Today is the first Sunday after the start of classes. The lectionary passages for today are fitting for this Opening Sunday of the academic year, as they all focus on God’s call and how to live as a person of faith. In Exodus, Moses encounters God in the burning bush and hears God’s call to liberate the Hebrew slaves from Egypt. Paul’s letter to the church in Rome provides concrete wisdom on how to enact one’s faith in community, emphasizing love and sharing one another’s burdens. In Matthew’s gospel, Jesus reminds his disciples that following him may require sacrifice, but that in losing their lives, they will discover their life anew.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*Meine Seele erhebt den Herren*, BWV 648, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*(My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord)*

Tempo moderato (from Sonata No. 4), Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

**CHORAL INTROIT**

My Lord, What a Mornin’, Traditional Spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

My Lord, what a mornin’, when the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways; join that heavenly band. Oh, my Lord, what a mornin’, when the stars begin to fall.

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 100*

*God, Whose Love Is Reigning o’er Us*  

*LAUDA ANIMA*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)*

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.

*Lord have mercy.*

Christ have mercy.

*Christ have mercy.*

Lord have mercy.

*Lord have mercy.*

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, inspire us through your word and help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and encourage us to give all that we have to discover life with you, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Exodus 3:1-15 (OT page 48 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo
(b. 1978)


Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us exult and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And with a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 12:9-21 (NT pages 151-52)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 384 (sung to the tune at 196, stanzas 1-2)
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 16:21-28 (NT page 17)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 384 (sung to the tune at 196, stanzas 3-4)
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

SERMON—A Love Supreme

RESPONSE

HYMN 115 (remain seated, stanza 2 [choir] and 4 [congregation])
How Like a Gentle Spirit
Commissioning of C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement

Mrs. Lincoln: C. Eric wrote words that are salient today—words that inspire and words that challenge such as those from his poem “Retrospection”:

Look back if you would read the course ahead
for past and future in life’s grand design
are tethered by one solitary line
and what will be is anchored in what was
for nothing is except it finds its cause
in what has gone before.

Dean Powery: Joshua, as the university’s first C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement, you are called to live into those who have gone before—particularly the legacy that Dr. Lincoln left to this institution: to teach about reconciliation, to pray for unity among all people, to sing of God’s great love and mercy, to dance before the gates of heaven, and to share in community moments of joy and lament.

Director of Student Ministry: Joshua, in this role you are called to reflect Dr. Lincoln’s spirit of reconciliation, witness, hope, and scholarship by: supporting and expanding the Chapel’s wider ministry with students, building bridges across race, class, departments, and theologies, and extending hospitality through partnership with others in the university.

President of United in Praise: Joshua, C. Eric Lincoln’s “On Being Myself” is a good guide for what students need:

I want to be the self I want to be,
the self that lets my inner light shine through for me,
the self that lets me be the self I am,
that leaves me free to swim above the dam.
I want to be the self that sets me free
that lets me find the existential me.

Through your work with United in Praise and PathWays, please help us be and find ourselves.

Dean Powery: Almighty God, stir up in Joshua the spirit of your love. Empower him with the gifts of your spirit. Embolden him with your prophetic voice. Inspire him with the beauty of your creation. And, like a gentle spirit, guide him in the ways of your peace. “Together let us hold high the light,” so that together “we will find the sun.” 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: “Hear our prayer.”)

This morning we give thanks for the administration of the University and its leadership in creating the policies and procedures that allow the University to flourish.

In Durham we remember all those who live in the West End and greater West End neighborhoods.

Offertory
I Was Glad

C. Hubert H. Parry
(1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

—Psalm 122:1-3, 6-7

*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 (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Praise the source of faith and learning who has sparked and stoked the mind With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed. Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray:

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart. Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught; May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.
As two currents in a river fight each other’s undertow
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,
May we blend our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
And our seeking and our yearning join in praising you their source:
Praise for minds to probe the heavens, praise for strength to breathe the air,
Praise for all that beauty leavens, praise for silence, music, prayer,
Praise for justice and compassion and for strangers, neighbors, friends,
Praise for hearts and lips to fashion, praise for love that never ends.
—Thomas H. Traeger

*CHORAL BLESSING

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

POSTLUDE

Scherzoso (from Sonata No. 8)

Rheinberger

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

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The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

Preacher
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery

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Dr. Robert Parkins
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Amalgam Brass Ensemble

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The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

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Each Week at Duke Chapel

Communion and Healing - Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel
Mid-Week Prayer - Wednesday at noon in the Memorial Chapel
Choral Vespers - Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Chancel (begins 9/4)
Duke Chapel PathWays

Duke Chapel PathWays is a ministry that provides opportunities for students to discern God’s call for their lives on campus, in Durham, and beyond, through study, mentoring, service, and community. If you are a student who is interested in getting involved with PathWays, please email joshua.lazard@duke.edu or visit www.chapel.duke.edu/community/pathways

Here are three quick ways to get involved:
- fill out the interest card in today’s bulletin (and place in offering plate)
- have coffee with PathWays staff!
- ice cream social September 5 at 3:00 p.m in the Chapel basement

Chapel Announcements

Today’s Flowers—The flowers for this Opening Sunday are given to the glory of God by the Nan and Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

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.

Sermons Available—Copies of today’s sermon are available in the communication stands at either side of the narthex, just inside the front doors of the Chapel. A downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons each week are available on the Chapel’s website, www.chapel.duke.edu.

PathWays Fellowship—The PathWays Fellowship is a one-year discernment program designed for recently-graduated Duke alumni. This is the ninth year the PathWays House has been home to students living in the West End neighborhood of Durham while also working in the Durham community. Those living in the house have committed to the PathWays Household Covenant of daily prayer, weekly meals, fellowship, service, and friendship in Durham. This year’s fellows are Debbie Chi, Jocelyn Streid, Hannah Ward, Nicole White, and Rachel White.

Strategic Plan—To view Duke Chapel’s new strategic plan and learn how the Chapel embodies the University’s motto, eruditio et religio, bridging faith and learning, visit chapel.duke.edu/mission/strategic-plan.

Chapel Choir Auditions—It is not too late to audition for the Chapel Choir. Interested singers—students and non-students alike—are invited to call the Chapel Music office at 919-684-3898 to arrange a time to come in and sing. Highlights of the year include Handel’s Messiah and Bach’s St. Matthew Passion. Audition details can be found at http://chapel.duke.edu/worship/music#auditions.

Duke Chapel Events Listserv—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events sponsored by Duke Chapel, such as concerts, talks, special worship services, and more, please visit www.chapel.duke.edu/calendar, or send an email to Adrienne Koch at adrienne.koch@duke.edu.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Sunday Education**—Sunday morning Christian education classes are available for all ages beginning next Sunday, September 7. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, with coffee provided at 9:30 a.m. Students, visitors, congregation members are always welcome to participate. Classes include:
- **Wee Praise** for infants through children age 3
- **Godly Play** for 4-year olds through 5th graders
- **Youth Fellowship** for middle and high school students
- **Adult Forum** for adults
- **Adult Bible Study** beginning September 21

Additional education and fellowship opportunities are offered during the week. Please contact the Congregation office at 919-684-3917 for more information.

**Welcome Back Potluck Luncheon**—To celebrate being together again after summer vacations, all are invited to gather for a potluck lunch and fellowship on Sunday, September 14, after worship in the Chapel Lounge. Please bring a dish to share—main dish, vegetable, salad, fruit, or dessert. You may drop off items in the Chapel Kitchen prior to worship. Students do not need to bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, contact Judy Arneson at 919-599-5510.

**Playgroup**—Young children and their parent or caregiver are invited to share Christian fellowship. The first outing in September will be Saturday, September 6th at 11:00 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A, 7836 Leonardo Drive, Durham. For more information please contact Anna Shea at annacollins2@hotmail.com.

**Book Discussion: Americanah**—Sunday, September 7, at 12:15 p.m. in the Duke Chapel kitchen, Emmanuel Ojo, a pastoral counseling intern from Nigeria, will discuss the novel *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Duke University selected this best-seller about immigration, race, love and identity as summer reading for the Class of 2018. Snacks will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

**Back Pew Collection for Bus Passes**—September’s Mission Committee collection on September 14 and 21 will be for bus passes. The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (RCND) will distribute these passes as needed to formerly incarcerated people re-entering the work force, so they can get to work. A 31-day pass for unlimited rides with Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) buses, which costs $36, can be purchased at the Durham Station on Pettigrew and Chapel Hill Street by cash. If you prefer to make a monetary donation of any amount, make checks payable to the “Congregation at Duke Chapel” and add “bus passes, local missions” on the memo line.
**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 entry 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.

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**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 are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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