This week has been special in the life of the university, as first-year students have participated in orientation programs, and other students and faculty have been oriented to the Duke community. Orientation Sunday is filled with new faces, new energy, and a warm welcome. We invite you to make the Chapel an integral part of your Duke experience. We hope that in the midst of exciting and sometimes difficult life transitions, the Chapel will be a place where you come to encounter Christ—and to discover a life shaped by joy, friendship, purpose, and faithfulness. We desire to walk with you in your journey of faith, as we seek together to respond to God’s all-inclusive love at Duke, in Durham, and in the world.
Gathering

Prelude

*All rise as able

O Gott, du frommer Gott (O God, Thou Faithful God)  
Johannes Brahms  
(1833–1897)

Choral Introit | Sung in Shona and English.

Uyaimose  
Alexander Gondo

Uyaimose, tinamate Mwari; uyaimose Zvino...

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High...

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior...

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit...

—Alexander Gondo, tr. I-to Loh

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | See hymn at the end of worship guide. The congregation will sing stanzas 1–3 and 5. Stanza 4 will be interpreted by the organist.

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing  
AZMON  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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.

*All rise as able
*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:

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: as we are shaped by your word, may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

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

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 72 in pew Bibles.

Luke 14:1, 7–14

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

Sermon

The Hospitality of Humility

Response
*Response Hymn | See hymn at the end of worship guide. Stanza 1 will be sung by the choir. The congregation will sing stanzas 2–5.

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

Student Ministry Announcement
Offertory Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

Harold W. Friedell
(1905–1958)

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

—Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

*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. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at a Communion station on the pulpit side in the front and the back of the Chapel. A gluten-free option is available from a server positioned by Memorial Chapel and a server positioned opposite the attendant’s desk near the narthex. 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 Music

O Lord, Have Mercy
spiritual, arr. Roland M. Carter

When I fall on my knees, facing the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. O Lord, have mercy.

Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees...

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees...

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Facing the rising sun, of our new day begun.
O Lord, have mercy on me. O Lord, have mercy. Amen

Dove of Peace, Three Hymn Sketches
arr. Zebulon Highben

Communion Hymn 614

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth
*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 617

I Come with Joy
Closing Voluntary

Finale from Symphony No. 4

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844–1937)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Bruce Puckett ............................ Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel
Kathryn Lester-Bacon .................. Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Luke A. Powery .......................... Dean, Duke University Chapel

Lectors
Chloe Decker ................................ Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’25
Jonathan Griffin ............................ Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’22

Musicians
Duke Chapel Choir .................................. Choir
Zebulon Highben ......................... Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Robert Parkins ............................. University Organist, Duke University
Jane Lynch ....................................... Guest Organist
Daniel Jacky .................................. Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel
Paul Neebe .................................. Trumpet, Amalgam Brass
Kent Foss ...................................... Trumpet, Amalgam Brass
Chris Caudill ............................... Horn, Amalgam Brass
Mike Kris .................................... Trombone, Amalgam Brass
Steve Truckenbrod ....................... Tuba, Amalgam Brass

Head Usher
James Ferguson .......................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Today’s Offering | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today’s Flowers | Flowers for today’s worship service are provided by the generosity of the Nan & Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

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.

Students Invited to Belong, Worship, and Serve | Students, we look forward to meeting you, hearing your stories, and being part of your journey at Duke. Through the Chapel and Religious Life groups, there are many opportunities to belong, worship, and serve. To see the many ways students bridge faith and learning through Chapel programs and ministries, visit chapel.duke.edu/students.

Lunch and LocoPops for Students Today | Immediately following the service, students are invited to meet Chapel ministers and enjoy lunch and LocoPops. Look for the tent on the Memorial Lawn between the Chapel and the Divinity School. If you get lost, ask someone wearing a blue or white robe.

Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

LGBTQ+ Fellowship Today | Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are invited to attend the monthly fellowship gathering today, immediately following worship. The fellowship meets on the fourth Sunday of each month from 12:15–1:15 p.m. in the Congregation Office, located in the lower level of the Chapel, and over Zoom. For more information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

Choral Evensong | The first Choral Evensong worship service of the semester will be today at 4:00 p.m. Evensong is a historic liturgy derived from Vespers and Compline, ancient monastic prayer services of the Christian church. Evensong at the Chapel follows the Book of Common Prayer.

Chapel Choir Auditions | Students, staff, and community members are invited to audition for the Duke Chapel Choir! This year’s season includes Handel’s Messiah; Haydn’s “Lord Nelson” Mass; a tour to Ireland and Scotland; and, of course, Sunday worship. Auditions for the choir will be held by appointment from August 29 through September 2. Visit https://oufneffes-free.10to8.com to schedule an audition. For more information about the audition process, email chapelmusic@duke.edu.

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 community and beyond. This morning we give thanks for students new to Duke.
Vespers and Evensong Auditions | Students, staff, and community members are invited to audition for the Evensong Singers, which leads services of Choral Evensong twice each month, and the Vespers Ensemble, which sings early music in evening services and concerts throughout the academic year. To inquire and schedule an audition, email chapelmusic@duke.edu.

Humanitarian Service Award Nominations | The Chapel’s Humanitarian Service Award aims to recognize 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. Read more about the award and nominate someone by September 2 at chapel.duke.edu/community.

Seeking Your Spiritual Direction | Students are invited to join a four-week series at the start of the semester to explore the diverse array of spiritual and religious opportunities on campus. This program is open to all students, from any religious tradition or none. Each week, participants will have some simple exercises to do on their own. Students will gather weekly for about an hour of discussion. Learn more and sign up by September 8 at chapel.duke.edu/SpiritualDirection.

Theology Underground | Students are invited to participate in Theology Underground, a series of guided conversations about how culture, identity, and race impact the way we live out our faith and beliefs. The Rev. Racquel Gill, the Chapel’s minister for intercultural engagement, will lead the discussions, with campus partners across various identities serving as conversation partners. Each month, the group will engage with a different cultural community and learn about their unique and creative ways of imagining God and living out their faith. Theology Underground begins Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Williams Center Underground Multipurpose Room. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/TheologyUnderground.

Author and Lawyer Bryan Stevenson to Speak at Duke Chapel | The author and human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson will hold a public conversation, titled “Seeking Justice and Redemption in the Public Square,” with Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. Stevenson is the author of the book Just Mercy, which was adapted into a feature film. He is also the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, through which he led the creation of two highly acclaimed cultural sites: the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. The event is free and open to the
public, but a no-cost ticket is required. Tickets will be available through the Duke Box Office beginning this Tuesday, August 30, for Duke students, and September 1 for the public. The discussion will also be livestreamed via Zoom. No recording will be available. Learn more and register at chapel.duke.edu/stevenson.

Workshop on Racial Healing | In collaboration with the nonprofit Community Empowerment Fund and Episcopalians United Against Racism, Duke Chapel will hold a half-day workshop on Saturday, September 17, on “Healing Our Communities from Racialized Trauma.” The in-person workshop is from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Elizabeth Street United Methodist Church (1209 N Elizabeth St. in Durham). It will present concepts, practices, and community-building exercises based on the book My Grandmother’s Hands by therapist Resmaa Menakem. Participants are invited to see how these skills can be applied to promote racial healing and racial justice in different contexts, especially within faith communities. The gathering is also an opportunity to make connections with community groups. Refreshments will be provided. Masks are required. Register by September 8 by contacting the Chapel’s community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors, turn to the left, and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

Sunday Morning Classes—Fall Schedule | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages year-round, with the fall schedule beginning on August 28. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information or the Zoom link. Classes are as follows:

- **Wee Praise:** Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in person in room 0011 Westbrook.
- **Godly Play:** Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in person in room 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Bible Study:** Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore Exodus in person in room 0013 Westbrook.
- **Adult Forum:** On August 28, Elizabeth Schrader, a Duke Ph.D. candidate in early Christianity, will present an “Introduction to New Testament Textual Criticism.”
The congregation will sing stanzas 1–3 and 5. Stanza 4 will be interpreted by the organist.

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
2. My gracious Master and my God,
3. The name of Jesus charms all fears
4. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
5. To God all glory, praise, and love

my great Redeemer's praise,
asist me to proclaim,
and bids all sorrows cease;
new life the dead receive;
be now and ever giv'n

the glories of my God and King,
to spread through all the earth abroad
sings music in the sinner's ears,
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
by saints below and saints above,

the triumphs of his grace!
the honors of thy name.
brings life, and health, and peace.
the humble poor believe.
the Church in earth and heav'n.
**Response Hymn | Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)**

Stanza 1 will be sung by the choir. The congregation will sing stanzas 2–5.

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 Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where God’s children dare to seek to build of tears and cries and witness and as symbol of God’s grace; here as one we

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where live the Word they’ve known. Here the outcast and the words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and

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 Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in

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Refrain

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

all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
Let’s Keep in Touch

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a brief form, and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

The Congregation at Duke Chapel joyfully welcomes all persons regardless of age, race, class, origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other distinction and invites membership and participation in all of its ministries.

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