Today’s scripture lessons emphasize the steadfastness of God as the one in whom people are called to trust. Psalm 62 begins, “For God alone my soul waits.” Because God is the one in whom the psalmist trusts and hopes, he turns to God for deliverance and salvation. Yet this is not merely a personal or individual hope, so the psalmist invites the people to trust in God at all times because “God is a refuge for us.” In the lesson from Matthew, Jesus calls all whose burdens are heavy to turn to him for rest. Jesus is the one to whom the Father has handed over all things, including the ability to provide refuge and rest. The act of trust and faithfulness made in becoming one of Jesus’s followers offers rest for the weary and hope for all who wait on the Lord.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Soliloquy

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

O God of Every Nation

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

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness’ sake, O Lord!
Good and upright are you, Lord;
therefore you instruct sinners in the way.
You lead the humble in what is right,
and teach the humble your way.
All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep your covenant and your decrees.
For your name’s sake, O Lord,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

*Text: Psalm 25:6-11

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Greeting of 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

Almighty God, give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, and send your
Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Psalm 62

For God alone my soul | waits in silence;
   from him comes | my salvation.
He alone is my rock and | my salvation,
   my fortress; I shall nev- | er be shaken.

How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, | all of you,
   as you would a leaning wall, a tot- | tering fence?
Their only plan is to bring down a per- | son of prominence.
   They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths,
   but inward- | ly they curse.

For God alone my soul | waits in silence,
   for my hope | is from him.
He alone is my rock and | my salvation,
   my fortress; I shall | not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance | and my honor;
   my mighty rock, my refuge | is in God.
Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your | heart before him;
   God is a ref- | uge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are | a delusion;
   in the balances they go up; they are together lighter | than a breath.
Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain | hopes on robbery;
   if riches increase, do not set your | heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice | have I heard this:
   that power be- | longs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord.
   For you repay to all according | to their work.

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 7:21-29

Sermon

God Alone
Response

*Response Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

Be Still, My Soul

*Affirmation of Faith

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in God at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before God, who is a refuge for us.

Text: Adapted from Psalm 62

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

Hear my Prayer, O Lord (Biblical Songs, Op. 99, No. 6)  

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my cry.
Thou art my refuge and my hope;
Thou shalt tread down my enemies.
I will dwell forever in thy tents
and hide me in the shadow of thy wings.
Lord! Thou art indeed my God,
yea, I will seek thee early.
My soul is faint, my body longeth after thee
in a barren desert where there is no water.
Now I will bless thee daily and lift my hands
in prayer and adoration;
yea, my lips shall praise thee all my life long.

Text: Psalm 61: 2, 4, 5; Psalm 63: 2, 5, 6
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.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer

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 | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare

John Cook
(1918-1984)
ENGAGE

SUMMER PSALMS SERIES | As Christians who worship in a liturgical tradition, we follow the Revised Common Lectionary for our scripture texts throughout the year. This three-year cycle of scriptures follows the Christian calendar, and passages are selected to match the season of the church year and the themes present therein. As with the last two years, this summer we will be following a different selection of texts. Together, we will read the Psalms as our primary scripture lesson in our Sunday services and we invite you to read Psalms with us throughout your week; this approach is called lectio continua. Reading in this way opens us up to a broader range of the scriptural canon by allowing our community to learn from passages not regularly included in the Sunday morning lectionary. We hope you will join us through the summer as we read, study, and learn from Psalms. For July 12, please read Psalms 77-90.

SINGING THE PSALMS | Today’s offertory solo comes from Biblical Songs, a song cycle on Psalm texts by Antonín Dvořák. Dvořák wrote the songs while living in New York City in the early 1890s. In 1895, the same year Dvořák moved back to Europe, the cycle was published there, with texts in Czech, English, and German.

DEAN POWERY RETURNS FROM SABBATICAL | Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery returns from his sabbatical this week and will preach during next Sunday’s worship service (July 12). While on sabbatical he was a visiting associate professor in the Department of African, African American, and Diaspora Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill. He did research on issues of the Spirit, race, and the church.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE PSALMS | The Sunday morning Bible Study focuses on the Psalter to correspond with the summer preaching series. The online classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. and are open to all. Please contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu for the Zoom link.
LAMENTING INJUSTICE AND THOSE WHO HAVE DIED | The Chapel continues lamenting injustice and those who have died. See a collection of our prayers, messages, and reflections at chapel.duke.edu/lament.

GRAD STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual discussion of the wisdom literature in the Bible on Mondays, July 13 and July 27, at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

JULY BOOK GROUPS | The Congregation is sponsoring two book groups, beginning on Wednesday, July 15, to discuss Marilyn Chandler McEntyre's Christ, My Companion: Meditations on the Prayer of St. Patrick. By focusing on a beloved prayer of the patron saint of Ireland, the book invokes the ways Christ is present to us. The book groups will meet by Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. from July 15 through August 5. Please contact the Congregation office for Zoom links and additional details.

DISCIPLESHIP SMALL GROUP | The Congregation’s Education Committee is seeking input regarding the formation of discipleship small groups to start this fall. Groups will be held virtually until it is safe to gather in person. To indicate interest in this possibility, please fill out this short form.

CARILLON LIVESTREAM | You are invited to participate virtually in an ongoing campus tradition. Listen live online to the playing of the Duke Chapel carillon bells weekdays at 5:00 p.m. EDT on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL | Duke Chapel’s YouTube channel has an extensive archive of Sunday, Evensong, and Vespers worship services as well as concerts and panel discussions. Please enjoy these resources at youtube.com/dukechapel.

SOUNDS OF FAITH VIDEO REFLECTIONS | While in the current climate we cannot gather together to worship and sing, we can still find consolation in recordings of the congregational hymns, choral anthems, organ voluntaries, and other music that has filled the Chapel over the decades—and perhaps, find ways to listen even more deeply to these sounds of faith. To that end, Chapel musicians have created the Sounds of Faith video series. Each video presents a recording of music performed at the Chapel with commentary about its composition, history, and meaning. Find the complete playlist at youtube.com/dukechapel.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Online classes for all ages are offered Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Please see the Congregation’s eNews for links or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu. Classes are:

Wee Praise: For children who are infants through age 3 with parents or caregivers
Godly Play: For children age 4 through 5th grade
Bible Study on the Psalms: Focus on Psalm 32 and the topic of sin led by the Rev. Ken Moland, pastoral assistant for the Congregation
Hymn

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

1. O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.

2. From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation, eternal God, we pray,

3. Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release
when hate and division give way to love and peace,
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird,

4. Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,
where hate and division divide the world, and Christ shall rule victorious o’er all the world’s domain.

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Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
to guide the future, as in ages past.

when we shall be forever with the Lord,
leave to your God to order and provide;
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;

when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
in every change God faithful will remain.

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and wind still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,

through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)
MUSIC: (FINLANDIA II II.11 10.11 10); Jean Sibelius, 1899
Hymn
My Hope Is Built

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness.
Jesus' blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

His oath, his covenant, his blood supply.
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O his love.
When I am laid to earth, my hope is built
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O my soul.

(words: Edward Mote, 1834
music: William B. Bradbury, 1863
THE SOLID ROCK
LM with Refrain)