



Duke
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2014

Eleven o'clock in the morning

∞ *Bridging Faith and Learning* ∞



Mustard seeds

Today's lesson from Exodus shows the Hebrew people escaping Egypt while Pharaoh's men chase after them, only to be overwhelmed by the Red Sea. Everything that held the Hebrews in bondage was drowned. In Romans, Paul speaks to the different customs, rituals, and understandings of the various people who were converting to Christianity, and how these differences should be addressed within the faith community. And in today's Gospel lesson from Mark, Jesus speaks to the nature of the kingdom of God, using the example of the mustard seed, small and stealthy, yet capable of putting forth large branches.

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a service of prayer for healing will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

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.

GATHERING

CARILLON

BRASS PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue

No. 16 in G minor, BWV 861

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

trans. Miles Anderson

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*in unison*)

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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: as we search to know and understand you through your word, help us to rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Exodus 14:19-31 (*OT page 58-59 in the pew Bible*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

BRASS ANTHEM

Contrapunctus I (from *The Art of the Fugue*), BWV 1080 J.S. Bach
arr. Robert King

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 14:1-12 (*NT pages 152-53*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 168 (*stanzas 1-2*)

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.*)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 4:26-34 (*NT page 36*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 168 (*stanzas 3-4*)

At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON

SERMON—Sneaky Little Mustard

RESPONSE

*THE 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: "Hear our prayer."*)

Today we offer thanks for the employees who make up the housekeeping staff of the university and their work in cleaning, tidying, and making offices and classrooms ready for learning and productivity.

In Durham we remember those who are homeless or are in unstable housing situations and the organizations that work to offer safe shelter, access to affordable housing, and opportunities for home ownership. A representative from Genesis Home brings forward a quilt.

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

BRASS OFFERTORY

Contrapunctus IX (from *The Art of Fugue*), BWV 1080 J.S. Bach
arr. John Glasel

*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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (*number 895 in the hymnal, in unison*)

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 662

Stand Up and Bless the Lord ST. MICHAEL

POSTLUDE

Entrada de clarines
Anonymous
(Martín y Coll)
(c. 1700)

CARILLON

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Brian Blount <i>President and Professor of New Testament; Union Presbyterian Seminary</i>
Lectors	Ms. Christine Delp <i>Trinity '15; PathWays Chapel Scholar, Wesley Fellowship</i> Mr. Jihwan Hwang <i>Trinity '18</i>
Guest Musicians	Amalgam Brass Ensemble
Organist	Dr. Robert Parkins
Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion	The Rev. Brad Troxell
Head Ushers	Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Today we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Brian Blount as a Howard C. Wilkinson guest preacher. Dr. Blount is President and Professor of New Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, and Charlotte, NC. He was called to this position in 2007, after serving for 15 years as the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Princeton Theological Seminary. An M.Div. graduate of Princeton Seminary in 1981, he obtained his B.A. from the College of William and Mary in 1978. After graduating from Princeton Seminary, he went on to become the pastor of the Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church in Newport News, VA, from 1982-88. William and Mary's first African-American to receive membership in the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Dr. Blount received his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Emory University in 1992. His latest book is *Invasion of the Dead: Preaching Resurrection* (2014).

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 MISSION OF THE MONTH OFFERING—All of today's cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support Genesis Home. Genesis Home works to end homelessness for families with children by providing housing and supportive services to foster independence. 2014 marks the agency's 25th anniversary of moving families from homelessness to housing. In 2013, Genesis Home set all-time records for families and children served, nights of shelter provided, and for the number of families moving into permanent housing. It needs your help to address the needs of the families and children living at Genesis Home. Please consider volunteering as a "study buddy" today. Visit www.geneshome.org and click "how you can help" to get involved. Your compassion can change lives.

CHAPEL CHOIR RETREAT—This weekend the Chapel Choir is in Wilmington, NC, on its annual fall retreat. They will spend many hours rehearsing Handel's *Messiah*, Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, and some Sunday anthems, and will sing in the Sunday morning worship service at First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. The Chapel is grateful to the Amalgam Brass Ensemble for providing musical support in the choir's absence.

STRATEGIC PLAN—To view Duke Chapel's new strategic plan and learn how the Chapel embodies the University's motto, *eruditio et religio*, bridging faith and learning, visit chapel.duke.edu/mission/strategic-plan.



THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

SUNDAY EDUCATION—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45-10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. Classes include:

- *Wee Praise* for infants through children age 3 with parents or caregivers in 0014 Westbrook
- *Godly Play* for 4-year olds through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- *Youth Sunday School* for youth in 6th-12th grades in 0013 Westbrook
- *Adult Bible Study* focused on the theme of hope in 0011 Westbrook
- *Adult Forum*—Next Sunday, September 21, Brett McCarty, Th.D. student, Duke Divinity School, will speak on “Why (and How) the Church Needs to Care about Medicine” in 0012 Westbrook.
- *New Member Class* for adults considering joining the Congregation in 0015 Westbrook

POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY—There will be potluck lunch in the Chapel Lounge immediately following the worship service. All are invited.

BACK PEW COLLECTION FOR BUS PASSES—September’s Mission Committee collection for today and September 21 is for bus passes. The Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham will distribute passes as needed to formerly incarcerated people re-entering the work force, so they can get to work. A 31-day pass for unlimited rides with DATA costs \$36, and can be purchased at the Durham Station on Pettigrew and Chapel Hill Street by cash. If you prefer to make a monetary donation of any amount, make checks payable to the “Congregation at Duke Chapel” and add “bus passes, local missions” on the memo line.

PLAYGROUP—Young children and their parent or caregiver are invited to share Christian fellowship on Wednesday, September 24, at 10:00 a.m. at Marbles Kids Museum, 201 East Hargett St., Raleigh. Please meet in the front lobby where tickets are purchased. Cost is \$5 per person, with no charge for children under age 1. For more information please contact Anna Shea at annacollins2@hotmail.com.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY DINNER—Women are invited to share conversation and a light supper tomorrow, September 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Pam Marcom. Participants should bring snacks or appetizers to share. To facilitate planning, please rsvp to congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

WALKING MEDITATION—If you would enjoy a quiet walk in Duke Gardens, consider participating in a walking meditation on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. starting September 23, and continuing for six weeks. Participants will meet at the base of the terrace gardens by the fish pond, read a Psalm, reflect on a question while walking, then conclude with prayer at 12:45 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

TUESDAY SERVICE OF PRAYER & COMMUNION

A Service of Prayer and Holy Communion will be celebrated this Tuesday, September 16, at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel. All are invited for scripture reading, prayers for the Church and the world, celebration of Holy Communion, and an opportunity for laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and prayers for healing.



WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK PRAYER

The Chapel invites you to join in Mid-Week Prayer on Wednesdays at noon in the Memorial Chapel. Services last approximately twenty minutes and are led by members of the Chapel staff. All are invited to this time of prayer and reflection.

THURSDAY CHORAL VESPERS

Choral Vespers will take place on Thursday, September 18, at 5:15 p.m. It is a 30-minute candlelight service of worship with scripture readings, prayers, and sacred music, and is held in the intimate setting of the Chancel. The Vespers Ensemble is a select group of singers who specialize in Renaissance and 20th-century motets.



QUESTIONS PEOPLE OFTEN ASK - WHY DO WE CONFESS OUR SINS?

Sin is not simply something that makes people unhappy or causes pain: it is life based on a false story, one that leads to worshipping something other than the triune God. However, the Christian story does not begin with sin but with God's decision to be in relationship with humanity and all creation. Thus when there is a breakdown of that relationship, by what has been done, or what has been left undone, it is a tragedy in which the congregation has participated. Repentance means naming and stripping away the things that distance the disciple from the gospel. From personal repentance, the congregation moves into corporate confession. It is not just individual sin that separates each person from God: sin infects the people of God as a whole. In confessing sin, we recognize that the people of this congregation have joined, each and every week, in discarding God's everlasting invitation to worship and friendship.



DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS

† 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 assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant's desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & 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.

† Activity Bags are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers.

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. If you would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

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