The scripture lessons from Acts continue the story of the spread of God’s mission into the Gentile world. In Acts 13, we learn that there were prophets and teachers in the church in Antioch. While the church was fasting and praying, they heard the Holy Spirit’s calling to set apart Barnabas and Saul—also called Paul—for a special work, and then the church sent the men on their way. In Acts 14, Barnabas and Saul return from their mission of spreading the good news to encourage the church at Antioch and to share all that God had done through them. The lesson from Luke tells the story of Jesus sending out the twelve disciples to proclaim the kingdom of God. Through each of these stories, the church today is invited to consider our calling to spread the message of Christ in the world.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Lamento (Suite)          Denis Bedard
                          (b. 1950)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 417

O For a Heart to Praise My God  Richmond

*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:

Eternal God, comforter of the afflicted and healer of the broken, send your Holy Spirit to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
First Lesson  |  NT page 123 in pew Bibles.

Acts 13:1–3

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

Second Lesson  |  NT page 126 in pew Bibles.

Acts 14:21–28

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

Gradual Music

Lead Me, Lord  
Samuel Sebastian Wesley  
(1870–1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;  
make thy way plain before my face.  
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.  

—Psalm 5:8; 4:9

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 64 in pew Bibles.

Luke 9:1–6

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

Sermon

Prophesying and Teaching Then & Now:  
From and To Every Nation Under Heaven

*All rise as able
Response

*Response Hymn 108

God Hath Spoken by the Prophets

*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 Anthem

Day By Day, Dear Lord

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

—Richard of Chichester (1197–1253)
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 | 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 427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Closing Voluntary

Allabreve, BWV 589

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1675–1750)
TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Bruce Puckett .................................................... Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel
Racquel Gill ..................................................... Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Amos Yong ....................................................... Professor of Theology and Mission; Dean, School of Mission and Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary

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Sharon Jones ................................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Musicians
Summer Choir ................................................... Choir
Philip Cave ..................................................... Associate Conductor for Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Jane Lynch ..................................................... Guest Organist

Head Usher
James Ferguson ................................................ Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Today’s Guest Preacher | Today we welcome as our Wilder 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.

Today’s Offering | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

Summer Choir | Today’s choir is the Chapel Summer Choir, which will welcome local singers again for the service on August 7. On that Sunday, the choir will meet to rehearse in the Chapel at 9:15 a.m. and then sing in the service at 11:00 a.m. Auditions are not required. To learn more, email chapelmusic@duke.edu.

Today’s Flowers | Flowers for today’s worship service are provided by the generosity of the Erlenbach Family Trust.

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.

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 University Press.
Engage

Departure of Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson | Having served eight years at Duke Chapel, Christopher Jacobson has decided to leave his position as Chapel Organist at Duke Chapel to pursue other professional opportunities. At the Chapel, Jacobson has brought his remarkable musicianship to worship services, concerts, and training programs. He has been a hardworking and superb organist, playing worship services, weddings, funerals, concerts, and university ceremonies. He has also been an artistic leader at the Chapel, helping to launch Sunday afternoon Evensong services, training Organ Scholars, and directing the Evensong Singers in services, concerts, and a 2018 residency tour to England. His own recitals at the Chapel have been masterfully musical and creatively programmed; livestreams of those recitals have been viewed more than 50,000 times. While he has been at the Chapel, Jacobson’s skill and dedication have led to a number of accomplishments, including earning the distinction of Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, the highest honor awarded by the international Royal College of Organists. We thank Christopher for his service and pray for God’s richest blessings on his work and life in the future.

Ice Cream Social Today | Please plan to stay after worship today 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 visit with other worshipers.

LGBTQ+ Fellowship | Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are invited to attend the monthly fellowship gathering today, July 10, from 3:00–4:00 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen and by Zoom. For more information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

Young Adult Bible Study Tomorrow | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study tomorrow, July 11, at 6:30 p.m. to begin an exploration of the Book of Ephesians. The Bible study meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for zoom link or additional information.

Saturday Service Project | Volunteers are needed on Saturday, July 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 12-noon to sort and fold donated clothing at Urban Ministries of Durham located at 410 Liberty St, Durham. Urban Ministries provides housing, meals, and support for unsheltered neighbors. Please contact congregation@duke.edu to indicate plans to attend.
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.

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