In today’s Gospel passage Jesus chides his disciples for clinging to earthly illusions of power as they argue over who will be the greatest in the Kingdom of God. In Jesus’ Kingdom, those who are last will be first, and those who humbly serve will be blessed. This is the way of the Cross, as Jesus foretells his own death and resurrection that opens the way for us to live as God’s children. Likewise, the passage from James calls us to resist the devil by rejecting selfish ambition and living lives of gentleness born of the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. The verses from Proverbs also speak of the honor of a God-fearing woman, who is rewarded for her service to the poor and to the Lord by being blessed with a position of great influence in her community.
During the prelude the congregation is asked to remain prayerfully or meditatively silent. The Chapel welcomes families with children; if at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please utilize the nursery in the Box Office on the second floor of Page.

**GATHERING**

**Prelude**

The Peace May Be Exchanged  
Dan Locklair  
(b. 1949)

**Greeting and Announcements**

*Processional Hymn 589 (Please see hymns at back of bulletin.)

The Church of Christ, in Every Age  
DICKINSON COLLEGE

*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)

Loving Father, whose glory is around and within us: may we approach you in joy as your children and be open to the moving of your Spirit now; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Proverbs 31:10–31

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

**Anthem**

A Prayer  
Jared Johnson  
(b. 1974)
O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter’s power. O God, make the door of this house the gateway of your eternal kingdom. You who have given us this heritage, grant us grace gratefully to receive it, wisely to use it, and faithfully to continue it, to your glory and our salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—from the King’s Chapel Prayer Book

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—James 3:13–4:3,7–8a  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 9:30–37  
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON—Making Room for Greatness

RESPONSE

*RESPONSE HYMN 141  
Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

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


*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

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, for ever. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Processional Hymn 581

 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service BEACH SPRING

Postlude

The People Respond, Amen! Dan Locklair

*All who are able may stand.

Prayers for the Week

This morning we give thanks for the Department of Athletics. We celebrate the ways its students strive for excellence both academically and athletically, as well as the sportsmanship that brings a spirit of competition and play to Duke’s campus.

In Durham, we remember those who struggle with body image and any who are affected by eating disorders or disordered eating.
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers  
The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery  
The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg  
Preacher  
The Rev. Dr. Barry C. Black  
Lectors  
Dr. Milton Blackmon  
Academic Dean, Trinity College of Arts and Sciences  
Ms. Jacqueline Emerson  
Duke Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Trinity ’18  
Chapel Organist  
Mr. Christopher Jacobson  
Choir  
Duke Chapel Ensemble  
Guest Musicians  
Amalgam Brass  
Presiding Minister over Post-Service Communion  
The Rev. McKennon Shea  
Head Ushers  
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong

FOR WORSHIPERS AND VISITORS
† Prayer requests may be emailed to chapel-prayers@duke.edu.
† Tours of Duke Chapel are suspended until the nave re-opens.
† Hearing assistance units are available in the lobby of Page Auditorium. See the attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print bulletins for the worship service.

FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
† Children 4 and younger are invited to the nursery located in the Page box office, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Capacity is limited. Parents are welcome to feed or change infants; pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship.
† Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers, and activity bags are available in the entryway of Page for children 5 or younger. Please return the

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—Today’s flowers 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 for the Chapel Development Fund. The Chapel’s current focus is to upgrade the Chapel cameras and video capabilities to digital and high definition in order to better serve the thousands of worshipers locally, in Duke Hospital, and around the globe who tune in weekly.

Today’s Guest Preacher—Rear Admiral The Rev. Barry C. Black is Chaplain to the United States Senate. Rev. Dr. Black opens the Senate each day in prayer and provides counseling and spiritual care for senators, their families, and staff. Commissioned as a Navy chaplain in 1976, he served throughout the U.S. and in Japan, retiring as Chief of Navy Chaplains. Black is a native of Baltimore and an alumnus of Oakwood College, Andrews University, North Carolina Central University, Palmer Theological Seminary, Salve Regina University, and Alliant International University. In addition to earning master of arts degrees in divinity, counseling and management, he has received a doctoral degree in ministry and a doctor of philosophy degree in psychology. In the 1970s, he was a pastor at a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Durham, N.C.

Sermons Available—Each week, a downloadable PDF, podcast, and webcast of sermons are available on the Chapel’s website, chapel.duke.edu. Paper copies are usually available by the main Quad and accessible exits of Page Auditorium after the service.

Choral Evensong—Choral Evensong is offered every Sunday during the semester at 4 p.m. in Goodson Chapel. All are welcome and invited to enter into a sacred space of reflection through music, scripture, and prayers drawn from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Note: incense will be used at this service.

Choral Vespers—Vespers is offered every Thursday during the semester at 6 p.m in Goodson Chapel. This meditative 40-minute candlelit service consists of scripture readings, prayers, and sacred choral music spanning from the Renaissance through today.

Bibles—As pew Bibles are not available during this year of transition, please do feel free to bring your own print or electronic version to worship.

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Service of Worship for the Blessing of the Animals

October 4 at 3:00 p.m. Chapel Quad
Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp, preaching
Durham Children’s Choir
The rain date is October 11
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Sunday Christian Education Classes**—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:

- **Wee Praise**: Ages 0-3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook.
- **Godly Play**: Ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Sunday School**: For 6th-12th graders in 0013 Westbrook.

**Back Pew Collection**—Books and funds to purchase books and book covers for the library at the Durham Nativity School may be placed in the Page lobby today or in the offering plate designated for “DNS Books.” DNS is an independent, privately-funded middle school in central Durham with the mission of providing local underserved boys with a tuition-free education focused on nurturing the whole child.

**Saturday Service Project**—Volunteers are needed on September 26 from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. at the Durham Nativity School, located at 1004 North Mangum Street, Durham, to help the boys from the school organize their new library and put clear covers on their new library books. For more information, please contact the Congregation office or Walker Robinson (twalkerrobinson@gmail.com).

**Children to Sing with Duke Chapel Choir**—Children and youth from 2nd through 8th grades are invited to join the Congregation’s Children and Youth Choir, which will sing in worship on Sunday, October 4th. Practices will be held on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in Westbrook room 0014, lowest level of Duke Divinity School. Please contact Phyllis Snyder for more information at phyllis.snyder@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

**Heavenly Hugs Hat Ministry**—Those who like to knit or crochet, or want to learn how, are invited to join a ministry of making hats for those in need and attend an informal fellowship event on Tuesday, September 22, at 2:00 p.m., in the Congregation’s temporary office space at Northgate Mall. Contact Tamela Davis, tamelabdavis@gmail.com for more information.

**Ripples of Grief Series**—Starting October 6, a six-week series on the grief process will begin, sponsored by Growing Through Grief: of which the Congregation at Duke Chapel is part of the sponsoring coalition. The series will be led by Rob Womak, a licensed mental health counselor and experienced grief counselor. All sessions are held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 2600 W. Cornwallis, Durham. Refreshments are at 4 p.m. The sessions begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

**New Member Class**—All those considering joining the Congregation are invited to attend the fall new member class which will be held on the four Sundays of October from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in 0015 Westbrook. For more information, please contact Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.
1. The church of Christ, in every age beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

2. Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

4. For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord, to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.
Children of the Heavenly Father

1. Children of the heaven-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bos-om gath-er;
2. God his own doth tend and nour-ish; in his bo-ly courts they flour-ish;
3. Nei-ther life nor death shall ev-er from the Lord his chil-dren sev-er;
4. Though he giv-eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne’er for-sak-eth;

nest-ling bird nor star in heav-en such a ref-uge e’er was giv-en.
from all e-vil things he spares them; in his might-y arms he bears them.
un-to them his grace he show-eth, and their sor-rows all he know-eth.
his the lov-ing pur-pose sole-ly to pre-serve them pure and ho-ly.

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1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, for sake,
cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom;
veiling light in its height and depth and greatness
name we go to the child, the youth, the aged,
ofered mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the
still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-
dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and
love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and
worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating
passion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to
comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give, 'that your servants,
Scaffolding with platforms have been built so crews can reach the Chapel ceiling. Please continue to pray for the Chapel and all those working on its restoration. *Photo Credit: Ray Walker, Duke Facilities architect/project manager.*
Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to write a prayer request in the space below and please place it in the offering plate. It will be offered up to God in confidence by the Chapel team this week.