This morning’s Scripture readings speak of the great mercy God extends to us when we wander far away. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus answers those who question the company he keeps by teaching two parables about seeking what is lost. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is willing to go in search of the one lost sheep. The apostle Paul acknowledges his grave sin before God, rejoicing in the mercy shown to him in Christ. We too are lost until we find faith in Jesus, and we are invited to receive his love and mercy today. Today also marks the fifteenth anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001. We hold in God’s grace all whose lives were dramatically altered on that day.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
(By the Waters of Babylon)

CHORAL INTROIT

Lux aeterna (fr. Requiem canticorum), James Whitbourn (b. 1963)

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis, quia pius es.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine on them, for thou art merciful.

—Written in memory of those who died on September 11, 2001

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESIONAL HYMN 103 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, ST. DENIO

*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.

The Chapel welcomes families with children; if at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.

On this Communion Sunday, families with children are invited to sit up front, so they can better observe The Great Thanksgiving. The importance of welcoming children is exemplified in Matthew 18:2-5 by Jesus’ answer to the disciples as they wondered who was the greatest in the kingdom of heaven: “He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, ‘Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.’” Please help us welcome the children in our midst by letting them know we are glad to see them in worship. By doing so, we are also welcoming Jesus.
*Peace
(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, and come now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Timothy 1:12–17 *(NT page 196)*

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

*GRADUAL HYMN 378 *(stanzas 1–3)*

Amazing Grace

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 15:1–10 *(NT page 73)*

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

*GRADUAL HYMN 378 *(stanza 3–6)*

Amazing Grace

SERMON—Seeking What is Lost

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

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip Bliss
(1838–1876)
arr. René Clausen

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

*Refrain:* It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*
He liveth, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
And the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so, it is well with my soul. Refrain

*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.

**Thanksgiving and 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 400*  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Nettleton

*Communion Anthem*  
Ubi caritas  
Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986)


Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us exult and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And with a sincere heart let us love one another. Amen.
**SENDING FORTH**

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER*

*BENEDICTION*

*CLOSING PROCESSIONAL HYMN 730*

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

ST. MICHAEL

*CHORAL BLESSING*

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in my 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.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Minor, BWV 534/2

J.S. Bach

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.*

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**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

This morning we celebrate the Department of Music, whose students and faculty enrich the lives of the Duke and Durham communities, giving expression to the human yearning for beauty, harmony, and peace.

In Durham, we remember physicians, nurses, and pharmacists who work at community health centers.
LEARNING THE LITURGY OF THE CHAPEL

Our Sunday morning worship begins with the church assembling together, indicated in the order of worship in the bulletin as “Gathering.” Music from the carillon, the organ, and the choir creates a worshipful atmosphere for people to enter the space of the Chapel and find a place of worship and sanctuary. To be ready to worship with people from different places with different life experiences involves intentional individual and communal preparation. So we invite people to enter in a spirit of contemplation and prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to enable us to worship.

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS—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 undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends of Duke Chapel, and students. The grantmaking process not only benefits people in need but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

RESPONSE TO RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS—In the past month natural disasters have had major impact on the lives of people in West Virginia, Louisiana, and Italy. The Chapel has responded financially by sending $5000, collected through the Chapel’s emergency fund offerings, to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to assist with relief work in those areas. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving.

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION AND GRATITUDE—The Chapel reopened to the public in May after a yearlong closure for restoration work. Throughout the 2016–17 academic year, the Chapel celebrates its reopening with joy and gratitude. Find updates about events, programs and stories related to the reopening year at https://chapel.duke.edu/reopen.

MUSIC AT DUKE CHAPEL

Music at Duke University Chapel aims to create high quality musical experiences, while giving glory to God and stirring the hearts and minds of all those it reaches. This year there will be a diverse program of music as part of the Chapel’s Year of Celebration. These are the upcoming events:

Today, 1:00 p.m.—Carillon Recital:
J. Samuel Hammond, University Carillonneur

Today, 5:15 p.m.—Bach Cantata Series: Cantata 135
Brian A. Schmidt, Director
The Bach Cantatas intentionally reflect the morning’s lectionary readings. This evening’s music is based on Luke 15:1–10.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Christian Education Classes**—Classes for all are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and will conclude in time for worship. All classes are held in the lowest level of the Westbrook (WB) building with refreshments and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Sunday School**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 WB.
- **Bible Study**: A discussion of the books of Esther and Ruth will begin on September 18 in 0015 WB.
- **Adult Forum**: On September 18, Carol Gregg, Pastor to the Congregation, will raise the topic of what is “Not in the Lectionary” in 0012 WB.

**Snacks after Worship**—All are invited to stay after worship for a time of fellowship and refreshment on the Chapel Lawn.

**Back Pew Collection**—Donations for Families Moving Forward, a shelter for homeless families, will be collected at the back pew today and September 18. The shelter needs bathroom tissue, cleaning supplies, dish detergent, laundry soap and bleach.

**Youth Fellowship**—Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to the Chapel Kitchen for dinner, fun, and practices of the faith on Sunday evenings beginning tonight from 5–7:00 p.m.

**Bible Study Begins**—A new Bible study will begin next week. The study, focused on the books of Esther and Ruth, will meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in 0015 Westbrook starting September 18 and will be repeated on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Lounge beginning September 20. All are welcome to attend.

**Habitat Build**—Volunteers are needed to assist in building a Habitat for Humanity home on Saturday, September 24, from 8:30–11:30 a.m. at 507 N. Elm St. Please contact the Congregation office, 919-684-3917, if you plan to attend.

**Help Families Moving Forward**—Volunteers are needed to assist with dinner and child care at the Families Moving Forward shelter on Monday, September 26, and Tuesday, September 27; volunteer shifts are only one hour. For more information, please contact the congregation office at 919-684-3917.

**Serve Dinner at Urban Ministries**—Volunteers are needed every month to assist with serving a lasagna dinner at Urban Ministries in downtown Durham. Both cooked lasagnas and helping hands are needed on Wednesday, October 26, at 6:15 p.m. and Sunday, November 13, at 5:15 p.m. For more information and to volunteer, contact Cricket Scovil at scovilj@aol.com or the Congregation office.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Guest Preacher—Our preacher will be the Rev. Alan Storey, minister at the Central Methodist Mission (CMM) in Cape Town, South Africa.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to our Mission of the Month: Urban Ministries of Durham.