This week the Chapel’s sanctuary is closed for maintenance and repair of its ceiling. The Chapel community will be worshipping on the Chapel lawn (with Page Auditorium as a back-up location). The scripture lessons for this morning are all connected by a sense of proclamation. In Proverbs, wisdom is personified as one who stands in the streets proclaiming her wisdom to anyone who will listen. James warns against the power and danger that can be unleashed by the tongue. Mark’s gospel describes Jesus and his disciples as they wrestle to understand who Jesus is. Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus then is clear that a life with him involves radical commitment—giving our whole lives to his service.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE
Versets on the 6th, 8th, 4th, and 5th tones
Tiento 3° tono lleno
Juan Cabanilles
(1644-1712)

INTROIT
My Lord, What a Mornin’
Traditional Spiritual
arr. H. T. Burleigh
(1866-1949)

My Lord, what a mornin’, when the stars begin to fall. Done quit all
my worldly ways; join that heavenly band.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN
This Is My Father’s World
TERRA BEATA

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise.
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world: he shines in all that’s fair;
In rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let heaven ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

*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.

Due to the closure of the Chapel nave,
there will be no communion service after the worship service today.
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)

Lord God, as your word is read, give us discernment and courage to defend your Church from all false teaching and give your people knowledge of your truth, revealed in your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Proverbs 1:20-33

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Heavens Are Telling (from The Creation) Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament. The day that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.  

—paraphrase of Psalm 19:1-3


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn

O Master, let me walk with thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me thy secret; help me to bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

*Gospel Lesson—Mark 8:27-38

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
**GRADUAL HYMN**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Teach me thy patience; still with thee
In closer, dearer company;
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future’s broadening way,
In peace that only thou canst give
With thee, O Master, let me live.

**SERMON—Small Blessings**

**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; 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 com-
munion 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.”)

**OFFERTORY**

Day by Day We Magnify Thee

(from *Dettingen Te Deum* (1685-1759))

Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name ever, world
without end.

**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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison)

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.

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSATIONAL HYMN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator’s praise arise; Let the redeemer’s name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word.

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring, in songs of praise divinely sing;

The great salvation loud proclaim, and shout for joy the Savior’s name.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong;

In cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.

*CHORAL BLESSING

God Be in My Head

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.

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fantasia in A minor

*All who are able may stand.
Today’s Offering—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers more than 300 students opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives through study, counsel, service, and community.

Organ Recital Canceled—Due to the closure of the upstairs of the Chapel, David Arcus’s organ recital originally scheduled for this afternoon has been cancelled.

Chapel Sermons—During the early weeks of Dean Powery’s transition to the Chapel, sermons may not be available on Sunday mornings. We hope to have them available on Sundays beginning in October. Downloadable PDFs, podcasts, and webcasts of the weekly sermons will be available after each Sunday service by clicking on the sermon and bulletin archive link from the Chapel’s home webpage, www.chapel.duke.edu.

Duke Chapel Events Listserv—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming Chapel-sponsored events such as concerts, talks, and special worship services, please visit chapel.duke.edu/contact and and choose “Receive Event Emails” or send an email to Kelsey Hallatt at kelsey.hallatt@duke.edu.

Parking at Duke Chapel—Do you like to attend Chapel events on evenings and weekends but dislike the difficulty and cost of parking on campus? Duke Parking and Transportation services offers a Night Permit for $20 annually, which allows you to park on campus after 5:00 p.m. and on weekends. There is no charge to park on Sunday mornings until 1:00 p.m. The permit is renewed annually in August. Please contact Parking at 919-684-PARK for more information.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—On Sunday, September 23, participants from the Youth and Family Trip to Honduras will present a program titled, “Going, Learning, Returning, Living: Stories of What We Experienced and Learned in Honduras.” The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

**September Collection**—The Local Missions and Outreach is sponsoring the September monthly collection through next Sunday to benefit Agape Corner School. Agape Corner is a Christian boarding school located in the heart of downtown Durham that serves a multi-ethnic student body. The current needs are cleaning supplies, toilet tissue, and biodegradable plates, forks, and spoons. Checks may also be made to the Congregation at Duke Chapel, with Agape Corner in the memo line. Bring your donations to the back pew of the Chapel. If you have questions, please contact Ed or Linda Karolak at 919-383-4233 or EKarolak@aol.com.

**Becoming a Member of the Congregation**—Are you looking for a way to connect with other worshipers at the Chapel? Are you looking for a group of people with whom to walk the Christian journey? Do you desire to be part of a Christian community that serves the Durham community and the world? If so, the Congregation is hosting an orientation class. The class begins today with additional classes on September 30 and October 7. Times vary. Membership in the Congregation is open to all. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact the Rev. Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

**Youth Ministry and Invitation to Serve with Youth**—Sunday School classes for youth (grades 6-12) are held in the Divinity Student Lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. If you are a university student who would like to work with middle school and senior high youth, please contact Brad Troxell at brad.troxell@duke.edu or by calling 919-684-3917.

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**This Week at Duke Chapel**

*The Chapel sanctuary is closed until Friday, September 21, and weekly services will continue in locations specified.*

**Morning Prayer** - Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Lounge

**Communion and Healing** - Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in Goodson Chapel

**Choral Vespers** - Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in Goodson Chapel
O P P O R T U N I T I E S  F O R  S P I R I T U A L  F O R M A T I O N

The Congregation at Duke Chapel is currently organizing several new Bible studies and small groups. All are welcome to participate in the groups described below. Unless otherwise noted, the dates and times are TBA, based on participant availability.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please fill out the form on the reverse side and place it in the offering plate. Information about meeting times and locations will be sent to you. For more information, please contact Bruce Puckett at bruce.puckett@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

D I S C I P L E  I I :  I N T O  T H E  W O R D ,  I N T O  T H E  W O R L D — T h i s  s t u d y  e m p h a s i z e s  t h e  r y h m o f  c o m i n g  t o  G o d  a n d  g o i n g  w i t h  G o d ,  o f  b e i n g  i n  t h e  W o r d  a n d  i n  t h e  w o r l d  i n d i v i d u a l l y  a n d  a s  a  c o m m u n i t y  o f  f a i t h .  E a c h  o f  t h e  b o o k s  o f  G e n e s i s ,  E x o d u s ,  L u k e ,  a n d  A c t s  i s  s t u d i e d  f o r  e i g h t  w e e k s .  A s  i n  D i s c i p l e  I ,  t h e  l e s s o n s  i n c l u d e  d a i l y  r e a d i n g s  a n d  t h o u g h t - p r o v o k i n g  q u e s t i o n s  f o r  r e f l e c t i o n .  (Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., location TBD). Led by Rick King.

J E S U S  I N  T H E  G O S P E L S — P a r t  o f  t h e  D i s c i p l e  s e r i e s ,  t h i s  i l l u m i n a t i n g  a n d  c h a l l e n g i n g  B i b l e  s t u d y  f o c u s e s  o n  t h e  p o r t r a i t s  o f  J e s u s  f o u n d  i n  t h e  f o u r  G o s p e l s – M a t t h e w ,  M a r k ,  L u k e  a n d  J o h n .  P a r t i c i p a n t s  e x p l o r e  t h e  w a y  e a c h  G o s p e l  w r i t e r  p r e s e n t s  e v e n t s  a n d  t e a c h i n g  a s  w e l l  a s  t h e  p i c t u r e  o f  J e s u s  t h a t  e m e r g e s  f r o m  e a c h  o f  t h e  G o s p e l s .  (D a y ,  t i m e ,  a n d  l o c a t i o n  t o  b e  d e t e r m i n e d ).  L e d  b y  M e l i s s a  M i l l s .

P O N D E R I N G  L I F E ’ S  T R A N S I T I O N S — A  D i s c u s s i o n  G r o u p  o n  L a t e r  L i f e  E x p e r i e n c e s .  T h i s  g r o u p  w i l l  g a t h e r  t o  d i s c u s s  f a i t h  a n d  t h e  C h r i s t i a n  l i f e  i n  r e l a t i o n s h i p  t o  t h e  p r o c e s s e s  o f  a g i n g .  P a r t i c i p a n t s  w i l l  d i s c u s s  G o d ’ s  p u r p o s e s  f o r  a n d  o u r  a d j u s t m e n t s  t o  l a t e r  l i f e  s t a g e s ,  a n d  t h e  g r o u p  w i l l  e m p h a s i z e  t h e  p e r s o n a l  d i g n i t y  o f  t h o s e  w h o  a r e  v e t e r a n s  i n  t h e  a g i n g  p r o c e s s .  (Mondays, 4:00-5:30 p.m., location TBD). Led by Tom Manning.

A D U L T  F O R U M — E a c h  S u n d a y  m o r n i n g  a  s p e c i a l  g u e s t  s h a r e s  o n  a  s u b j e c t  p e r t a i n i n g  t o  t h e  C h r i s t i a n  l i f e .  T h e  t o p i c s  r a n g e  f r o m  h e a l t h  c a r e  t o  m e t h o d s  o f  p r a y e r  t o  C h a p e l  a r c h i t e c t u r e .  E v e r y o n e  i s  w e l c o m e  t o  a t t e n d  t h e s e  l e c t u r e s  a n d  d i s c u s s i o n s .  (Sundays, 9:45-10:30 a.m., 0012 Westbrook, Divinity School).

L E C T I O N A R Y  S T U D Y  G R O U P — O n  t h e  f i r s t  F r i d a y  o f  e a c h  m o n t h ,  a  g r o u p  g a t h e r s  t o  d i s c u s s  t h e  l e c t i o n a r y  t e x t s  f o r  t h e  f o l l o w i n g  S u n d a y .  A l l  a r e  w e l c o m e  t o  a t t e n d  t h i s  B i b l e  s t u d y .  (F i r s t  F r i d a y  o f  t h e  M o n t h ,  1 0 : 0 0 - 1 1 : 0 0  a . m . ,  L i b r a r y  C l a s s r o o m ,  F o r e s t  a t  D u k e ).  L e d  b y  B r u c e  P u c k e t t .
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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 (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.
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