The lessons for today remind us that the God who is free to shape and form us as God wills is the one who calls us to the costly way of love. The prophet Jeremiah shares his vision of a potter working and reworking clay to make it something new. God speaks to Jeremiah saying, “Just as the clay is in the potter’s hands, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.” In the letter to Philemon, Paul encourages Philemon to choose the more costly way, the way of love, in his dealings with his brother in Christ Onesimus. Jesus speaks a challenging word in the Gospel lesson about the importance of counting the cost when choosing to be his disciple. Jesus says that choosing to carry the cross is the way of discipleship and ultimately the way to life.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Hexachordum Apollinis: Aria Tertia
Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

Choral Introit

Before the Rosy Dawn of Day
arr. Burton Bumgarner

Before the rosy dawn of day,
to thee, my God, I’ll sing;
Awake my soft and tuneful lyre,
awake each charming string.
Awake, and let thy flowing streams
glide through the midnight air,
while high amidst the silent orb,
the silver moon rolls clear.

—The Sacred Harp, 1944

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn | See hymn at the end of the worship guide.

Open Wide the Doors of Mercy
arr. John 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.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*All rise as able
Peace | All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.

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

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 | OT page 677 in pew Bibles.

Jeremiah 18:1–11

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

Psalmody | The psalm is chanted in alternation between the choir and congregation.

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.
Philemon 1:1–2, 7–21

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

Anthem

Great Day

Great day, the righteous marchin’,
great day, the righteous marchin’,
great day, the righteous marchin’,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

Chariot moved on the mountaintop, brother,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.
My God spoke and the chariot stopped, sister,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

This is the year of jubilee, brother,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.
My God set his people free, sister,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

Great day, that mornin’, great day.
God’s gonna build up, God’s gonna build up,
God’s gonna build up Zion’s wall.

—Black spiritual

Luke 14:25–33

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

Sermon

Changing Your Mind
Response
*Response Hymn | See hymn at the end of the worship guide.

All My Hope on God Is Founded

*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:

People: Hear our prayer.

Offertory Music

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing.

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

*Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin
(1858–1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.
Amen.

—Numbers 6:24–26

*Closing Hymn 159

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER
arr. David Giardiniere

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today’s worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the pastor will be available to offer prayers and anointing.
TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Bruce Puckett .................................................... Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel
Racquel Gill ....................................................... Minister for Intercultural Engagement, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Luke A. Powery .................................................. Dean, Duke University Chapel

Lectors
Philemon Abel ..................................................... Intern for Religious Life and Community Engagement; Divinity ’25
Mitchell Eithun ..................................................... Intern for Worship and Student Engagement; Divinity ’25

Musicians
Duke Chapel Choir ................................................... Choir
Zebulon Highben .................................................... Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Robert Parkins ....................................................... University Organist, Duke University
Jane Lynch .............................................................. Guest Organist
Daniel Jacky .......................................................... Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel
Paul Neebe ............................................................. Trumpet, Amalgam Brass
Ganesh Om ............................................................. Trumpet, Amalgam Brass
Chris Caudill .......................................................... Horn, Amalgam Brass
Mike Kris ............................................................... Trombone, Amalgam Brass
Steve Truckenbrod ..................................................... Tuba, Amalgam Brass
Catherine Kelly ........................................................ Soloist
Mitchell Eithun ....................................................... Duke Chapel Carillonneur

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

Today’s Offering | All of today’s 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. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today’s Flowers | Flowers for today’s worship service are provided by the generosity of the Nan & Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

Accessibility | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

Music Acknowledgment | The hymn Open Wide the Doors of Mercy, by Brad Croushorn, was the winner of Duke Chapel’s 2021 hymn text competition. Croushorn is minister of music and liturgy at All Saints’ United Methodist Church in Morrisville, NC; his text was chosen from over sixty submissions from across the U.S., Canada, and Great Britain. The text connects the image of open doors and windows with a posture of open hearts and minds, reminding us that Christian faith finds substance in acts of compassion, mercy, and justice.
LocoPops After Service Today | Immediately following the service, all are invited to meet Chapel ministers and enjoy LocoPops. Members of the fellowship committee will be on the front lawn to pass out the popsicles. If you get lost, ask someone wearing a blue or white robe.

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.

Students Invited to Belong, Worship, and Serve | Students, we look forward to meeting you, hearing your stories, and being part of your journey at Duke. Through the Chapel and Religious Life groups, there are many opportunities to belong, worship, and serve. To see the ways students bridge faith and learning through Chapel programs and ministries, visit chapel.duke.edu/students.

Choir Auditions | Students, staff, and community members are invited to audition for one of the Chapel’s three choirs. The Chapel Choir, Evensong Singers, and Vespers Ensemble lead different worship services and perform concerts at the Chapel throughout the year. To learn more, visit chapel.duke.edu/sing or email chapelmusic@duke.edu.

Seeking Your Spiritual Direction | Students are invited to join a four-week series at the start of the semester to explore the diverse array of spiritual and religious opportunities on campus. This program is open to all students, from any religious tradition or none. Each week, participants will have some simple exercises to do on their own. Students will gather weekly for about an hour of discussion. Learn more and sign up by September 8 at chapel.duke.edu/SpiritualDirection.

Bach Cantata Series Begins Sept. 18 | The first concert in this year’s Bach Cantata Series is Sunday, September 18, at 5:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission. The program features music for the Magnificat, including one of J. S. Bach’s greatest masterpieces, the celebratory setting of the Latin Magnificat in D, complete with trumpets and drums. The concert also presents the German Magnificat, in a rarely heard cantata written for the Feast of the Purification, and Bach’s great Fugue on the Magnificat for organ. The program consists of Bach’s Ouverture in D major, BWV 1068; Meine Seele erhebt den Herrn (German Magnificat), BWV 10; Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733; and Magnificat in D major, BWV 243.
Author and Lawyer Bryan Stevenson to Speak at Duke Chapel | The author and human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson will hold a public conversation, titled “Seeking Justice and Redemption in the Public Square,” with Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. Stevenson is the author of the book *Just Mercy*, which was adapted into a feature film. He is also the founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, through which he led the creation of two highly acclaimed cultural sites: the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice. The event is free and open to the public, but a no-cost ticket is required. Tickets are available through the Duke Box Office. The discussion will also be livestreamed via Zoom. No recording will be available. Learn more and register at chapel.duke.edu/stevenson.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are available in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the main front doors, turn to the left, 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. This morning we give thanks for University Administration.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages year-round. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information or the Zoom link. Classes are as follows:

- **Wee Praise:** Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in person in room 0011 Westbrook.
- **Godly Play:** Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade in person in room 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Bible Study:** Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore Exodus in person in room 0013 Westbrook.
- **Adult Bible Study:** Adults will meet in 0013 Westbrook to discuss the book of Genesis.
- **Adult Forum:** On September 11, Elizabeth Schrader, a Duke Ph.D. candidate in early Christianity, will explore “Was Mary Magdalene’s Role Altered in John 20?”
1. Open wide the doors of mercy, open wide the doors of grace,
2. Keep us mindful that your children live in lands both far and near;
3. There are ones who weep for justice in a world of grace denied;
4. Make our scope of vision broader, through a lens as Christ would see.

Open windows of forgiveness, letting love flow through this place;
Many faces, many customs, every person you hold dear.
May we hear their cry for mercy as though Christ himself has cried.
Draw this family circle wider as we live more lovingly.

Fill our hearts with deep compassion as we gather here today.
Though we fail to recognize them, still you name them as your own.
There are ones who wander, hopeless, through a landscape of despair.
Open wide the doors of mercy, open wide the doors of grace,

Turn our words and prayers to action, giving substance to our faith.
Clear the fog that clouds our seeing, let us share the love you've shown.
May our hands reach out with kindness and a touch to show we care.
Open windows of compassion, far beyond this time and place.

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Music: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)
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1. All my hope on God is founded who will all my trust renew; who through change and chance will guide me,

2. Mortal pride and earthy glory, sword and crown be passing thought; splendor, light, and life attend thee, praise be done, high above all praises praising

3. Great thy goodness, e'er enduring; deep thy wisdom, only good and only true. God unknown, tower and temple, fall to dust. But thy pow'rm beauty springing out of naught. Ever more for the gift of God's own Son. Christ doth call

4. Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of God alone, calls my heart to be thine own. hour by hour, is my temple and my tower. from thy store new-born worlds rise and adore. one and all: Ye who follow shall not fall.


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LET’S KEEP IN TOUCH

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