Today’s lessons begin with an Old Testament reminder of God’s faithfulness in fulfilling promises. The Psalmist then rejoices in the steadfast love of God who shows faithfulness across generations. In the epistle reading from Romans, we hear a reminder of God’s grace, which calls us to live apart from sin, even as that grace continues to sanctify us and cleanse us from sin. Finally, in the Gospel, this grace and faithfulness come together in an exhortation to welcome and embrace others in the name of Jesus.
All rise as able

Gathering
Organ Voluntaries

“The Peace may be exchanged.” (from Rubrics)  Dan Locklair
Agnus Dei (from L’homme armé Organ Mass)  Margaret Vardell Sandresky

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn  |  UMH 181

Ye Servants of God  

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. 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:

Shine within our hearts, O Christ, the pure light of your divine knowledge. Open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of your Word, for you are our light and to you we give glory. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson  |  OT page 687 in pew Bibles.

Jeremiah 28:5–9  

*All rise as able
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody
The refrain is introduced by the cantor, then sung by all. The congregation sings the verses in bold and the refrain as indicated.

Psalm 89: 1–4, 15–18
refrain: Michael Krentz

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”

Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel. Refrain

New Testament Lesson | NT page 146 in pew Bibles.

Romans 6:12–23

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
*Gospel Lesson | NT page 10 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 10:40–42

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

Sermon

Winter Warning

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 430

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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

I Will Worship

I will worship toward thy holy temple,
and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and truth.
All the kings of the earth shall praise thee,
they shall sing in the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high,
yet hath he respect unto the lowly;
though I walk in the midst of trouble,
yet thou shalt refresh me
and thy right hand shall hold me.

—adapted from the Psalms
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

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | UMH 437

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

Closing Voluntary

Gloria (from *L’homme armé* Organ Mass)  M. V. Sandresky

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Kathryn Lester-Bacon ............... *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*
Carol Gregg .......................... *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Preacher
Mark Jefferson .......................... *Chief Executive Officer, Maleko Global Partners*

Lectors
Lesley Allin ............................ *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Sharon Jones ............................ *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Musicians
David Faircloth .......................... *Soloist*
Jane Lynch ............................... *Organist*

Head Usher
James Ferguson .......................... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Today’s Guest Preacher | A public theologian, Mark Andrew Jefferson is the CEO of Maleko Global Partners, a consulting firm that equips and empowers leaders, especially clergy. Prior to founding Maleko Global, he taught homiletics at the Virginia Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He has preached at churches and other institutions across the country. Dr. Jefferson was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Preachers at Morehouse College.

Today’s Offering | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.


Today’s Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

ENGAGE

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 community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for Duke Summer Camps and Programs.

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.

Dean Powery Promoted to Full Professor | Duke Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery has been appointed promoted to a full professor of homiletics at Duke Divinity School, effective July 1. There, he teaches courses on preaching, the spirituals, and the theology and ministry of Howard Thurman. His scholarship is at the intersection of preaching, worship, pneumatology, and culture, particularly expressions of the African diaspora. This Divinity faculty appointment is in addition to his role as dean of Duke Chapel and his faculty appointment in Duke’s Department of African and African American Studies.
Chad Fothergill Selected as Chapel Organist | Duke Chapel has selected Chad Fothergill to be its Chapel Organist. Currently the interim Chapel organist, Fothergill begins his new role on August 1, which also includes serving as the primary organist for Duke Divinity School.

Back Pew Collection | Please drop off donations for Reality Ministries on the back pew of the Chapel on Sundays July 9 and July 16. Items needed are: plastic/paper cups and plates, dishwasher detergent, individually wrapped crackers and snacks, and any color printer paper. They also welcome gift cards for food, office, and building repair supplies.

Young Adult Dinner and Discussion | Please join friendly people for a simple dinner and Bible study that will focus on the experience of University graduate students, younger adults, and their partners. The next gathering will be Monday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen, located in the lower level of the Chapel. The group will explore the Gospel of John. All are welcome, and we encourage questions and a range of perspectives. Please contact evan.bille@duke.edu for additional information.

Saturday Service Project | Do you enjoy gardening, indoor painting, or meal preparation? Consider helping with a Saturday service project at Reality Ministries on Saturday, July 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12–noon. Activities will be matched to the volunteers’ skills and interests. Reality Ministries, located at 916 Lamond Ave, Durham, creates opportunities for adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging, kinship, and the life-changing reality of Christ’s love. Contact congregation@duke.edu to sign up.

Ice Cream Sundaes | All are welcome to enjoy ice cream sundaes with tasty toppings or a bowl of fruit after worship on Sunday, July 16, in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. Plan to stay for conversation with other worshipers and a sweet treat.

Summer Choir on July 23 | All are welcome to sing with the Chapel’s Summer Choir on Sunday, July 23. Rehearsal will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 that morning in the chancel, followed by the service at 11:00 am. Sheet music will be provided at the rehearsal. So that we can plan accordingly, please RSVP to chapelmusic@duke.edu if you plan to participate.
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.

The Congregation at Duke Chapel joyfully welcomes all persons regardless of age, race, class, origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other distinction and invites membership and participation in all of its ministries.

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