In the concluding chapters of Micah, the farmer turned prophet continues to sound the alarm against injustice and oppression, especially at the hands of the leaders and the religious and political elite. The Lord speaks through Micah to remind the people that more than offerings, gifts, sacrifices, or other acts of worship, God desires the people to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. After proclaiming God's judgment on the dishonest wealth accrual that is rooted in deceit, lies, and sin, Micah speaks to the profound and total corruption of all the people. He recognizes that none are trustworthy or able to provide rescue. Therefore, he turns to the Lord, who even while punishing is the only hope for justification and redemption. Paul strikes the same chord in Romans when he says, “But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.”
**Gathering**

Opening Voluntary

Adagio, from *Symphony 3, Op. 28*  
Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn* | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine  
*SONG 13*

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

Minister: The Lord requires that we do justice.

People: Yet, we have been greedy, gluttonous, and lustful. Lord have mercy.

Minister: The Lord requires that we love kindness.

People: Yet, we have been wrathful and envious. Christ have mercy.

Minister: The Lord requires that we walk humbly with our God.

People: Yet, we have been proud and slothful. Lord have mercy.

*Adapted from Micah 6:8*

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*Peace* | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

**Proclamation**

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Father of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: grow in us the love of your name, and by your Spirit open our hearts to hear from you now; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson

Micah 6:6–13

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson

Micah 7:1–10

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* All rise as able
Psalm 27 | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

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New Testament Lesson

Romans 5:6–15

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

Sermon

Skilled Hands

Response

*Response Anthem

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil John L. Bell (b. 1949)

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death; victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us. Victory is ours, victory is ours, through God who loves us.


*Affirmation of Faith

We believe and trust in the God who spoke through Micah and the prophets. We believe and trust in the God who pardons iniquities and passes over transgressions, who does not retain anger forever but delights in showing mercy, who will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea, and who shows faithfulness from the days of old. We believe and trust in the God of Abraham and Jacob, the God revealed in Jesus, who is the Christ. Amen.

Adapted from Micah 7:18–20

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

Offertory

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my first-born for my transgressions,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O mortal,
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Text: Micah 6:6–8

*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.

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical Setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.

*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.
All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. No wine or grape juice will be served for communion. Please wait until you return to your seat to consume the bread. All bread is gluten-free. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

Lift Thine Eyes (Elijah)  
Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809–1847)

Lift thine eyes,  
O lift thine eyes to the mountains,  
whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said thy foot shall not be moved;  
thy keeper will never slumber.

Text: Psalm 121, adapt. William Bartholomew (1793–1867)

Post Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See hymns in insert.

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go  
Duke Street

Closing Voluntary

Final, from Symphony 6, Op. 59  
Louis Vierne
TODAY IN WORSHIP

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The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon ...........................................Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg ......................................................Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Bruce Puckett ......................................................Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel

LECTOR
Ms. Lynn Holmes ..............................................................Divinity ’19

MUSICIANS
Duke Chapel Summer Choir ......................................................Choir
Dr. Zebulon Highben ..........................................................Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Mr. Christopher Jacobson .....................................................Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Today’s flowers are provided by the generosity of the Nancy Hanks Fund.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

SUMMER SCRIPTURE LESSONS | 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. This summer during Ordinary Time, we will follow a different selection of texts. Together, we will read several books of the Minor Prophets as our primary scripture lessons in our Sunday services, and our preachers will be preaching from them throughout the summer. Reading and listening together will allow our community to learn from scripture passages that we do not regularly encounter through the lectionary in our worship services and will open us to receive from a broader range of the scriptural canon; this approach is called *lectio continua*. We hope you will join us through the summer as we read, study, and learn from these books. For July 25, we invite you to read Habakkuk 1 through 3.
UPDATED UNIVERSITY COVID PROTOCOLS | In keeping with the university’s updated COVID protocols, anyone who is unvaccinated is required to wear a mask at all times when inside Duke buildings, including inside the Chapel. We recognize and respect that some people may choose to continue wearing a mask as a means to prevent exposure to themselves or loved ones. Additionally, social distancing is no longer required on campus, though distancing is still recommended for those who are not vaccinated. The Chapel will continue to maintain specific weekday visiting hours with required registration and to limit attendance at services to 200 people with preregistration. Finally, because COVID vaccines are a matter of public health, we encourage all eligible people to receive one. Learn more on the Duke Today website.

GATHERING UNDER THE ARCADES | Worshipers who would like to greet the pastors or visit with each other are invited to gather in the shade of the arcades after worship concludes.

BRYAN CENTER GARAGE PARKING PASSES | Parking passes for Sunday mornings in the Bryan Center Parking Garage are now available. Please see an usher at the end of the service to receive a reusable pass. Parking in the Bryan Center Garage is also free until 1:00 p.m. on Sundays. When you leave, insert into the pay machine the ticket you received when you entered the garage. ADA parking is available at no charge in the Bryan Center Surface Lot, which is the lot between the garage and the Chapel.

HOUSING JUSTICE CONFERENCE | The Chapel and community partners are hosting an online conference Saturday, July 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on “Imagining Real Housing Justice Solutions: A Biblical Framework.” The affordable housing crisis in Durham is not unique to the United States. Other cities are addressing their own crises in a myriad of creative ways, including Pasadena, California, where grassroots organizing from faith communities is key to creative housing solutions that have reduced homelessness by fifty percent. In this virtual conference, Dr. Jill Shook of Making Housing Happen in Pasadena will share the biblical framework and assets based community development principles that have benefited her own community. We need you to make the difference here in Durham. Co-sponsors of the event include Open Table Ministry, DurhamCares, and Durham Community Land Trustees. Register at bit.ly/HousingJusticeSolutions.

DUKE CHAPEL HYMN COMPETITION | Duke Chapel invites hymnwriters and poets to submit entries for its 2021 hymn competition. The winning submission will be sung in worship at the Chapel, published by MorningStar Music/ECS Publishing Group in a collection of new and recent hymns, and will be considered for inclusion in the forthcoming Duke Chapel Hymnal. Visit chapel.duke.edu/hymn-competition to see the guidelines.
VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION | The Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. The organization is currently in need of donations of Roughneck 10-gallon storage totes, hand trowels, three-prong hand cultivators, and VISA gift cards ($30) for portable hand washing/sanitizing stations. Items may be dropped off at the Duke Memorial United Methodist Church office at 504 W. Chapel Hill Street, Durham; please call ahead (919-683-3011) to set a time to drop off items. For more information, contact the Congregation office.

LIFE TOGETHER GROUPS | Consider joining a Life Together Group this September. Life Together Groups provide special opportunities for groups of 8 to 10 people to grow in faith and love through sharing their lives and prayers. Participants find deeper connections with one another and with God while sharing in a confidential and comfortable environment. Groups meet every other week for approximately 75 minutes. University students, Congregation and community members, and friends are all welcome to participate. If you would like to participate in a Life Together Group starting in September 2021, please fill out this form. For more information, please contact the Congregation office.

SUMMER ISSUE OF CHAPEL VIEW MAGAZINE | While celebrating new developments in the life of the Chapel, the latest issue of Chapel View magazine also looks back at the past year when Chapel traditions such as the Student Preacher, Spring Oratorio, Jazz Vespers, and the end-of-year tower climb adapted and continued during difficult circumstances. We hear from Chapel community members—students, staff, choir members, and community partners—about the pandemic year that brought sorrow and isolation as well as deep discernment and new milestones. We celebrate the service and leadership of National Advisory Board Chair Charles Berardesco, and also remember the beloved University Carillonneur Emeritus Samuel Hammond who died in February. Read more in the Summer 2021 issue of Chapel View magazine at chapel.duke.edu/chapelview.

CHAPEL ORGANIST PERFORMS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE | Chapel Organist Christopher Jacobson represented the Southeast Region in the American Guild of Organists’ national OrganFest virtual recital series. He played pieces by J.S. Bach and Marcel Dupré on the Chapel’s Flentrop and Aeolian organs. Watch his performances on the conference’s video.

REGISTER TO ATTEND IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES | The Chapel is holding in-person worship services Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Preregistration online is required to attend a service. Preregistration will become available on the Chapel website each Tuesday at 12-noon for the following Sunday’s service. We will continue to livestream and broadcast services on our website, YouTube, Facebook, WDNC Radio 620 AM, and the Duke Hospital television network channel 12.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held virtually, are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link.

**Wee Praise**: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers.

**Godly Play**: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade.

**Youth Bible Study**: Youth grades 6–12 will explore the Book of Acts.

**Adult Bible Study**: On July 25, Lynn Holmes, former Duke Divinity School Intern for the Congregation, and Associate Minister, First Baptist Church, Wilmington Street, Raleigh will lead a discussion of Habakkuk.
Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

1 Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.
2 Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
3 Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
4 Holy Spirit, law divine, reign within this soul of mine.

Voice of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.
Boldly may I always live, bravely serve, and gladly give.
Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

5 Holy Spirit, peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine.
Speak to calm this tossing sea,
grant me your tranquility.

6 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
gladden now this heart of mine.
In the desert ways I sing—
spring, O Living Water, spring!

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1864, alt.
Tune: Orlando Gibbons, 1623
Psalm 27

God Is My Strong Salvation

1. God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?
2. Though hosts encamp around me, Firm to the fight I stand;
3. Place on the Lord reliance, My soul, with courage wait;
4. God’s might thy heart shall strengthen, God’s love thy joy increase;

In peril and temptation My light, my help, is near.
What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand?
God’s truth be thine assurance, When faint and desolate.
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; The Lord will give thee peace.

CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN 7.6.7.6

James Montgomery, 1822; alt. 1988

Melchior Vulpius, 1609
Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; thee, only thee, cheerful ly fulfill; in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me in most substance see, and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine and bounteous grace hath given; and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heaven.

4. For thee delightfully employ what- e’er thy solved to know in all I think or speak or do.

DUKE STREET