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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 18, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



Chinese Orthodox communion bread seal (characters reversed on seal), twenty-first century.

The gift of wisdom is a significant theme in today's scripture lessons. In 1 Kings, the Lord asks Solomon in a dream what he wants the Lord to give him. Solomon's request is for understanding and discernment as he leads God's people. Ephesians instructs followers of Jesus to be careful in how they live, not as unwise but as wise people. In this way of wisdom, all are called to be filled with God's Spirit. The gospel lesson from John continues in John 6 on the theme of Jesus as the bread of life. Jesus's emphasis on his body being true bread and his blood being true drink for the life of the world prompts us to reflect on how we feed on Jesus in communion and in other ways that we might abide in him and he in us.

Gathering

Prelude

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Georg Böhm
(1661–1733)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 147

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

*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 offers 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 glory, the end of our searching, as we seek you in the scriptures today, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 290, 292 in pew Bibles.

1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

I Lift Up Mine Eyes

Allen Pote

I lift up mine eyes to the hills,
and I wonder from where comes my help?

My help, it comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let you stumble, he will not let you fall, the LORD is your keeper.
The sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night,
the LORD will keep your life.
The LORD will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life.
He will keep your going out, and your coming in from this time forth,
and forevermore.

—*Psalm 121, adapt.*

New Testament Lesson | NT page 183 in pew Bibles.

Ephesians 5:15–20

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 93 in pew Bibles.

John 6:51–58

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

In Search of Wisdom

*All rise as able

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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

The Lord's Prayer

Ned Rorem
(1923–2022)

*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, or to drink from a common cup, 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 Anthem

Bread of the World

trad. Scottish, arr. Alan Bullard

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be your feast to us the token
that by your grace our souls are fed!

—*Reginald Heber (1783–1826)*

Communion Music | UMH 292

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 102

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Postlude

Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*
Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Gregory V. Palmer *Bishop, West Ohio Episcopal Area, United Methodist Church;*
Member, Duke University Board of Trustees; Divinity '79

Lectors

Jamee Lynch *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Drew Middleton *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Musicians

Chad Fothergill *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Katherine Johnson *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Alissa Roca *Soloist*

Head Ushers

Ken Arneson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Today's Guest Preacher | Today's Goodson Endowment guest preacher is Bishop Gregory Vaughn Palmer, who serves as the episcopal leader of the Ohio West Area of the United Methodist Church. Elected to the Duke University Board of Trustees in 2023, Bishop Palmer serves on the Graduate and Professional Education and Research Committee. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters and chair of the Comprehensive Africa Plan in the United Methodist Church. He also is a board member of several organizations, including The United Methodist Publishing House, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, United Theological Seminary and OhioHealth, a family of nonprofit hospitals and health care facilities, Ohio Northern University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Mount Union University, and Emory University.

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. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

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

ENGAGE

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. Today, we give thanks for the Duke Women's Center.

Back Pew Collection Today | The Congregation at Duke Chapel is partnering this month with The Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Please drop off any type of canned goods or other non-perishable food items on the back pew of the Chapel.

Choir Auditions and Open Rehearsals | All are welcome to sing with the Duke Chapel Choir in open rehearsals on Wednesday, August 21, at 6:30 p.m., and on Sunday, August 25, at 9:15 a.m. (preceding the 11:00 a.m. worship service). Both the Chapel Choir and the Evensong Singers are open to Duke students, staff, and community members by audition. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact the Chapel Music office at chapelmusic@duke.edu or 919-684-3898.

Crop Drop Service Project | Serve and meet campus chaplains at the Crop Drop! Duke Chapel and Religious Life at Duke invite you to sort and pack potatoes for local food service organizations at the Crop Drop service project this Saturday, August 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12-noon on the lawn outside of the East Duke Building at 1304 Campus Dr. Sign up to serve at chapel.duke.edu/cropdrop.

Announcing the 2024–2025 Concert Season | In its concert series for the 2024–2025 academic year, Duke Chapel will present beloved musical traditions such as Handel's *Messiah*, the Organ Recital Series, and the Bach Cantata Series, as well as guest artists new to the Chapel, including jazz musician Branford Marsalis, conductor Pearl Shangkuan, and the United States Naval Academy Glee Club. See the full schedule at chapel.duke.edu/music.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. The Adult Forum returns next week, when the Rev. Dr. Edgardo Colón-Emeric, Dean of Duke Divinity School, will present at 9:45 a.m. in 0012 Westbrook and by Zoom. Contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

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 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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