The lessons today speak of God’s faithfulness and our response of love and commitment. Jesus tells his disciples that following him requires taking up their crosses. Attempting to save their own lives is futile, yet in losing their lives for Jesus’s sake, they will find true life. The Apostle Paul describes what a life following Christ and carrying his cross looks like. He provides concrete wisdom on how to enact one’s faith in community, emphasizing love and sharing one another’s burdens. These messages extend through the generations to us today; we are those called to bear Christ’s cross in community.
Gathering
Carillon

Prelude

Psalm Prelude, Set 1, No. 1, Op. 32
Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | See hymn printed on insert.

Open Wide the Doors of Mercy
RUSTINGTON
arr. Ferguson

*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.

Minister: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Glory to God. Amen.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

*All rise as able
Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Lord, fill our hearts with your insight into love so that every thought may grow in wisdom and all our efforts may be filled with your peace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.


Romans 12:9–21

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

Anthem

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said,
“If you would my disciple be;
forsake the past, and come this day,
and humbly follow after me.”

Take up your cross; let not its weight pervade your soul with vain alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish heart rebel;
for you the Lord endured the cross
to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
or think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross may hope to wear a golden crown.

—Charles W. Everest, 1833, alt.
Matthew 16:21–28

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

Sermon

Follow the Passion

Response

*Response Hymn | See hymn printed on insert.

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS
arr. Schalk

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:

People:  Hear our prayer.

Offertory Music | Please sign and pass the attendance pads located in the pew at the center aisle.

Centone No. 5: Allegro

Centone No. 5: Allegro   Samuel Scheidt
(1587–1654)

*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 and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | Musical setting 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 text is found on page 895 at the back of 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. Bread and wine are used for Communion. You may receive wine by dipping or drinking from the cup. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, they are available from servers near Memorial Chapel in the front and opposite the attendant’s desk near the back. Please use these chalices for dipping only. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether;
for when humbly, in thy name,
two or three are met together,
thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

—Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Communion Hymn | UMH 424

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

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*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 159

Lift High the Cross

Postlude

Entrada de clarines (antes de tocar canciones)

Carillon

**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

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Alex Fioto .......................................................... Trumpet, Amalgam Brass
Kim Van Pelt ....................................................... Horn, Amalgam Brass
Mike Kris .......................................................... Trombone, Amalgam Brass

CRUCIFER
arr. Giardiniere

Anonymous
(c. 1700?)

Lift High the Cross

Entrada de clarines (antes de tocar canciones)

Postlude

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Steve Truckenbrod ....................................................... Tuba, Amalgam Brass
Mitchell Eithun ................................. Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel

Head Usher
James Ferguson ..................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Today's Offering | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.


Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nan and Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

Today's Music | Our music this morning features two powerful hymn texts that were both the result of competitions. “Hope of the World” by Georgia Harkness was the winner of a 1954 hymn search sponsored by The Hymn Society. The search and the winning hymn were tied to the theme of the second assembly of the World Council of Churches, which was held that year. “Open Wide the Doors” by Brad Croushorn was the winner of a 2021 contest sponsored by Duke Chapel, seeking a new text on the theme of compassion. It was first sung as part of the week of prayer for Christian Unity in January 2022, and has become a new favorite at the Chapel, especially at the beginning of each academic year as we welcome students back to campus, and remind our community that Duke Chapel’s doors are open to all.

ENGAGE

LocoPops and Ministry Fair Today | All are invited to stay after worship today to enjoy a delicious, cold LocoPop in front of the Chapel outdoors. While enjoying the popsicle, please explore the ministry and volunteer opportunities offered by the Chapel and the Congregation. There are many ways to engage in the life of this community.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.
University Prayer of Thanksgiving | Each week, we focus on a different campus unit, school, or department for whom to give thanks to God for their service and contributions to the wider university community and beyond. Today, we give thanks for all Duke University and Duke Medical Center employees.

Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

Register Your Attendance Today | Let us know you are here. There is an attendance pad located in the pew at the center aisle. Please use it to register your presence today at this service and then pass it to the next person in the pew. This is an opportunity for you to get to know the names of others in your pew and for Chapel ministers to know who is in the pews.

Apply to Become a Chapel Scholar | Chapel Scholars is a program for students to build community across Christian traditions through study, service, and worship. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/scholars.

Lunch after Worship | Worshipers are invited to stay after worship on Sunday, September 10 to enjoy lunch together in the Brodhead Center. The Brodhead Center is a short walk from the Chapel and members of the Congregation’s LGBTQIA+ group will lead a short PRIDE parade to guide participants to lunch.

September Book Groups | Two book groups will meet in September to discuss Accidental Saints by Nadia Boltz-Weber. The groups will meet for four Wednesdays, beginning September 6 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. over Zoom. For detailed information, contact congregation@duke.edu.

‘Text Messages’ Bible Study | A new weekly Bible study called “Text Messages” will focus on how Scripture can speak to contemporary issues, from relationships with parents to the church and the legacy of slavery. The first meeting is this Wednesday, September 6, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture. The meeting will explore the topic of “The Black Presence in the Bible” by reading passages about the women Hagar and Keturah. For more information, contact the Rev. Racquel Gill at racquel.gill@duke.edu.
Lasagnas and Volunteers Needed | The Congregation serves dinner at Urban Ministries of Durham once a month. Donated lasagnas to serve twenty-four (such as two party-sized Stouffer’s lasagnas) are needed on Sunday, September 10, at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to stay to serve the meal. To donate or volunteer, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

Theology Underground Discussion Series | Theology Underground is a series of guided conversations for students about how culture, identity, and race impact the way we live out our faith and beliefs. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity in the Bryan Center. For more information, see chapel.duke.edu/TheologyUnderground.

Saturday Service Project | Volunteers are needed Saturday, September 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 12-noon, to assist the staff of Durham Habitat ReStore in cleaning, sorting, and organizing items for sale. Proceeds from the Habitat ReStore are used to help Habitat for Humanity build homes, community, and hope locally and around the world. Durham Habitat ReStore is located at 5501 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd, Durham. For more information, contact congregation@duke.edu.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages are offered from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook
Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children age 4 –1st grade in 0054 Langford
Godly Play Advanced: Spiritual formation for children in 2nd–5th grades in 0050 Langford
Youth Program: Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore Joshua, Judges, and Ruth in 0015 Westbrook
Adult Forum: On September 10, Morgan Dynes, Pastoral Assistant for the Congregation, will discuss building Christian community in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom
1. O-pen wide the doors of mer-cy, o-pen wide the
doors of grace, o-pen win-dows of for-give-ness, let-ting
love flow through this place. Fill our hearts with deep com-
pass-ion as we gath-er here to-day. Turn our words and
prayers to ac-tion, giv-ing sub-stance to our faith.

2. Keep us mind-ful that your chil-dren live in lands both
far and near; man-y fac-es, man-y cust-oms, ev’ry
nize them, still you name them as your own. Clear the fog that
clouds our see-ing, let us share the love you’ve shown.

3. There are ones who weep for jus-tice in a world of
grace de-nied; may we hear their cry for mer-cy as though
out with kind-ness and a touch to show we care.

4. Make our scope of vi-sion broad-er, through a lens as
Christ would see. Draw this fam-ly cir-cle wid-er as we
of com-pas-sion, far be-yond this time and place.

Text: Brad Croushorn
Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1848–1918

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All sing stanzas 1, 3, and 5. The choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion:
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

2. Hope of the world, God’s gift from highest heaven,
bring ing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy Spirit unto us be given
 to heal earth’s wounds and end her bitter strife.

3. Hope of the world, a foot on dusty highways,
showing to wan dering souls the path of light,
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
 lure us away from thee to endless night.

4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt;
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o’er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain:
we would be faithful to thy Gospel glorious;
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!
ACCESSIBILITY

Large-print worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. Please let us know if you need other accommodations by approaching a minister or usher, or email us at dukechapel@duke.edu.

LET’S KEEP IN TOUCH

We would like to get to know you. What are your questions? What is your story? Take a moment to fill out a very brief form and a Chapel minister or other staff member will contact you soon. Scan the QR code or visit chapel.duke.edu/connect.

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