The words of Scripture challenge us to see how much the word of God shapes our ethic and turns us away from our self-interest. In this morning’s Old Testament passage, the prophet Amos records God’s judgment against those who exploit the poor. In the Gospel passage, Martha is invited to suspend her busyness and sit at the feet of Jesus. In Paul’s letter to the Colossians, we learn of the supremacy of Christ. Jesus is declared to be both Lord of the universe and the living Word of God, who invites us into personal relationship with him.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently 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**

**CARILLON**

**CHORAL PRELUDE**

*Woke Up This Morning Feeling Fine*  
Mosie Lister (1921–2015)

*Who’ll Be a Witness*  
Traditional Spiritual

*Milky White Way*  
Landers Coleman (b. 1913)

*In This Very Room*  
Ron and Carol Harris (b. 1941)

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 103 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)*

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
*ST. DENIO*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE*

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.
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)**

Loving Father, give us grace to learn to sit at the feet of your Son, and send your Spirit to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Amos 8:1–12 (OT page 807)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
The Majesty and Glory of Your Name
Tom Fettke
(b. 1941)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Colossians 1:15–28 (NT page 188)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (Please see insert. Stanzas 1–2)
O Jesus, I Have Promised
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 10:38–42 (NT page 67)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN (stanzas 3–4)
O Jesus, I Have Promised

SERMON—The Better Part

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.”)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Beautiful Savior
Anon. 12th Century
arr. Tom Gentry
*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.

SENDING FORTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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.)

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 127

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G major (The Jig), BWV 577

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

CHANGES TO PARKING AT DUKE CHAPEL

The Bryan Center Parking Garage (PGIV) has begun a new parking system. Sunday morning parking will continue to be free until 1:30 p.m. but will require each driver to take a ticket upon entry to the garage and to authenticate it at a pay station available on each pedestrian-entry floor (levels 2 and 3) prior to exiting the garage.

Please plan to arrive early on upcoming Sundays as our community becomes acquainted with the new system. For those who worship regularly at the Chapel, free QR code cards will be available to allow Sunday morning entry and exit. Cards are available at the attendant’s desk in the nave near the main entrance of the Chapel.

If you plan to stay past 1:30 p.m. and do not have a Duke parking permit, then please park on levels 4 and 5. Your ticket upon arrival/QR code card will ensure free parking up until 1:30 p.m. You will then have to pay the difference after that time at the pay station on level 3 before you exit.
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg
The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Jana Childers

Lectors
Ms. Peppi Browne-Armstrong
Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
The Rev. Andrew Phillips
Assistant Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Guest Musicians
The Master’s Men Choir

Presiding Minister at Post-Service Communion
The Rev. Bruce Puckett

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

UPCOMING PREACHERS AT DUCEx

July 24—The Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee, Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Hermeneutics at Vancouver School of Theology.

July 31—The Rev. Dr. Gabriel Salguero, founder of the National Latino Evangelical Coalition.

August 7—The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel.

August 14—Dr. Esther E. Acolatse, Assistant Professor of the Practice of Pastoral Theology and World Christianity, Duke Divinity School.

August 21—The Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome, Associate Minister at Union A.M.E. Church in Warwick, New York.

† 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 assistance units are available at the sound desk at the back left of the Chapel. For optimal hearing assistance, please sit in the pews near the third columns of the Chapel nave, where the speakers are located.

† 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.
**Prayers for the Week**

*This morning we give thanks for Duke University Press. We are grateful for its dedication to publishing scholarly books which increase human knowledge and understanding.*

*In Durham, we remember all who have recently lost a loved one and the friends, family, and professionals who walk with them in grief.*

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**Humanitarian Service Award Application Available**

The Humanitarian Service Award, an award honoring someone who has been committed to a life of simplicity and service, application is now available on the Chapel’s website. Individuals can be nominated or nominate themselves for this award, which comes with a $1500-3000 grant to go toward humanitarian work. Please make your nomination by Monday, August 15. Direct questions to Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

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**Chapel Announcements**

*Todays Flowers*—Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

*Todays Offering*—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s Development Fund, with specific focus on mission and ministry.

*Todays Guest Preacher*—The Rev. Dr. Jana Childers is dean of the seminary and vice president for academic affairs at San Francisco Theological Seminary. She is also a professor of homiletics and speech communication. Childers, who holds a PhD from the Graduate Theological Union and a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, enjoys an international reputation as a preacher. A popular conference speaker, she has also been featured by the Chicago PBS show “Thirty Good Minutes” and on the “Great Preachers” television series. Childers has written, edited and contributed to many books and articles on the art of preaching, including the award-winning *Birthing the Sermon: Women Preachers on Creative Process*.

*Todays Guest Choir*—The Master’s Men is a male a cappella ensemble dedicated to providing inspirational music to the glory of God. Arrangements include hymns, spirituals, gospel, and other musical styles in four, five, and six part harmony for unaccompanied male voices. Currently, The Master’s Men are directed by Mr. Robert Cox, who is assisted by Mr. Larry Triplett, one of the group’s founding members. Since August 1995, The Master’s Men has performed for churches or other religious based gatherings in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. The group has several CD recordings available.

*Lemonade on the Lawn*—Please stay for a time of fellowship and refreshment following worship, located under the magnolia trees by Page Auditorium.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

SUMMER CLASSES—Three Sunday morning classes are available from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Classes are held in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School, Westbrook Building. All are welcome to participate:
Wee Praise: For ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.
Lift Ev’ry Voice: For ages 4 through 5th grade in 0014 Westbrook.
Bible Study on the Gospel of John: For youth and adults in 0013 Westbrook.

BACK PEW COLLECTION—Donations of clothing and toiletries for the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry may be placed on the back pew today. Financial contributions may be given to the Congregation at Duke Chapel with “Farmworker Ministry” noted on the memo line.

PICNIC THIS AFTERNOON—All are welcome to attend a picnic this afternoon from 4:00–7:00 p.m. at Piney Wood Park, 400 East Woodcroft Parkway, Durham. The picnic will feature games, food, and fellowship. Hotdogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and beverages will be provided. Please bring side dishes, such as salads, fruits, vegetables and desserts, to share.

GROWING THRU GRIEF—Growing thru Grief offers to help with our journey through the grieving process. On July 19, Rob Womack will discuss communication issues, and on August 2, Duke Hospice will present on the topic of family systems. Heidi Gessner from UNC Hospice will offer a session on writing and remembering on August 16. Growing thru Grief meets every Tuesday, gathering at 4:00 p.m. for coffee and cookies. The meeting runs from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 1200 West Cornwallis Rd., Durham. Growing thru Grief is sponsored by a coalition of area religious and civic organizations, including the Congregation, to offer support and education for those who mourn.

WOMEN AND LETTER WRITING—The Women’s Ministry Group invites women of all ages for a night of letter writing on July 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Kate DeAlmeida’s house. Paper, envelopes, pens, stamps, and snacks will be provided. Just bring your address book! Please RSVP to Kate DeAlmeida at thedealmeidas@aol.com or 919-225-8285 if you plan to attend.

SERVE DINNER AT URBAN MINISTRIES—Volunteers are needed every month to assist with serving a lasagna dinner at Urban Ministries in downtown Durham. Both cooked lasagnas and helping hands are needed on Wednesday, August 24 at 6:15 p.m. For more information and to volunteer, contact Cricket Scovil at scovilj@aol.com or the Congregation office at 919-684-3917.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Guest Musician—We will welcome soloist Mr. Wade Henderson.

Guest Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee, Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Hermeneutics at Vancouver School of Theology.

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