God is sovereign and raises up the most ordinary and unlikely of people to accomplish the Lord’s will and good purposes. Esther is the orphaned daughter of Jewish exiles who remarkably becomes Queen of Persia and uses her influence to save God’s people Israel. Likewise the Apostle James reminds us that the great prophet Elijah was also human like us and whose example of faith should encourage us to pray for miracles in Jesus’ name. Jesus himself encourages all to join in the good work of the Gospel, so that those who are on the fringes of faith might too come and receive salvation. There is a fierce warning not to impede this work but rather to labor together in peace with whomever God has brought together to build the Kingdom of Heaven.
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

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier
(Blessed Jesus, we are here), BWV 730/1
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

CHORAL INTROIT

Hear My Prayer
Moses Hogan (1957–2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer,
In the morning when I rise.
It’s your servant, bound for glory.
O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done,
And you come to take me home.
Just to know I’m bound for glory,
And to hear you say well done.
Done with sin and sorrow,
Have mercy. Amen.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479 (Please see hymns at back of bulletin.)
Jesus, Lover of My Soul
ABERYSTWYTH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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)
Compassionate God, our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: we ask you to send your Spirit so that we would hear from you now; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
(1525–1594)

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te deus.

As the deer longs for the waterbrooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.

—Psalm 42:1

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

*Gospel Lesson—Mark 9:38–50
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—Followers of Jesus

Response
*Response Hymn 596
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

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.”)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Thanks Be to God (fr. Elijah) Felix Mendelssohn
(Fr. 1809–1847)

Thanks be to God; he laveth the thirsty land.
The waters gather, they rush along!
They are lifting their voices!
The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty;
But the Lord is above them, and Almighty.

—Psalm 93: 3–4

*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 PROCESIONAL HYMN 670
Go Forth for God GENEVA 124

*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.
**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK**

*This morning we give thanks for the administration of the University and its leadership in creating the policies and procedures that allow the university to flourish.*

*In Durham, we remember those who are unemployed, underemployed, or living on low incomes, and we give thanks to employers who seek to offer a living wage.*

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**MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

| Presiding Ministers        | The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg  
|                           | Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp     
| Preacher                   | The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery  
| Lectors                    | Mr. Zach Heater           
|                            | *Duke United Methodist Campus Ministry, Trinity ‘17* 
|                            | *Ms. Liza Oslyn Sukra*    
|                            | *Trinity ‘16*             
| Choir                      | Duke University Chapel Choir 
| Choir Conductor            | Dr. Rodney Wynkoop        
| Chapel Organist            | Mr. Christopher Jacobson  
| Presiding Minister over Post-Service Communion | The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg 
| Head Ushers                | Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong 

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**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.

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**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

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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 to support the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers students opportunities to discern God’s call through study, artistic expression, counsel, service, and Christian community.

World Communion and Founders’ Sunday—October 4 will see a celebration of Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday, when we will give thanks for the worldwide Church. We will also welcome President Brodhead and a member of the Duke Family as we celebrate Founders’ Sunday.

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.

Greeting the Preacher—Our preacher this morning will be available to greet after the service, up the stairs in the main lobby of Page.

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.
- **Adult Forum**: Next Sunday, Mr. Mark Gass, Congregation member, will lead us in discussion of “Logos vs Zeitgeist 2.0: Lots of computers—has the world really changed?” in 0012 Westbrook.

**Education Committee**—The Education Committee will meet after worship today in Page 106. All those interested in helping to plan educational events are welcome to attend.

**Lectionary Bible Study**—The lectionary Bible study will be held on Wednesday, September 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the Congregation office in Northgate Mall and Friday, October 2 at 10 a.m. in the library at The Forest at Duke. All are welcome to attend.

**Young Adult Dinner**—Young Adults and their families are invited to dinner on the first Friday of the month. On October 2nd at 6:00 p.m., the group will gather at Baba Ghannouj, 2200 W. Main Street A140, Durham, which serves wonderful Mediterranean food. Enjoy the food and the fellowship. Bring your family, your friends, or come alone. Everyone is welcome.

**Ripples of Grief Series**—Growing Through Grief, a coalition of churches including the Congregation at Duke Chapel, is sponsoring a six-week series on the grief process to begin Tuesday, October 6. 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, 1200 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.

**Saturday Service Project**—The Congregation’s next monthly service project will be Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Reality Ministries, 916 Lamond Ave., Durham. Volunteers will offer fall yard work for this ministry “where friends with and without disabilities grow together.”

**eNews**—The Congregation at Duke Chapel publishes a weekly email announcing fellowship events, service opportunities and Christian education classes. If you would like to receive this weekly newsletter, please email congregation@duke.edu.
Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll,
   soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone,
   thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
   all my sin; let the healing streams abound,

2. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless still support and comfort me. All my trust on
   soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone,
   thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
   all my sin; let the healing streams abound,

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy
   be there; away, alas! away from me to none,
   thee I find; raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
   all my sin; let the healing streams abound,

4. Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover Savour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
   thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
   is thy name, I am all unrighteousness;
   fountaine art, freely let me take of thee;

safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.
cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.
false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
spring thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1740 (Wis. 11:26)
MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1879
ABERYSTWYTH 77.77 D
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered
   all to hear thee, let our hearts and souls be stirred
   now to seek and love and fear thee, by thy teachings
   sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest
   darkness shrouded, till thy spirit breaks our night
   with the beams of truth unclouded. Thou alone to help us by thy spirit's pleading; hear the cry thy
   God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, thyself impart! Light of light, from
   God proceeding, open thou our ears and heart;
   help us by thy spirit's pleading; hear the cry thy
   people raises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

WORDS: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663; trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1858
MUSIC: Johann R. Ahle, 1664

LIEBSTER JESU
78.78.88
Go Forth for God

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
   be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.

2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
   strength- en the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above,
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.

3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
   hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length,
shall overcome all darkness with his light.

4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Words: John R. Peacey, 1975
Music: Gesangbuch, 1551; harm. by C. Winfred Douglas, 1940, alt.

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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.*
Prayer card

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.