The scriptures today remind us that there is a wideness in God’s embrace. In the Gospel lesson, Jesus encounters Jewish elders who have been sent to him by a Roman centurion. The centurion asks Jesus to heal his highly valued servant, and Jesus recognizes the great faith demonstrated by the man’s request. Jesus sees a faith that is as great as any he has experienced among God’s chosen people. In the lesson from Acts, Peter shares how God had showed him that “God shows no partiality.” God’s grace is not limited to God’s chosen people but extends to those who were formerly understood to be outsiders. Through Peter’s witness, the early church came to understand that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness in his name.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Sonata VI (Vater unser im Himmelreich), Op. 65
Chorale and three variations

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 731

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have withheld our treasures, been slow to welcome those we see as outsiders, resisted your transformation, and refused the leading of your Spirit. We repent and turn to you. For the sake of the Holy and Righteous One, your Son Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and renew us by your Spirit. 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:

Gracious God, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will as we are inspired by your word, that we may find all things restored in him, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
First Lesson | OT pages 477–478 in pew Bibles.

Psalm 29

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

Second Lesson | NT page 121 in pew Bibles.

Acts 10:34–43

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

Gradual Music

Air de Mr. Lambert
Jacques-Martin Hotteterre (1674–1763)

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 61 in pew Bibles.

Luke 7:1–10

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

Sermon

God’s Voice, God’s Surprise

Response

*Response Hymn 437

This Is My Song FINLANDIA

*All rise as able
*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God shows no partiality, and that those who fear God and do what is right are acceptable to God. We believe God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and that Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed. We believe Jesus was put to death by hanging on a tree, but that God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear to those who were chosen by God as witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Lord of all and is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead, and that all the prophets have testified about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

—Adapted from Acts 10:34–43

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 Music

L’aute jour ma Cloris  
J.-M. Hotteterre

*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.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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 584

Lord, You Give the Great Commission
ABBOT’S LEIGH

Closing Voluntary

Fugue, Sonata VI
F. Mendelssohn

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Bruce Puckett .................. Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel
Breana van Velzen ........... Community Minister, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Eric Barreto .................... Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser
Associate Professor of New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary

Lectors
Branan Cooper .................. Trinity ’88
Jim Kelly ......................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Musicians
Jane Lynch ...................... Guest Organist
Roseen Giles ..................... Baroque Flute

Head Usher
James Ferguson ................. Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
**Today's Guest Preacher** | Today we welcome as our Young Guest Preacher the Rev. Dr. Eric D. Barreto, the Frederick and Margaret L. Weyerhaeuser Associate Professor of New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. As a Baptist minister, Dr. Barreto has pursued scholarship for the sake of the church, and he regularly writes for and teaches in faith communities around the country. He has also been a leader in the Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium, a national, ecumenical, and inter-constitutional consortium comprised of some of the top seminaries, theological schools, and religion departments in the country. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion.

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

**Today’s Flowers** | Flowers for today’s worship service are provided by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Fund.

**Accessibility** | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

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**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 and beyond. This morning we give thanks for Duke’s Office of Counsel.

**Restrooms in Divinity School** | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors, turn to the left, and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

**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.

**Singers Invited to Join the Summer Choir** | The Duke Chapel Summer Choir welcomes local singers for next Sunday’s service, July 10, as well as for Sunday, August 7. On these days, the choir meets to rehearse in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. Auditions are not required. To learn more, email chapelmusic@duke.edu.
**Guest Preacher Next Sunday** | Next Sunday, July 10, we will welcome as our guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Amos Yong, a professor of theology and mission and dean of the School of Mission and Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary. His graduate education includes degrees in theology, history, and religious studies from Western Evangelical Seminary (now Portland Seminary), Portland State University, and Boston University. Licensed as a minister with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, he has also authored or edited dozens of scholarly volumes.

**Ice Cream Social** | Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, July 10, for an ice cream social in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel. All are welcome to enjoy a sweet treat and to visit with other worshipers.

**LGBTQ+ Fellowship** | Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are invited to attend the monthly fellowship typically gathering on the first Sunday of the month from 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen and by Zoom. Due to the holiday weekend on July 3, the next meeting will be Sunday, July 10. For more information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

**Stained-Glass Window Restoration Work** | To sustain the vibrancy of the stained-glass windows in the Chapel, workers have installed interior and exterior scaffolding to remove the glass from two windows in the narthex (main entrance way). The colored glass pieces from the two windows—which depict the biblical women Hannah and Esther—will be cleaned offsite and then re-installed at a later date. While the work is in progress, visitors will enter the Chapel through the transept (side) doors, as well as the entrance at the top of the ADA ramp facing the Divinity School; for services and ceremonies, one set of the main front doors will be open.

**Christian Education Classes** | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for more information.

- **Wee Praise**: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in person in room 0011 Westbrook.
- **Godly Play**: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in person in room 0050 Langford.
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.