In the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah, the prophet calls the people to turn to the Lord as they look for deliverance and salvation. He reminds them that the Lord provides comfort, hope, and the light of justice among the nations. In Matthew’s Gospel, Peter makes the declaration of faith that Jesus is the long-awaited messiah. Jesus affirms his faith by proclaiming that Peter will be the rock on which the church will be founded. The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Rome reminding them of the transforming work of God in and among them. He encourages the community of faith to present their bodies as living sacrifices as their spiritual worship. As we look to proclaim faith in Jesus the Messiah, we too are called to give our bodies to the Lord in acts of worship.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Toccata (avanti la *Messa della Madonna*)
Canzon (dopo l’Epistola)
Toccata (per l’Elevazione)
Toccata (avanti il Ricercar)

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1583–1643)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn* | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

All Are Welcome

*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.

*Greeting of 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

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage to hear what you say to us today, and never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 51:1–6

New Testament Lesson

Romans 12:1–21

*All rise as able
*Gospel Acclamation | Sung the first time by the cantor, then by all.

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Matthew 16:16)

Hallelujah...

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 16:13–20

Sermon

Altared Bodies

Response

Solo

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Text: Collect for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

*Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offering

*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, Alleluia.

Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the bulletin.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Closing Voluntary

Tu es petra (Thou art the rock)

Carillon
JOIN A RELIGIOUS LIFE GROUP | Students can deepen their faith and make friends through Religious Life groups. Duke has more than twenty Religious Life groups representing a wide range of faith traditions, including Catholic, Hindu, Latter-Day Saints, Jewish, Muslim, and a variety of Protestant denominations. See how to connect with Religious Life leaders at chapel.duke.edu/ReligiousLife. For questions, contact the Chapel’s director of Religious Life, the Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, at kathryn.lester.bacon@duke.edu.

FALL CLASSES CONNECTED TO THE CHAPEL | This semester, students are taking courses with ties to the Chapel. Undergraduates are taking a house course connected to Chapel ministries, “Religion Across Boundaries.” House courses, which are half-credit classes, are taught by fellow undergraduate students with a faculty supervisor. Undergraduate and graduate students are also enrolling in the half-credit Chapel Choir course. Divinity School students are enrolled in “Introduction to Christian Preaching” with Chapel Dean Luke Powery and “The Role and Function of Music in Corporate Worship” with Chapel Music Director Zebulon Highben. Students who wish to enroll in one of the courses should sign up through the registrar.

BECOME A CHAPEL SCHOLAR | Undergraduate students are invited to nurture their intellectual, ethical, and spiritual life as Chapel Scholars. The program fosters an environment of ecumenical fellowship and serves as a hub for spiritual mentorship. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/scholars.
JOIN THE CHAPEL’S CHOIRS | The Duke Chapel Choir is holding open virtual auditions for the fall! Make new friends, learn great choral music in weekly Zoom gatherings, and add your voice to “virtual choir” recording projects. All Duke students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to audition. Visit chapel.duke.edu/sing to learn more. Contact chapelmusic@duke.edu to schedule a Chapel Choir audition, or inquire about the Chapel’s Vespers Ensemble and Evensong Singers.

RECEIVE PERSONAL PRAYERS ONLINE | Following the livestream of this morning’s service, you are invited to receive personal prayer online. Register in advance by clicking on this link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Individuals will then be invited one-at-a-time to share concerns and receive a brief prayer from a pastor.

‘THE CHRISTIAN IMAGINATION’ BOOK GROUP | A group of ministers, community members, and students are gathering online twice-a-month to discuss the book *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* by the Rev. Dr. Willie Jennings, associate professor of systematic theology and Africana studies at Yale Divinity School. Co-organized by the community group DurhamCares, the next online meeting is Tuesday, September 1, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and the following meetings will be at the same time on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; the final meeting will be on Tuesday, December 15. To receive a Zoom link to participate in the discussion, register for free here. For more information, email the Chapel’s community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

YOUNG ADULT STUDY TOMORROW | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The next studies are August 24 and September 14 at 6:30 p.m. All perspectives are welcome; questions and laughter are encouraged. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

SPIRITUAL CLASSIC | *Interior Castle*, a spiritual classic, will be the focus of a six-week book group starting on Wednesday, August 26. *Interior Castle*, written by Teresa of Avila and translated by Mirabai Starr, describes seven stages of spiritual development leading to the soul’s final union with the divine. Teresa, who lived in the 1500’s, is still widely read today. The book groups will meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. by Zoom. For login information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

CARILLON LIVESTREAM | You are invited to participate virtually in an ongoing campus tradition. Listen live online to the playing of the Duke Chapel carillon bells weekdays at 5:00 p.m. on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

LIFE TOGETHER GROUPS | The Congregation at Duke Chapel will offer a small group discipleship program starting in late August and continuing to mid-December. These “Life Together Groups” will help participants to grow spiritually in community with others. Both university students and community members are invited to participate. Life Together Groups will meet for 60 to 75 minutes every other week for conversation, prayer, laughter, and connection. The book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, will provide some gentle structure for the groups. The primary purpose of the groups is spiritual fellowship and growth. All groups will meet virtually until further notice. Five groups are now forming. Please sign up here for Life Together Groups. For more information, please...
FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | The Congregation, which offers Sunday morning classes for all ages, will begin their fall schedule on August 30. These classes are part of a year-round education ministry and are held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. All classes are provided virtually until further notice.

- **Wee Praise** – A class of music and movement for infants to 3-year-olds led by Kate DeAlmeida
- **Godly Play** – A class of spiritual formation for children age 4–5th grade led by Phyllis Snyder
- **Youth Bible Study** – A study of Ezekiel-Malachi for students in 6th–12th grades led by Matt Wright
- **Adult Forum** – On Sunday, August 30, Dr. Brian Stratton, Associate Professor of Philosophy at UNC-Pembroke, will discuss “We Know on our Knees: The Epistemology of Prayer.”
- **Adult Bible Study** – A study of Ecclesiastes starting September 13 led by Nathaniel Metz

For detailed information please sign-up for the Congregation’s weekly eNewsletter by contacting congregation@duke.edu.
Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and words with in the Word. Built of tears and cries and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of hearth and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the

Refrain

Christ shall end divisions: claim the faith of Jesus: Christ the feast that frees us: All are welcome, claim from floor to rafter:

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Music: "TWO OAKS," Marty Haugen
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Closing Hymn

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less than
   Jesus’ blood and righteousness; no merit of my
   own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I
   stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sustains me in the raging flood; when all supports are
   washed away, he then is all my hope and stay.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,
   grace and truth are come; I am redeemed to stand before the throne!

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876