection of our prayers, messages, and reflections at chapel.duke.edu/lament.
GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual discussion of the wisdom literature in the Bible on Mondays, July 13 and July 27, at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

JULY BOOK GROUPS | The Congregation is sponsoring two book groups, beginning on Wednesday, July 15 to discuss Marilyn Chandler McEntyre’s *Christ, My Companion: Meditations on the Prayer of St. Patrick*. By focusing on a beloved prayer of the patron saint of Ireland, the book invokes the ways Christ is present to us. The book groups will meet by Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. from July 15 through August 5. Please contact the Congregation office for Zoom links and additional details.

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

DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL | Duke Chapel’s YouTube channel has an extensive archive of Sunday, Evensong, and Vespers worship services as well as concerts and panel discussions. Please enjoy these resources at youtube.com/dukechapel.

SOUNDS OF FAITH VIDEO REFLECTIONS | While in the current climate we cannot gather together to worship and sing, we can still find consolation in recordings of the congregational hymns, choral anthems, organ voluntaries, and other music that has filled the Chapel over the decades—and perhaps, find ways to listen even more deeply to these sounds of faith. To that end, Chapel musicians have created the Sounds of Faith video series. Each video presents a recording of music performed at the Chapel with commentary about its composition, history, and meaning. Find the complete playlist at youtube.com/dukechapel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Online classes for all ages are offered Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Please see the Congregation’s eNews for links or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For children who are infants through age 3 with parents or caregivers
- **Godly Play**: For children age 4 through 5th grade
- **Bible Study on the Psalms**: Focus on Psalm 50 and God as Judge led by Marsha Altmeyer, Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel
**Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might-y for-tress is our God, a sword and shield vic-
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
3 Though hordes of dev-ils fill the land all threat-’ning to de-
4 God’s Word for-ev-er shall a-bide, no thanks to foes, who
to-rious; he breaks the cruel op-pres-sor’s rod and
ject-ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem-ble not, un-moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him-self fights by our side with
wins sal-va-tion glo-rious. The old sa-tan-ic foe
god him-self e-lect-ed. You ask who this may be?
can-not o-ver-pow’r us. Let this world’s tyr-an-tant rage;
weap-ons of the Spir-it. Were they to take our house,
has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread-ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je-sus, might-y Lord,
in bat-tle we’ll en-gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon-or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a-way,
he arms him-self to fight. On earth he has no e-
God’s on-ly Son, a-dored. He holds the field vic-to-
God’s judg-ment must pre-vail! One lit-tle word sub-dues him.
they can-not win the day. The king-dom’s ours for-ev-er!

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Hymn

Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856