



Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 27, 2025, 11:00 a.m.



Henry Ossawa Tanner, *Thankful*, 1894.

Today's Old Testament and Gospel readings focus on prayers and petitions made to God. In the reading from Genesis, Abraham pleads with God to have mercy upon Sodom and Gomorrah. The passage from Luke includes the Lord's Prayer and Jesus's teaching on God's gift of the Holy Spirit. The letter to the church in Colossae exhorts its listeners to continue their walk in Christ, recognizing that they have been buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him through faith.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE
arr. Mitchell Eithun

Timbrel and Dance

Kevin McChesney

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 103

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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.

*All rise as able

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door. In our every need, grant us the first and best of all your gifts, the Spirit who enlightens us to your word and makes us your children. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 14 in pew Bibles.

Genesis 18:20–32

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Come Sunday

Duke Ellington (1899–1974); arr. Mitchell Eithun

Come Sunday, oh come Sunday, that's the day.

Refrain: Lord, dear Lord above, God almighty, God of love,
Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
I don't mind the gray skies, 'cause they're just clouds passing by.

Refrain

I believe God is now, was then, and always will be
With God's blessing we can make it through eternity

Refrain

—Duke Ellington

New Testament Lesson | NT page 189 in pew Bibles.

Colossians 2:6–19

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 67–68 in pew Bibles.

Luke 11:1–13

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Routine Expectation

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 390

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

The Prayer of St. Francis

Sandra Eithun

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
and Lord help me to see that you're present in this place

Speak to those who've harmed words of pardon;
when we feel in doubt, faith will be our guide,
hope will be our strength; light will fill the darkness.
Sadness will fade away and joy will abound.

Master Divine, let me reach my hands to those who cry
and Lord help me to hear, and to love as you would love.
For it is in giving that we receive: in pardoning we are pardoned;
and in dying we are born to eternal life.

So, Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
and Lord, come fill our hearts, because you're present in this place.
You are present in this place.
You are here Lord, in this place.

—St. Francis of Assisi; adapted by Sandra Eithun

*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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The text is found on page 895 at the end of the hymnal.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 671

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

Postlude

Allabreve in D, BWV 589 Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following the postlude, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel; worship guides for the service are available near the entrance. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Lynn Holmes *Interim Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Lyn Pace. *Assistant Dean of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Russell Pierce *Executive Director, Housing for New Hope; Divinity ’01*

Lectors

Mary Anderson. *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Kenyon Davenport..... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Musicians

Mitchell Eithun *Artistic Director, Bell Durham; Divinity ’25*

Chad Fothergill.....	<i>Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel</i>
Imani McKoy	<i>Soloist</i>
E. Hunter Brooks	<i>Piano</i>
Tina Persson	<i>Flute</i>

Head Ushers

Ken Arneson.....	<i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>
Pete Acker	<i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i>

Today’s Guest Preacher | Today’s Wilder guest preacher is the Rev. Russell Pierce. He is the executive director of Housing for New Hope. Based in Durham, Housing for New Hope provides unsheltered people with long-term, supportive housing. Rev. Pierce previously served at Church World Service as national head of the CROP Hunger Walks, which partners with more than 1,000 communities across the country. An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, he also served as an executive with the United Methodist Church’s mission, relief, and development agency, leading a team that annually raised more than \$30 million for 600 community-based projects in more than 100 countries. More recently, he has led the creation of a new Certificate in Nonprofit Management at Duke Divinity School and serves as an adjunct instructor of nonprofit management for the program.

Guest Bell Ensemble | Bell Durham was founded in 2023 by Jerri Bland and Mitchell Eithun, and it is Durham’s first community handbell ensemble. The goal of this ensemble is to provide high-caliber handbell music at local events and venues and to promote the art of handbells in Durham and beyond. They are joined by Imani Mckoy, mezzo-soprano soloist and alum of NC Central University, for the premiere of a new setting of “Come Sunday,” arranged by Bell Durham director Mitchell Eithun. “Come Sunday” is a jazz standard derived from Duke Ellington’s suite *Black, Brown and Beige* (1943) and is Hymn #728 in the United Methodist Hymnal. To learn more about Bell Durham, follow them on social media and visit belldurham.org.

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.

Today’s Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Chapel Endowment.

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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 community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for the Department of Biochemistry.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors 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.

Guest Preacher Next Sunday | The guest preacher for the 11:00 a.m. service next Sunday, August 3, is Susan McSwain, director of Reality Ministries. With sites in Durham and Chapel Hill, Reality Ministries is a community of adults with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities that fosters friendship. McSwain's most important education has come from her Reality friends, who are her teachers and guides in growing a community marked by mutuality, authenticity, and the reality of Christ's love for all.

2025–26 PathWays Fellowship | The Chapel's PathWays Fellowship is a one-to two-year-long (August 15 to May 15) residential program for students in any of Duke's graduate programs that offers opportunities for vocational exploration, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the Durham community and the Christian tradition. Learn more and apply for the coming academic year at chapel.duke.edu/pathways.

Sing with the Duke Chapel Choir | All are invited to audition for the 2025–26 season of the Duke Chapel Choir! Make beautiful music in a sacred space as part of this 100-person choir of students, faculty members, staff, and community members. In addition to singing in Sunday morning services and presenting concerts, the choir is also a community that shares laughs, meals, joys, and concerns. Get started with the choir by scheduling an audition between August 20 and 31. Visit chapel.duke.edu/sing to schedule an audition and learn about the Chapel Choir's open rehearsals.

ENGAGE

Sunday Morning Classes | All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School (across the Chapel quad from Page Auditorium) from 9:45–10:45 a.m. Come early for refreshments at 9:30 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. Contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

Sunday morning classes will resume on Sunday, August 31

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

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 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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