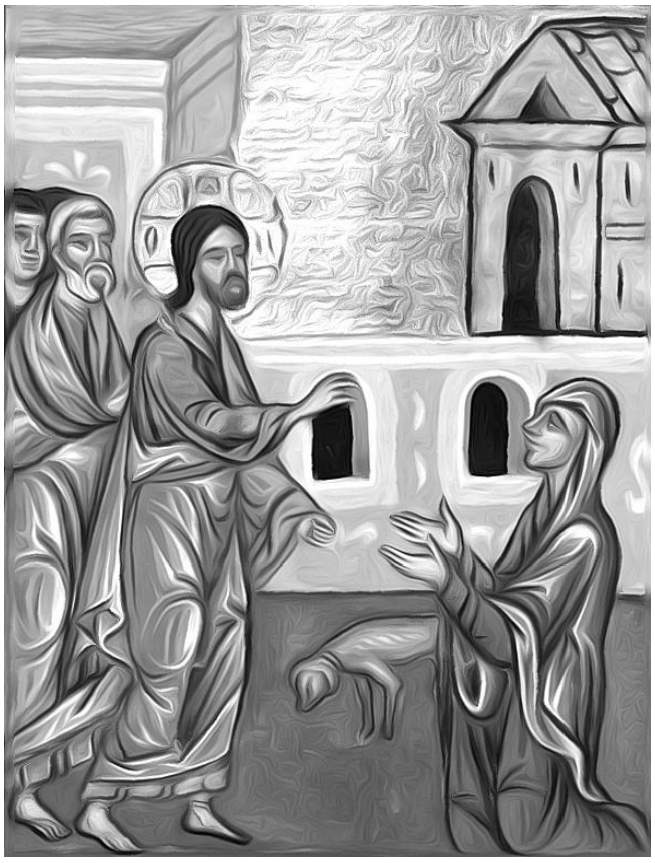
Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026, 11:00 a.m.



Bazzi Rahib, Ilyas Basim Khuri, Walters Art Museum,
Jesus and the Canaanite Woman, 1684.

Our scripture lessons this morning focus on the welcome of all people, especially foreigners, through God's love. In the reading from Isaiah, God proclaims that God's "house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples," specifically including the foreigners. In the narrative from the Gospel reading, a Canaanite woman seeks for her daughter to be healed. She shows clear faith, to which Jesus responds favorably by healing her daughter.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 852 — Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

***Gathering Hymn** | UMH 154. Stanzas 1–3.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name — CORONATION

***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.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

God of welcome, may your word reveal to us where we have othered those you have called us to love. Inspire us to move toward them in the message of reconicliation with which you have welcomed us; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*All rise as able

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 645 in pew Bibles.

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Lesson** | NT page 16 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 15:21–28

Lector: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

To Change Your Mind

Response

***Response Hymn** | UMH 60

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath OLD 113TH

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 Solo

Motherless Child / I Want Jesus to Walk with Me — arr. Victor Labenske

Sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
a long way from home, a long way from home.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
In my trials, Lord, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone...
a long way from home.

I want Jesus to walk with me...
all along my pilgrim journey,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

—Black spirituals

*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 and Holy 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.

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.

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. Bread and wine are used for Communion. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant's desk. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Solo

Author of Life Divine — arr. Mary K. Jackson

Author of life divine, who hast a table spread
furnished with mystic wine and everlasting bread:
preserve the life thyself has given,
and feed and train us up for heaven.
Our needy souls sustain with fresh supply of love,
till all thy life we gain, and all thy fullness prove;
and, strengthened by thy perfect grace
behold, without a veil, thy face.

—Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Communion Hymn | UMH 361

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me — TOPLADY

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Sending Forth

***Benediction**

***Sending Hymn** | UMH 154. Stanzas 4–6

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name — CORONATION

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in F Major — Vincent Lübeck (1654–1740)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Luke A. Powery. . . . . *Dean, Duke University Chapel*
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Sophia Cornicello. . . . . *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Zebulon Highben. . . . . *Soloist*
Mitchell Eithun . . . . . *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Ushers

Ken Arneson . . . . . *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
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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. You may also give directly to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel by check written to the Congregation at Duke University Chapel or online at congregation.chapel.duke.edu and access the giving link. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given in memory of Terry Sanford's birthday by his family.

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance technology, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, is available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. For other accommodations, please approach a minister or usher.

RESTROOMS

For public restrooms, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and turn left to enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the Divinity School hallway.

TOURS

Meet a docent outside in front of the Chapel immediately following the service for a free, forty-five minute tour of Duke Chapel's history, architecture, and life.

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