In this morning’s Gospel reading, Jesus has fiery words that warn of the divisions his ministry will bring. He urges us to seek spiritual discernment just as we learn to interpret the appearance of earth and sky. The letter to the Hebrews tells of the heroes and martyrs of the faith, commending those like Rahab who placed their faith in the Lord. We are each called to run with perseverance by looking to Jesus and rejoicing at his love for us—love that took him to the cross.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude, set 1, No. 2
Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

“But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth, and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.”

Psalm 37:11

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 435 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
O God of Every Nation

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
Loving Father, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, and send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 80:1–2, 8–19 (OT page 511)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Hebrews 11:29–12:2 (NT page 212)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 730 (stanzas 1–3)
O Day of God, Draw Nigh
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 12:49–56 (NT page 71)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 730 (stanzas 4–5)
O Day of God, Draw Nigh

SERMON—An Unfathomable Faith

RESPONSE

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: “Hear our prayer.”)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Ich will den Herren loben allezeit, SWV 306 Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Ich will den Herren loben allezeit, 
sein Lob soll immerdar
in meinem Munde sein, Alleluja.
Meine Seele soll sich ruhmen des Herren,
daß es die Elenden horen und sich freuen,
Alleluja.
Preiset mit mir den Herren,
und laßt uns miteinander
seinen Namen erhören, Alleluja.
Da ich den Herren suchte, antwortet er mir,
und errettet mich aus aller meiner Furcht,
Alleluja, und half mir aus allen meinen Nöten,
Alleluja.
I will bless the Lord at all times
His praise shall continually be in my mouth, Hallelujah.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad, Hallelujah.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His name together, Hallelujah.
I sought the Lord, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears, Hallelujah,
and saved me from all my troubles, Hallelujah.

*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 and Communion**

*The Great Thanksgiving*  
(Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.)

*The Lord’s Prayer*  
(All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.)

**Sharing of the Bread and Wine**

All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the Communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side. If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

**Music During Distribution**

Hymn 206  
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light  

Communion Anthem  
O Salutaris  
Cesar Franck  
(1822–1890)

O salutaris Hostia,  
Quae caeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

O saving Victim,  
Opening wide the gate of Heaven;  
Our foes press hard on every side;  
Give your strength, give your aid.
SENDING FORTH

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 79
Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

GROSSER GOTT

POSTLUDE
Allegro Risoluto, from Plymouth Suite

Percy Whitlock
(1903–1946)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

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The Rev. Dr. Esther E. Acolatse

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Mr. Drew Middleton
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Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Soprano Soloist
Ms. Kristen Blackman
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Minister of Anointing
The Rev. Andrew Phillips

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

This morning we give thanks for the Duke International Office and its work with students and faculty from other countries. We are grateful it serves as a place of hospitality and logistical assistance for people acclimatizing to life in the U.S.

In Durham, we lift up organizations that provide access to capital for first time homeowners and small businesses. We also remember those who work for economic stability within our community.

UPCOMING PREACHERS AT DUKE CHAPEL

AUGUST 21—The Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome, Associate Minister at Union A.M.E. Church in Warwick, New York

AUGUST 28—The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel

SEPTEMBER 4—The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery, Dean of Duke Chapel
**Today’s Flowers**—Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Doris Altmeyer, by her family.

**Today’s Offering**—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers students opportunities to discern God’s call through study, artistic expression, counsel, service, and Christian community.

**Today’s Guest Preacher**—Today we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Esther Acolatse as a Clevus F. and Lilla Hawkins Boyles Guest Preacher. Dr. Acolatse is an Assistant Professor of the Practice of Pastoral Theology and World Christianity at Duke Divinity School. Her teaching and research cover four main areas: 1) the intersection of psychology and Christian thought, with a particular interest in the gendered body and Christian experience; 2) methodological and hermeneutical issues in the practice of Christian life and the reception of Christian theology, both historical and systematic; 3) the relevance of these themes in the global expression of Christianity; and 4) the search for a common language for the expression and articulation of World Christianity. Her book *For Freedom or Bondage: A Critique of African Pastoral Practices* (Eerdmans 2014) explores the pitfalls of overvaluing the spiritual world and the language of principalities and powers in biblical interpretation and pastoral practice, themes that have been central to the global expansion of Pentecostal and charismatic Christianity. She holds a masters degree from Harvard (1992) and a PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary (1998).

**Lemonade on the Lawn**—Please stay for a time of fellowship and refreshment following worship, located under the magnolia trees by Page Auditorium.

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<td>† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.</td>
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<td>† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.</td>
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We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. Please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917 for information.
Summer Classes—Three Sunday morning classes are available from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 a.m. Classes are held in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School, Westbrook Building. All are welcome to participate:

Wee Praise: For ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.

Lift Ev’ry Voice: For ages 4 through 5th grade in 0014 Westbrook.

Bible Study on the Gospel of John: For youth and adults in 0013 Westbrook.

Back Pew Collection—The Mission and Outreach Committee invites the donation of school supplies to be given to a Durham high school. Donations of loose leaf paper, spiral one-subject notebooks, three-ring binders (usually 2” works well), pens, colored pencils, and markers may be placed on the back pew today or next Sunday, August 21.

Potato Drop—You can be part of the Potato Drop! Volunteers of all ages are needed to bag 40,000 pounds of potatoes on Saturday, September 3, between 9:00 a.m and 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot behind Crowell Hall, 10 Epworth Lane, Durham, on Duke University’s East Campus. The potatoes, rejected by commercial markets due to surface blemishes, need to be bagged in 10 pound bags for distribution to local food pantries. Several Duke University departments, including Duke Chapel and the Congregation at Duke Chapel, are partnering with the Society of St. Andrew to make this event possible. Many hands are needed to bag the potatoes; volunteers are asked to arrive at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. or 12 p.m. and are welcome to stay as long as they like. While all ages are welcome, adults must accompany minor children. Participants should bring a water bottle with them and wear sun protection. Entrance to the Crowell-Wilson parking lot, where the event will be held, is available both from Trinity Ave. and Buchanan Blvd.

Women’s Ministry Dinner—All women are invited to meet for dinner and fellowship at 7:00 p.m. at Saladelia Cafe (4201 University Drive, Durham) on Friday, August 19. If you plan to come, please RSVP to Kate DeAlmeida at 919-225-8285 or thedealmeidas@aol.com.

Mental Health First Aid—The Congregation’s Fall Retreat will be mental health first aid training on Saturday, September 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 3011 Academy Rd. in Durham. James Osborn, who is Director of Community Engagement and Outreach at Alliance Behavioral Healthcare and a member of the Congregation, will lead the training. The fee of $10 will cover the cost of a catered lunch. Registration is limited to 30 people. Please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 to indicate your plans to attend.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Guest Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome, Associate Minister at Union A.M.E. Church in Warwick, New York.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to support non-profits in the Durham area.