The focus of this week’s scripture readings is on the gift of wisdom. King Solomon, successor of David, prays for wisdom in a dream, and God grants this request. In the Old Testament, wisdom gives concrete and practical ways for people to live out deliberately their commitment to God. Incorporating wisdom into even the small dimensions of daily living provides a way of inviting God into the contours of each day. Wisdom is also often understood in the Christian tradition as representing the third person of the Holy Trinity—the divine breath that participated in creation still participates in the recreation and renewal of those who seek her. In the gospel lesson from John, the lectionary passage continues to linger in John 6 and Jesus as the bread of life, and his eucharistic emphasis that his body and blood are the food for eternal life.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

ORGAN PRELUDE
Choral No. 3 in E César Franck
(1822-1890)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 73
O Worship the King

*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.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
God of glory, the end of our searching, as we seek you in the scriptures today, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
(OT pages 290 and 292 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 539 (stanzas 1-2)
O Spirit of the Living God
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—John 6:51-58 (NT page 93)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
**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**

Oh, Praise Him, All Ye Nations Ludwig von Beethoven
(from *Engedi*)

(1770-1827)

Oh, praise him, all ye nations! How blest are they who trust in God and love him, and all his laws obey. But woe! to those who hate him, or say “He hath forgot”; the curse of God is on them, destruction is their lot.

—Henry Hudson, 1842

**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**

This morning we give thanks for those who make up the staff of Religious Life at Duke. We celebrate their nurturing of students in ways of faith, reflection, and service. Ushers bring a copy of the Religious Life brochure to the altar.

In Durham, we give thanks for and lift up the many health ministries who work locally and globally to provide medical care and attention to those in need. The ushers bring a gauze bandage to the altar.

*The Great Thanksgiving*

(Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.)

*The Lord’s Prayer* (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

**Sharing of the Bread and Wine**

All those who have become members of Christ’s body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their 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, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you.
gluten-free wafers and wine on request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

*If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion.*

**Music During Distribution**

**Hymn 630 (sung by all)**

*Become to Us the Living Bread*  
**Gelobt sei Gott**

**Communion Anthem**  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
*(Words may be found at Hymn 57)*  
**Azmon**  
*arr. Mary K. Jackson*

**Prayer After Communion**

**Sending Forth**

**Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 451**  
*Be Thou My Vision*  
**Slane**

**Postlude**  
*La Nativité du Seigneur (1935)*  
IX: *Dieu parmi nous*  
Olivier Messiaen  
(1908-1992)

**Carillon**

**All who are able may stand.**
We are pleased to welcome Bishop Michael Curry as our guest preacher today. Bishop Curry has degrees from Hobart College (B.A.) and Yale Divinity School (M.Div). He has also done continued study at the College of Preachers, Princeton Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, the Ecumenical Institute at St. Mary’s Seminary, and the Institute of Christian Jewish Studies. He ministered to communities in North Carolina, Ohio, and Maryland before being elected bishop and appointed to the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in 2000. Bishop Curry has extensive involvement in Crisis Control Ministry, the Absalom Jones initiative, and preaching missions, as well as in the founding of ecumenical summer day camps for children, the creation of networks of family day care providers, the creation of educational centers, and the brokering of millions of dollars of investment in inner city neighborhoods. Bishop Curry serves on the boards of a large number of organizations and was a member of the Commission on Ministry in each of the three dioceses where he served. He has a national preaching and teaching ministry, having been featured on The Protestant Hour and as a frequent speaker at conferences around the country. He is married to Sharon (nee Clement), and they have two daughters, Rachel and Elizabeth.
**CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today’s Flowers**—Today’s Flowers are given to the glory of God by given to the glory of God in memory of Terry Sanford’s birthday by his 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 for their lives through study, counsel, service, and community. Dr. Charles and Mrs. Ann Sanders, together with a couple who have asked not to be named, have pledged to match all PathWays gifts on a one-to-one basis up to $60,000.

**Update on Scaffolding in the Chapel**—We have recently learned that the scaffolding spanning the sanctuary will remain through mid September while the ceiling over it is stabilized. Additionally, during the week of August 27, a smaller set of scaffolding will be erected next to the attendant’s desk while the recently restored Judas Maccabeus stained-glass window is replaced. Beginning Monday, September 10, Duke Chapel will close for nine to eleven days so its ceiling can undergo inspection. Church services on September 16 will be held on the Chapel lawn with Page Auditorium as a backup location in the event of rain. David Arcus’s September 16 organ recital has been cancelled. During the time when the upstairs portion of the Chapel is closed, Monday Morning Prayer will be held in the Chapel basement lounge. The Tuesday Communion service and Thursday Choral Vespers services will take place in Goodson Chapel in the Divinity School. University events scheduled to take place in the Chapel during the week of Orientation will continue as planned.

**Chapel Choir Open Rehearsals**—Have you ever thought about joining the Chapel Choir? There are two rehearsals coming up that are open to anyone: Saturday, August 25, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and Wednesday, August 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m. You are also welcome to sing in the 9:15 a.m. rehearsal and 11:00 a.m. service with the Chapel Choir on Sunday, August 26. Come and give it a try!

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**Questions People Often Ask** - *Why do we process into the sanctuary?*

Throughout the Bible there is a tension between God’s people as a settled people, enjoying land, king, and temple, and God’s people as a pilgrim nation, experiencing exodus, wilderness, and exile. Jesus comes to a people who are in internal exile under the Romans; he encourages them to leave aside everything and to follow him. Yet, we often forget we are a pilgrim people. And so in every act of worship we have a procession, in order to embody what it means to live the life of faith as a journey. The two most significant forms of companionship are to share a meal and to share a journey. Worship begins with one and ends with the other. Just as the Road to Emmaus was, in Luke, the first encounter with the risen Christ, so today breaking bread together helps us identify the God we meet on the journey.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Dinner at Urban Ministries**—Each month the Congregation provides a meal for homeless guests at Urban Ministries of Durham. If you would like to donate lasagnas, serve one of the next meals, or acquire more information, please contact Ned Arnett at 919-489-4133 or email edward.arnett@duke.edu.

**Youth Ministry**—Sunday school classes for youth (grades 6-12) are held in the Divinity Student Lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. For more information, contact Brad Troxell at brad.troxell@duke.edu or by calling 919-684-3917.

**Open Table Ministries**—The Congregation is looking for individuals who are interested in helping Lisa Lark in her ministry to homeless people on 9th Street. This ministry provides a meal on Tuesdays each week at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in visiting, occasionally bringing food, or serving in any other way, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu or at 684-3917.

**Prayer Ministry**—The Duke Chapel prayer ministry team is available to pray for you. If you have a concern for which you would like prayer offered, or if you would like to pray for others, please send an email with your request to chapel-prayers@duke.edu. You may also place your prayer request or your prayer for others in the prayer box beside the Memorial Chapel. All submissions are confidential.

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**Upcoming Preaching Schedule**

**August 26**  
Dr. Ellen Davis  
*Amos Ragan Kears Professor of Bible and Practical Theology*  
*Duke Divinity School*

**September 2**  
The Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor  
*Butman Professor of Religion, Piedmont College*

**September 9, 16, and 23**  
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery  
*Incoming Dean of Duke Chapel*

**September 30**  
Dr. Stanley Hauerwas  
*Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics*  
*Duke Divinity School*

**October 7**  
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery  
*(Dean Powery’s Installation service)*
FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS
† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entrance way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN
† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

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. If you are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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