In this morning’s Gospel reading, Jesus promises to be with even just two or three people when they are gathered in his name. Jesus also teaches how conflict is to be resolved in the church, while revealing the awesome authority given to his disciples. The reading from Exodus reminds us that as we gather at the Communion table, we give thanks to God for the fulfilment of the ancient promises of the Passover meal through Jesus Christ. Jesus became the sacrificial Lamb of God that we might pass over from death into eternal life through faith in him.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Toccata (avanti la *Messa della Madonna*) Girolamo Frescobaldi
Canzon (dopo l’Epistola) (1583–1643)
Toccata (per l’Elevazione)
Toccata (avanti il Ricercar)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please see the back of the bulletin.)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*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.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Almighty God, you search us and know us: send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word that we might know and love you better; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Exodus 12:1–14 (OT page 56)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
**Gradual Hymn 390** (Found in the hymnals located in the pew racks. Stanzas 1–2)
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

**Gospel Lesson**—Matthew 18:15–20 (NT page 19)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 390** (Stanzas 3–4)
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

**Sermon**—The Secret of Reconciliation

**Response**

**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: “Hear our prayer.”)

**Offertory Anthem**
He Smote All the First-Born of Egypt George Frideric Handel
(from *Israel in Egypt*)
(1685–1759)
He smote all the first-born of Egypt, the chief of all their strength.

—*Psalm 105:36–7*

**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 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. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal.)
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 the Communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side. If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 626 (sung by all)
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
PICARDY

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether
Harold 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: Alleluia! Alleluia! 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: Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

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

—Percy Dearmer, 1931

SENDING FORTH

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 206
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
HOUSTON

*CHORAL BLESSING
God Be in My Head
John Rutter
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Carillon-Sortie
Henri Mulet
(1878–1967)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.
Presiding Ministers  
   The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg  
   The Rev. Bruce Puckett  
   Ms. Janie Booth  

Wesley Fellowship, Duke Chapel Scholar, Trinity ’19

Preacher  
   The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery

Lectors  
   Ms. Keegan Cheleden  
   Duke Chapel Worship Intern, Divinity ’19  
   Ms. Denise Noble  
   Congregation at Duke Chapel Intern, Divinity ’19

Choir  
   Duke University Chapel Choir

Choir Director  
   Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

Organists  
   Dr. Robert Parkins  
   Mr. Christopher Jacobson

Ministers of Anointing  
   The Rev. Andrew Phillips  
   Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp

Head Ushers  
   Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

Carillonneur  
   Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

FOR WORSHIPERS AND VISITORS

† Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk.
† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assistance units are available at the sound desk at the back left of the Chapel. For optimal hearing assistance, please sit in the pews near the third columns of the Chapel nave, where the speakers are located.

FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Worship Bags for ages 0–5, and Children’s Worship Bulletins™ for ages 3–6 and 7–12, are available at the rear of the Chapel. Please return bags and clipboards at the end of the service.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. Please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917 for information.
TODAY’S FLOWERS—The flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be given to assist those suffering the effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

OFFERING FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—Next Sunday, September 17, the Chapel will take a special offering to support “our” Habitat house. Duke Chapel, the Congregation at Duke Chapel, other University partners, and First Calvary Baptist Church have committed to raising the $50,000 needed to underwrite the cost of the Habitat for Humanity house being built this fall at 1200 Cornell Street in Durham. All donations will be gratefully received.

CHAPEL MUSIC SERIES: CONCERT TONIGHT—This year’s Chapel Music Series features more than 30 performances and special services, comprising four choirs, four organs, and the Chapel’s carillon, in addition to guest soloists and musicians. The first concert is by the Amalgam Brass Ensemble, tonight at 5:15 p.m. in the Chapel. No tickets are required. See the full series listing at chapel.duke.edu/music.

BLESSING OF THE HANDS—On Monday, September 11, people who work at Duke are invited to receive a blessing on their hands and the work that they do. Ministers will be offering the blessings in front of Duke Chapel tomorrow at these times: 8:00–9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon–2:00 p.m., and 4:00–5:00 p.m.

CHAPEL CHOIR AUDITIONS—Auditions for the Chapel Choir will continue to be available for the next week. Membership is open to anyone. Those who are interested in singing with the choir are asked to call the Chapel Music Office at 919-684-3898.

EVENSONG, MIDWEEK PRAYER, AND VESPERS—Duke Chapel holds three weekly worship services in addition to our Sunday morning service. Choral Evensong is Sundays at 4:00 p.m.; Midweek Prayer is Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.; and Choral Vespers is Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Students are invited to participate in the services! Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/worship.

THEOLOGY AND ARTS FELLOWSHIP—Students interested in exploring the intersection of theology and the arts are encouraged to apply for the Chapel’s C. Eric Lincoln Theology and Arts Fellowship. The deadline is September 15. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/ArtsFellowship.

HABITAT BUILD—Volunteers are needed to help build a house at 1200 Cornell Street in Durham on Saturday, September 23, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. To volunteer, please contact Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

CHAPEL TOURS—For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
MEET THE CHAPEL’S NEW COMMUNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH COORDINATOR AND DIVINITY INTERNS

COMMUNITY MINISTRY OUTREACH COORDINATOR—Breana van Velzen is an ordained Baptist minister and holds a master of divinity from Duke Divinity School. She also holds a master of social work degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and a bachelor of arts in English education from UNC-Wilmington. Her passions include advocacy at the intersections of racial, economic, and environmental justice, and hospitality. These passions led her to work in faith-based advocacy, financial coaching, affordable housing, and immigration reform. While in divinity school, Breana was involved in Project BriDDDge, which orients new Duke Divinity School students to the history and community of Durham. As a result, she was involved in Reality Ministries, Community Empowerment Fund, Families Moving Forward, the Unlocking Doors Initiative, Refugee Wellness, and several other organizations. Breana’s experiences living in an intentional community in Wilmington, North Carolina, deeply shaped her approach in community ministry as relational and person-centered. As a former English teacher in coastal North Carolina, she loves working with students of all ages and writing creatively. When she is not volunteering or traveling, she enjoys slam poetry, science fiction, and nature walks in her free time. Breana loves stories and is always willing to listen or share in storytelling. In her new role, she will be working to strengthen the Chapel’s community-focused ministries. As part of the community ministry team, she will help deepen and create new relationships with people working for equity and justice in the West End neighborhood and throughout Durham. In all her work, Breana will strive to enhance the Chapel’s status as a voice of moral conscience for the university, the wider community, and the church.

CHAPEL WORSHIP INTERN—Keegan Cheleden is from Pasadena, California (the Rose parade actually goes right by her family’s house). She earned her bachelor’s in communication studies from Biola University and is currently pursuing her master’s of divinity and social work at Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill. What she will do with those degrees is yet to be determined, but she imagines it will have something to do with hospice care. When she is not at the Chapel, you can most likely find her cheering on Duke teams in Cameron Indoor or at Wallace Wade Stadium. She loves Duke and still cannot get over the fact that she gets to intern at the Chapel!
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—On September 17, Marsha Altmeyer will address “Transformation from Loss to Glory” in 0012 Westbrook.

**Lunch Today**—Please meet other worshipers in in the Brodhead Center (West Union) after worship today to enjoy a lunch together. Participants are invited to purchase a meal at one of the many vendors, then gather in a common room for conversation. Fellowship Committee members will provide directions along the way. These lunches will be held on the second Sunday of the month through the academic year.

**Second Wednesday Lunches**—Fellowship is the agenda for those who gather for a Wednesday lunch. All are welcome to meet at the Melo Trattoria, 1821 Hillandale Road, Durham, on Wednesday, September 13, at 12 noon. Please contact the Congregation office by Monday, September 11, if you plan to attend. Members of the group will purchase their own lunch.

**Back Pew Collection**—Habitat for Humanity of Durham will be grateful for donations of black Sharpie markers, individual packets of Band Aids, duct tape, tape measures, hammers, screwdrivers, pliers, and levels. Donated tools may be either new or used. Please place donations on the back pew on Sunday, September 17 or 24.

**Money and Christians**—A half-day retreat on “Money and Christians” will be led by the Rev. Dr. Will Willimon on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Blacknall Presbyterian Church, 1902 Perry St., Durham. The participant fee of $10 will cover the cost of a catered lunch. Please make a reservation for the retreat by contacting the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 by Monday, October 9.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES FALL 2017

The Congregation at Duke University Chapel offers educational opportunities for all ages and invites all to participate. Students, members, and non-members, regardless of age or religious background, are welcome to participate in the Christian Education opportunities below. Most classes meet weekly starting September 10, 2017 unless otherwise noted.

CHILDREN

WEE PRAISE—Using “Musikgarten’s God’s Children Sing” curriculum, infants and children through age 3, along with their parents or caregivers, are invited to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Participants will sing, move, listen and play simple instruments.

   **Time:** Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
   **Location:** Room 0016 in Westbrook Building, Divinity School
   **Leader:** Kate DeAlmeida

GODLY PLAY—A creative and imaginative approach to Christian Nurture, children ages 4 through 5th graders are invited into stories to learn the Christian language, become more fully aware of the mystery of God’s presence, and make meaning in their lives.

   **Time:** Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
   **Location:** Room 0050 in Langford Building, Divinity School
   **Leader:** Phyllis Snyder

YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Youth, 6th–12th grade, meet for lively discussions of the scriptures. This semester the focus will be on the Old Testament books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth.

   **Time:** Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
   **Location:** Room 0013 in Westbrook Building, Divinity School
   **Leader:** Andrew Phillips

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—Middle and high school youth come together each week for food, fun, and formation in the Christian life. During the academic year, Youth Fellowship meets after Sunday worship for lunch twice a month. Also twice a month, youth and mentors join the Congregation for a service project, experiential learning, or fellowship events. As the schedule and meeting locations vary from week to week, the best way to find out more is to contact andrew.phillips@duke.edu.

   **Leaders:** Andrew Phillips, Deb Hackney, Walker Robinson

ADULTS

ADULT FORUM—With a variety of guest speakers, the Adult Forum offers presentations and discussions on a wide range of topics. The thought-provoking topics include Biblical studies, current social issues and the work of mission agencies.

   **Time:** Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
   **Location:** Room 0012 in Westbrook Building, Divinity School
   **Coordinator:** Nelson Strother
Bible Study—The book of Judges will be the topic of discussion in the Sunday morning Bible study. This ten-week study will begin September 17.
  
Time: Sundays at 9:45 a.m.  
Location: Room 0015 in Westbrook Building, Divinity School  
Leader: Denise Noble

Lectionary Bible Study—The lectionary is a three-year cycle of Scripture readings which provide the basis of our Sunday worship. This class gathers once a month to discuss the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday.
  
Time: First Friday of the month at 10 a.m. throughout the year  
Location: The library at The Forest at Duke, 2701 Pickett Rd.  
Leader: Carol Gregg

Mid-Week Book Groups—For four weeks, participants will discuss The Paradox of Generosity by Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson starting September 20. Beginning November 1 and continuing for three weeks, readers will discuss Living the Quaker Way by Philip Gulley. Participants are asked to purchase their own books and inform the Congregation office of plans to attend.
  
Time: Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Home of Carol Gregg  
Leader: Carol Gregg

New Members Class—This four-week class provides participants the opportunity to explore membership in the Congregation at Duke Chapel.
  
Time: Sundays at 9:45 a.m. beginning October 15  
Location: Room 0014 in Westbrook Building, Divinity School  
Leader: Carol Gregg

(Re-)Exploring Christianity—Young adults and university students are invited to a class about exploring the Christian faith for the first time, or trying to see the faith in a new light. Faith is a journey that needs questions, and this class welcomes students to bring their questions, doubts, and confusions.
  
Time: Mondays at 6:00 p.m. for 7 weeks starting September 11  
Location: Chapel Conference Room (lower level of Duke Chapel)  
Leader: Andrew Phillips

Women’s Study—Adult women will meet twice a month to discuss living faith as grace-full disciples, in an atmosphere of openness and mutual support. Leadership and hosting will be shared. Please contact the Congregation office for additional information.
  
Time: Mondays every other week at 7:00 p.m.; on-going  
Location: The homes of participants  
Coordinator: Pam Marcom

Note: For detailed updates or changes to the schedules, please read the weekly eNews. You may subscribe to eNews by sending an email to congregation@duke.edu.
Love divine, all loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
4. Finish then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.

Fix in us thy humble dwelling all thy faithful mercies crown!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place.

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath, Dean of Duke Divinity School

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to the Chapel’s Ministry of the Month: Habitat for Humanity of Durham