

Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 13, 2014 Eleven o'clock in the morning

≈ Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God ≪



"Esau Selling His Birthright," by Hendrick ter Brugghen, c. 1627.

In today's lesson from Genesis, Isaac's wife, Rebekah, becomes pregnant with twin boys. However, from the womb onward, twins Jacob and Esau struggled with each other, culminating in Jacob tricking his older brother into giving him his birthright. Yet even this trickster becomes part of God's plan for his people. In the gospel lesson, Jesus tells the story of the sower who scatters seeds across the path. Only the seeds that land in the rich soil take root and flourish. Disciples are to plant themselves in the fertile ground of scripture so they may be nurtured in the ways and character of the living God.

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel, located to the left of the chancel.

Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a Service of Healing will be held in the Memorial Chapel. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.

GATHERING

Prelude

Allein gott in der höh sei ehr, BWV 662, 663, 664 Johann Sebastian Bach (All glory be to God on high) (1685–1750)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Processional Hymn 428

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

*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)

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: kindle in us obedience today, and draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Genesis 25:19-34

(OT pages 20-21 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lead me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

—Psalm 5:8 and 4:9

New Testament Lesson—Romans 8:1-11 (NT page 147)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn (please see final page, stanza 1)

Your Word, Lord, Is Gentle Dew

(All turn and face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NT page 13)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn (final page stanzas 2-3)

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SERMON—Why Do I Live?

HYMN 129 (stanzas 1 and 3)
Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

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; he descended into hell. 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.")

This morning we give thanks for the Duke International House and its work with students and faculty from other countries. We are grateful it serves as a place of hospitality and logistical assistance for people acclimatizing to life in the U.S.

In Durham, we remember those who encounter the criminal justice system as attorneys, judges, and jury members, as well as those who face trial.

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker (b.1925)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*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.

THANKSGIVING

^{*}Prayer of Thanksgiving

^{*}The Lord's Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal)

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*Recessional Hymn 57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

Postlude

Final, (from Symphony 6, Op. 42)

Charles Marie Widor (1844–1937)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

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CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Flowers—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 for an emergency fund for disaster and recovery support for communities in our world that are affected by unexpected and sudden disaster (natural or otherwise). Your generosity enables the Chapel to respond quickly with financial support in times of acute crisis.

Visiting the Chapel.—The Chapel often has weddings booked on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons, especially during the summer months. If a wedding is taking place, visitors will not be permitted inside. Before visiting on a weekend, please call 919-681-9488 to learn when the Chapel will be open to the public.



THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

SUMMER SUNDAY EDUCATION—Weekly Christian education for all ages is available throughout the summer months. All classes begin at 9:45 a.m. in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School.

- Wee Praise: Infants through children age 3, and their parents or caregivers, will meet weekly for music and movement in Westbrook Room 0014.
- Fellowship and Story: Children ages 4 through 5th grade, with parent(s), will meet during the month of July in Room 0012 Westbrook, Parents and children will meet together to hear a story, reflect on the story through discussion and activities, and enjoy fellowship. The topic for July 20 is stewardship.
- *Wired Word*: Youth and Adults will reflect on current events in light of scripture in Westbrook Room 0011.

Christian Education Meeting—All those interested in planning Christian Education opportunities for the fall are invited to attend a meeting after worship in the Chapel kitchen.

Congregation Youth Attending Conference—Please pray for our high school youth, their advisors, and the Rev. Brad Troxell as the group of 15 individuals attends the Montreat Youth Conference this week.

Church Picnic—Please make a reservation this week to attend the congregational picnic on Saturday, July 26, from 4:00 p.m. until dark at Piney Wood Park, 400 East Woodcroft Pkwy. in Durham. Barbecue and beverages will be provided. Please bring side dishes such as salads, fruits, vegetables, and desserts to complete the picnic. A nearby playground and field will provide a place for active play, and the shelter is a good spot for board games. Please feel free to bring any equipment and board games you would enjoy playing. To facilitate planning, please RSVP to the Congregation office (919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu) by this Friday, July 18, if you plan to attend.

Back Pew Collection—For our July back pew collection, the Missions and Outreach Committee invites you to contribute clothing and sunscreen to help improve the working conditions of local farmworkers. The most urgent needs are: lightweight pants sizes 30, 32, or 34; long sleeve lightweight shirts sizes S, M, L, or XL; hats; work gloves; cotton socks; and sunscreen; used clothing is fine. Items to be donated may be left on the back pew of the Chapel today and July 20, and will be distributed by the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. Monetary contributions will also be accepted. Checks can be made out to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel with a notation on the memo line that designates it is for the Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry.

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Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt. Tune: Koralpsalmboken, Stockholm, 1697

DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL



Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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FOR WORSHIPERS & 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 are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

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 would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

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