In this morning’s Old Testament reading, Jacob falls asleep and sees a vision of a ladder with angels ascending and descending to and from earth and heaven. God is revealed as the God of Jacob’s forebears Abraham and Isaac, and the Lord speaks blessing over Jacob, promising that all the families of the earth shall be blessed in him and in his offspring. Jacob marks God’s holy presence and promise by pouring oil over the stone where he had laid his head.
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**

**PRELUDE**

Prelude in E Flat Major, BWV 552  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*ProcesSional Hymn 139 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
LOBE DEN HERREN

*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.

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)**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**—Genesis 28:10–19a *(OT page 24)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, or persecution, famine, or nakedness, peril, or sword? Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering to God, a sacrifice to God, giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:35, 38-39; Ephesians 5:1–2, 20

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 8:12–25 (NT page 147–8)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 565 (Stanza 1)

Father, We Thank You

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (NT page 14)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 565 (Stanza 2)

Father, We Thank You

SERMON—A Stone for a Pillow

RESPONSE

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.”)

TESTIMONY
OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit  Spiritual
arr. Bob Chilcott  (b. 1955)

Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
Down in the valley, on my knees, asked my Lord have mercy please.
Jordan River is chilly and cold, it chills the body, not the soul.
All around me looked so fine, asked my Lord if all was mine.
Ain’t but one train on this track, runs to heaven and right back.
Saint Peter waiting at the gate,
said “Come on, sinner, don’t be late.”

*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.

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 545
The Church’s One Foundation  AURELIA

*CHORAL BLESSING
God Be in My Head  John Rutter  (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

POSTLUDE
Fugue in E Flat Major, BWV 552  J.S. Bach

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.
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### Learning the Liturgy of the Chapel

The church is called to give witness to God’s work in the world. Through our actions and words, we are called to testify to God’s presence and activity in our lives. The practice of bearing witness to, and telling others about, how Jesus’ love and grace have inspired and equipped us to be people of faith is critical to the life of the church and to spreading the good news of Jesus. A testimony can inspire and encourage other believers in their journeys of discipleship. A testimony can also be used by the Holy Spirit to draw people into God’s love in Christ for the first time. By listening to others share in worship, we learn how to tell our own story of Jesus at work in us.
Today’s Flowers—The flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Fund.

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 affected by natural disasters and humanitarian crises. Your generosity enables the Chapel to respond quickly with financial support in times of acute crisis.

Today’s Guest Preacher—The Rev. Dr. Susan Dunlap is an adjunct assistant professor and director of the M.Div./M.S.W. dual degree program at Duke Divinity School, where she has been teaching since 1995. She teaches in the area of pastoral care in times of grief and illness, as well as the integrative courses for the M.Div./M.S.W. program. She has published two books, Counseling Depressed Women and Caring Cultures: How Congregations Care for the Sick. She also serves as the chaplain at Urban Ministries of Durham. She is currently researching and writing on the topic “The Religious Lives of People Living in Extreme Poverty.” She holds a bachelor of arts from the University of California at San Diego, a master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, a master of theology from Duke Divinity School, and a doctor of philosophy from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Chapel Tours—For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

Award Nominations—The Chapel is now accepting nominations for the Humanitarian Service Award. Each year it is awarded to a person with a commitment to service and simplicity. The recipient receives a grant of between $1,500 and $3,000 to further humanitarian efforts. Nominations are due by August 14. Contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu with nominations or questions.

Advent Reflections on the Spirituals—The latest book by Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery, titled Rise Up, Shepherd!, will be released in August. In writing this collection of devotions for the season of Advent, Dean Powery leads the reader through the spirituals as they confront the mystery of incarnation and redemption. Each devotion features the lyrics of a spiritual, a reflection on the spiritual’s meaning, a Scripture verse, and a brief prayer. Pre-order at bit.ly/RiseUpShepherd.

Summer Schedule—The Chapel building hours for the summer are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Email Updates—To receive weekly updates on Chapel news and events, sign up for the email list at chapel.duke.edu/email.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES—Christian Education classes for all ages are held throughout the summer in the lowest level of the Divinity School from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m., with fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome at any time. Classes are as follows:

**Wee Praise**: For children ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

**Lift Ev’ry Voice**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0014 WB.

**Bible Study**: A study on the wisdom literature in the Bible for youth and adults in 0013 Westbrook.

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWN**—Please stay after worship today for a time of refreshment and fellowship on the Chapel lawn. All are welcome.

YOUTH SERVICE LEARNING TRIP—The youth of the Congregation, accompanied by Andrew Phillips and Linda Gauger, left this morning for a week of service, learning, and worship at the Hinton Center in Western North Carolina. Please keep them in your prayers.

CARING FOR OTHERS—The Congregation extends care and hospitality to others through our fellowship events, Prayer Ministry, Loaves and Fishes meals, Calling Ministry, Heavenly Hugs Hat Ministry, Duke Chapel Quilters, Visitation and Care Ministry, and Young Adult Fellowship. For more information on any of these ministries or to volunteer to participate, please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

**CHAPEL TOWER CLimb**—An opportunity to climb the 239 stairs to the top of the Chapel tower is being offered on Sunday, July 30, after worship, at approximately 12:30 p.m. Tower climbs are limited to 15 people at a time and must be accompanied by a staff person. The stairs to the tower are circular, narrow, and steep, without handrails at certain parts. It is a strenuous climb. If you are interested in making this climb, and enjoying this unique view of campus, please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 or congregation@duke.edu.

**AUGUST BOOK GROUP**—Two book groups will gather to discuss Ellen Davis’s book *Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible*, which provides a conversation between ancient texts and modern agrarian concerns. Both the morning and evening book groups will meet on the five Wednesdays of August, starting August 2 at 10:00 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. and concluding on August 30. The groups will meet at Carol Gregg’s home. Participants are asked to purchase a copy of the book. Please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 to indicate your plans to attend.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Fredrick A. Davis, Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church of Durham

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to the Chapel’s Fund for Mission Trips