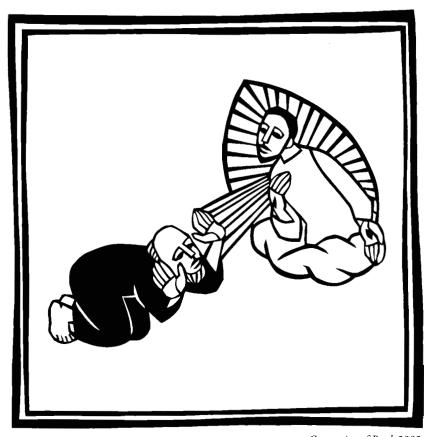


#### SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, August 7, 2022, 11:00 a.m.



Conversion of Paul, 2002.

For the third and final time in the book of Acts, Paul shares the story of his first encounter with Jesus. This time Paul is on trial before King Agrippa. In his defense before the king, Paul tells of his transformation from a persecutor of Jesus and his followers to a proclaimer of God's light and salvation through Jesus. Paul describes his encounter with Christ in cosmic terms. He says a light brighter than the sun surrounded him, and the voice of Jesus called out to Paul convicting him of his wrongdoing and sending him to testify to what he had seen. In the Psalm, we hear of a God who is always near, even knowing and leading us regardless of where we are.

## Gathering

### **Opening Voluntary**

L'Apparition de l'Église Éternelle (Vision of the Church Eternal)

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

### **Greeting and Call to Worship**

\*Processional Hymn



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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have withheld our treasures, been slow to welcome those we see as outsiders, resisted your transformation, and refused the leading of your Spirit. We repent and turn to you. For the sake of the Holy and Righteous One, your Son Jesus, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and renew us by your Spirit. Amen.

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.

#### **Proclamation**

**Prayer for Illumination** | In unison:

Gracious Lord, revive your church in our day, and make her holy, strong, and faithful for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson | OT page 545 in pew Bibles.

Psalm 139: 1-10

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn** 

Laudate Nomen Domini

Christopher Tye (1505–c. 1571)

Laudate nomen Domini, vos servi Domini; ab ortu solis usque ad occasum ejus. Decreta Dei justa sunt, et cor exhilarant: laudate Deum principes et omnes populi. Praise the name of the Lord, ye servants of the Lord; from the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same. The decrees of the Lord are just, and glad the heart: Praise the Lord ye princes and all ye people.

—Psalm 112:1, 3; Vulgate, para.

Second Lesson | NT pages 138–139 in pew Bibles.

Acts 26:8-18

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Readiness

Response

\*Response Hymn 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**FAITHFULNESS** 

\*Affirmation of Faith

We believe that God shows no partiality, and that those who fear God and do what is right are acceptable to God. We believe God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and that Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed. We believe Jesus was put to death by hanging on a tree, but that God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear to those who were chosen by God as witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Lord of all and is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead, and that all the prophets have testified about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

#### 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

O For a Closer Walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

—William Cowper (1731–1800)

\*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.

## **Thanksgiving**

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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.

## **Sending Forth**

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction

The Grace

Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn 318

Christ Is Alive Truro

**Closing Voluntary** 

Fantasia in C Minor, BWV 562

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

#### **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

#### **Presiding Ministers**

Kathryn Lester-Bacon	Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel
Breana van Velzen	Community Minister, Duke University Chapel
Preacher	
Ashley Crowder Stanley	Pastor, Wellspring United Methodist Church
Lectors	
Leslie Ballew	
Christian Wilson	Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Musicians	
Duke Summer Choir	
Philip Cave	Associate Conductor for Chapel Music
Jane Lynch	Guest Organist
Head Usher	
James Ferguson	Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Today's Guest Preacher | The Rev. Ashley Crowder Stanley is the Clevus and L.H. Boyles Guest Preacher for today's service. Rev. Stanley is the founding pastor of Wellspring United Methodist Church, a new congregation in Asheville, North Carolina, that is focused on hospitality and welcome for all people. Her ministry passions are preaching and worship, community building and making meaningful connections with those for whom church has been difficult and wounding. Rev. Stanley has served in the United Methodist Church in a variety of ways, including chairing the Western North Carolina Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, as a mentor to many young clergy, as an instructor at Duke Divinity School, and as a delegate to both General and Jurisdictional Conference. She is also a current member of Duke's Board of Trustees.

**Today's Offering** | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's Development Fund. You are invited to give online at <a href="mailto:chapel.duke.edu/offering">chapel.duke.edu/offering</a>. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

**Today's Flowers** | Flowers for today's worship service are provided by the generosity of the Erlenbach Family Trust.

Accessibility | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. 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 and beyond. This morning we give thanks for Center for Health Policy & Inequalities Research.

Young Adult Bible Study Tomorrow | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Monday of the month. The next discussion will be tomorrow, Monday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Book of Ephesians. New participants are welcome at any time. For a Zoom link or additional information, please contact Laura Catherine Wilson at laura.wilson@duke.edu.

Be The Bridge 101 | All are invited to participate in a four-week discussion on foundational principles for welcoming diversity and healing into our communities. This is discussion, developed from an explicitly Christian perspective, is designed for white people to engage concepts such as white identity and white privilege. Discussion guides are produced by Be the Bridge (<a href="www.bethebridge.com">www.bethebridge.com</a>). Be the Bridge 101 will be held by Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:00–8:00 p.m. on August 9, 16, 23, and 30. Rev. Breana van Velzen, the Chapel's community minister, will facilitate the discussion. Please contact <a href="congregation@duke.edu">congregation@duke.edu</a> for more information.

Saturday Service Project | Volunteers are needed on Saturday, August 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon to work at the Reality Farm, located at 3120 Mt. Sinai Road in Durham. Reality Ministries encourages people of all abilities to share life together. The gardening work nurtures both food and friendships. For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:congregation@duke.edu">congregation@duke.edu</a>.

**Summer Snackluck** | All are invited to attend a snackluck in the Chapel lounge, located in the lower level of the Chapel, next Sunday, August 14, immediately following worship. A snackluck is a simplified version of a potluck meal. The Congregation's fellowship committee will provide dogs-in-a-blanket; participants are invited to bring finger food sides or desserts to share. Please plan to attend the "Hot Diggity Dog Days of Summer Snackluck" for food, fellowship, and fun.

**Back Pew Collection** | Help all Durham school children get needed school supplies as the new school year begins! With the community's help, Crayons2Calculators (C2C) helps equip Durham Public School teachers with the classroom supplies they need to help reduce barriers to success for every Durham Public School student. On the next two Sundays, August 14 and 21, the Congregation will collect items for C2C on the back pew of the Chapel. Items most needed are: notebook paper, composition books (college rule), crayons (boxes of 16 or 24), hand sanitizer (small 8 oz. size bottles), blunt nose scissors, rulers, white glue (small), color markers

(12-packs), pencil bags/pouches to hold 1 dozen pencils, and black permanent markers.

Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope This Fall | Join students and Duke community members for the weekend of September 9–11 in an opportunity to discover how your spiritual journey is connected to our city of Durham. The Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope immerses participants in the story of the city of Durham as well as the biblical story. Participants will reflect on what these stories means for how they live their lives in Durham. The pilgrimage is led by DurhamCares, a local nonprofit with a mission to foster collaboration, develop leaders, and educate the people of Durham to care for their neighbors in holistic ways. Space on the pilgrimage is limited. Contact Rev. Breana van Velzen by August 25 to learn more and sign up.

Humanitarian Service Award Nominations | The Chapel's Humanitarian Service Award aims to recognize and lift up individuals who have demonstrated both a long-term commitment to serving others and a lifestyle marked by simplicity. The recipient of the award is honored with a grant of up to \$3,000 given to the nonprofit they designate. The award has its roots in a relationship between two Duke professors. In 1990, religion professor, sociologist, and United Methodist minister C. Eric Lincoln started the Humanitarian Service Award endowment to honor Dr. George R. Parkerson, Jr. former chairman of the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Duke's School of Medicine. Read more about the award and nominate someone by September 2 at <a href="mailto:chapel.duke.edu/community">chapel.duke.edu/community</a>.

**New Parking Passes** | The new Duke Campus Parking year runs from August 16, 2022 through August 15, 2023. For those who are on campus only on Sunday mornings, parking passes are available that permit parking in the Bryan Center garage on Sundays between 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (Please note, this does not include the metered parking spaces outside the garage.) The parking pass, which is the size and shape of a business card, has an image which can be scanned at the parking entrance and exit. Free passes for Sunday morning use will be available in coming weeks.

**Sunday Morning Classes** | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact <a href="mailto:congregation@duke.edu">congregation@duke.edu</a> for additional information or Zoom link.

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very 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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