



Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, September 5, 2021, 11:00 a.m.



Jesus cures a deaf man

Photo by Nick Thompson, 2012

Today's scripture lessons focus on the God who comes to welcome and to save all people. In the lesson from Isaiah, the prophet speaks words of comfort for those who are fearful of heart. "God will come and save you," Isaiah declares, and the sign of this salvation will be healing and joy. Mark's gospel picks up on the theme of healing that Jesus brings. Mark tells the story of the Syrophenician woman who pushes her way into Jesus's path to seek healing for her daughter, despite the cultural constraints of gender and race. This woman's fervent banter with Jesus becomes a window into the nature of God's kingdom and the healing and welcome that is for all.

Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Choral, Op. 37, No. 4

Joseph Jongen
(1873–1953)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

***Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance** | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister: Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

Minister: Christ have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Minister: Lord have mercy.

People: Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

***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:

Holy God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful in prayer and the breaking of bread, and send your Spirit to open your word to us now; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* All rise as able

Psalmody | The refrain is introduced by the cantor and then sung by all. The congregation chants the verses in bold.

Psalm 146

refrain by Dorothy Christopherson

The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature. The first line is labeled "Refrain" and contains the lyrics: "The LORD gives jus - tice, the LORD gives". The second line continues the melody with the lyrics: "jus - tice to those who are op - pressed." The third line shows a continuation of the melody with a double bar line at the end.

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,
for there is no help in them. Refrain**

When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish.

**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;**

who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps his prom- | ise forever;

**who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,
and food to | those who hunger. Refrain**

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;

**The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the
wicked.**

The LORD shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! *Refrain*

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 7:24–37

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Gadflies of God

Response

*Response Hymn 375

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

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

Non nobis, Domine

Rosephanye Powell
(b. 1962)

Non nobis, Domine, sed nomini tuo da gloriam.

Not unto us, Lord, but unto your name be the glory.

Text: Psalm 115:1

*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 A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.

*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, forever.

Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. No wine or grape juice will be served for communion. Please wait until you return to your seat to consume the bread. All bread is gluten-free. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Music During Communion

Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether

Harold Friedell
(1905–1958)

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 the brethren 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 true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

Text: Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Post Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 664

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

Closing Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott (Marche triomphale)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877–1933)

TODAY IN WORSHIP
PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery*Dean, Duke University Chapel*
The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon*Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*
PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Nora Tisdale *Professor Emerita, Yale Divinity School*
LECTORS
Mr. Parker Betts *Member of Congregation, Trinity '22*

MUSICIANS

Duke Chapel Choir.....*Choir*
Dr. Zebulon Highben.....*Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Dr. Robert Parkins*University Organist, Duke University*
Mr. Christopher Jacobson*Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Ms. Kirsten Overdahl*Cantor, Graduate School '21*

HEAD USHER

Dr. James Ferguson*Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

TODAY'S FLOWERS | Flowers for today's worship service are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY'S OFFERING | All of today's checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel's PathWays program. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER | Today's Boyles guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Leonora (Nora) Tubbs Tisdale. Dr. Tisdale served as the Clement-Muehl Professor of Homiletics at Yale Divinity School from 2006 until her retirement in 2018. She is the author of twelve books with her most recent being *How Women Transform Preaching*. An ordained Presbyterian minister, Dr. Tisdale previously taught on the faculties of Princeton Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia, and served on the pastoral staff of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. She is a past president of the Academy of Homiletics, where she was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018.

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 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS | Psalm 146 refrain and tone © Augsburg Fortress, 1997/1978.

ENGAGE

LOOKING FOR MORE? | Following the Closing Voluntary in today's service, meet Chapel ministers in the north transept (the area near the pulpit) to learn more about the Chapel and the Congregation at Duke Chapel. If you've been attending for a while and would like to learn more, or are brand new and want to hear about the opportunities available to you for worship, fellowship, and service at the Chapel, this is the opportunity for you.

9/11 ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS | The Chapel will be holding an interfaith prayer vigil, a photographic exhibition, and a concert on Saturday, September 11, to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Find details on the Chapel website at chapel.duke.edu.

DEAN POWERY REAPPOINTED FOR THIRD TERM | The Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, who has served since 2012 as dean of the Chapel, has been reappointed to a third five-

year term following the completion of a university review, President Vincent E. Price announced Monday. Read more about Dean Powery's reappointment on the Duke Today [website at today.duke.edu](https://today.duke.edu).

DAILY OPEN HOURS | The Chapel is open to the public daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome in the sanctuary during these hours for personal reflection, prayer, or meditation, as well as to view the building's soaring Gothic architecture and vibrant stained-glass windows.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY | University graduate students and their partners, as well as other young adults, are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The next gatherings are September 13 and September 27 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for additional information.

NEW MEMBER CLASS | The new member class is a series of four classes to introduce the Congregation at Duke Chapel to prospective members. The fall class will be held on Sundays, September 12, September 19, October 3, and October 10 from 9:45–10:45 a.m. All those considering membership in the Congregation are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact carol.gregg@duke.edu.

MIDWEEK PRAYERS RESUME | Join Chapel ministers at noon on Wednesdays for a time of prayer. This approximately twenty-minute service will include scripture readings and prayers and will be hosted on zoom. Join for prayers at <https://duke.zoom.us/j/97241733966>.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE | A brief weekly prayer service for racial justice is offered virtually on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. This time of prayer lasts approximately twenty minutes; participants are welcome to listen only, or to contribute their voices to the prayers. Please contact nathaniel.metz@duke.edu for additional information.

GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP | Graduate students and other young adults will go for a hike at Eno River State Park next Sunday, September 12, at 5:00 p.m., meeting at 4390 Old Cole Mill Rd, Durham, NC 27712. The hike is by no means strenuous, though it is a moderate distance. The hike will end at a swimming hole for those who want to cool off. For more information or transportation, please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu.

MASKS REQUIRED AT DUKE | Face masks are required on the Duke campus in all indoor and outdoor locations. This requirement applies to all students, faculty, staff and visitors regardless of vaccination status. Because COVID vaccines are a matter of public health, we encourage all eligible people to receive one.

VESPERS, EVENSONG, AND MIDWEEK PRAYER RESUME | Three of our regular services held during the academic year will resume this week. Choral Vespers, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., is a service of hymns, prayers, psalms, organ music, and choral anthems with music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Vespers begins September 9. Choral Evensong, second and fourth Sundays at 4:00 p.m.,

is a service centered on psalms and Biblical canticles, and follows the liturgy of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*; it begins September 12 and features choral and organ music of the English cathedral tradition. Midweek Prayer, Wednesdays at 12-noon, is a brief service of prayer and scripture reading; it is being held online this semester, beginning September 8. See the full schedule at chapel.duke.edu/events.

APPLY TO BE A DEAN'S SCHOLAR | Duke Chapel Dean's Scholars are a select group of juniors and seniors, from any religious tradition, who have been engaged in meaningful and substantive ways with Religious Life at Duke and/or the Chapel. Dean's Scholars will meet with each other and with the dean of Duke Chapel for a meal and a focused conversation on meaning, purpose, and vocation. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/students.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held virtually, are open to the public and new participants are welcome at any time. Please [contact congregation@duke.edu](mailto:contact.congregation@duke.edu) for the Zoom link.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers.

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade.

Youth Bible Study: Youth grades 6–12 will explore the Book of Genesis

Adult Forum: On Sept 12, the class will be led by author and novelist Samia Serageldin.

LET'S BE 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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