Today’s Old Testament lesson describes Ezekiel’s responsibility to proclaim God’s message to the people of Israel regardless of its content. Anyone who is called to be a messenger for God must proclaim the truth regardless of its popularity or the people’s response. In Romans, Paul emphasizes the debt of love God’s people owe one another. By loving one another, Christ followers have fulfilled the law, which Paul says can be summed up in one phrase: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” The gospel lesson from Matthew gives guidance for how to live faithfully in the midst of conflict within the community. The people of God are called to authentic listening, candor, and empathy.
Gathering
Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Fantasy in C Minor, BWV 562  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds  
Dennis

*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.

*Greeting of 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

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: as you inspire us by your word, remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, and give us thankful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7–11

New Testament Lesson

Romans 13:8–14

*All rise as able
*Gospel Acclamation | Sung the first time by the cantor, then by all.

In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (2 Cor. 5:19)

Hallelujah...

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15–20

Sermon

Indebted

Response

Solo

Ubi caritas

Where affection and love abide, God is.
We are gathered in one body by the love of Christ.
Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.
Let us fear and love the living God,
and from the heart let us love each other sincerely.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum,
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where affection and love abide, God is.
When therefore we are gathered in one body,
let us be watchful that our minds not divide us.
Let hateful quarrels cease, let disputes cease
and in our midst let there be Christ our God.

Where affection and love abide, God is.
May we too, together with the blessed, see
in glory your face, O Christ our God;
that is joy beyond measure and excellent,
through ages of ages without end. Amen.

Translation: Robert Ulery

PathWays Fellows Commissioning (Virtual)
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.

Offering

*Doxology

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, forever. Amen.

Sending Forth

*Benediction

Choral Benediction (Virtual)

Called to Ventures

Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)

*Closing Hymn | See hymns at the back of the worship guide.

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

BEATUS VIR

Closing Voluntary

Final, from Symphonie 6, Op. 59

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Carillon
TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTER
The Rev. Bruce Puckett............................Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel
The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon..................Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery......................Dean, Duke University Chapel

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Dr. Robert Parkins................................University Organist, Duke University Chapel
Mr. Christopher Jacobson.........................Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Mr. Tom Gurin......................................Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel

ONLINE MINISTER
The Rev. Ken Moland...............................Pastoral Assistant, Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S OFFERING | Today’s offerings will be used to support the PathWays Fellows program. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.


ENGAGE

COMMISSIONING PATHWAYS FELLOWS | Today we are commissioning this year’s PathWays Fellows. These recent Duke graduates are spending a year living in Christian community, serving with partners in Durham, and seeking vocational discernment. Learn more about them below. You are invited to greet them online following the service to say, “Hello,” offer a prayer, or ask questions. To do that, after the service ends, click on this link for a Zoom video conference.

RECEIVE PERSONAL PRAYERS ONLINE | Following the livestream of this morning’s service, you are invited to receive personal prayer online. Register in advance by clicking on this link. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Individuals will then be invited one-at-a-time to share concerns and receive a brief prayer from a pastor.

BECOME A CHAPEL SCHOLAR | Undergraduate students are invited to nurture their intellectual, ethical, and spiritual life as Chapel Scholars. The program fosters an environment of ecumenical fellowship and serves as a hub for spiritual mentorship. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/scholars.

JOIN A RELIGIOUS LIFE GROUP | Students can deepen their faith and make friends through Religious Life groups. Duke has more than twenty Religious Life groups representing a wide range of faith traditions, including Catholic, Hindu, Latter-Day Saints, Jewish, Muslim, and a variety of Protestant denominations. See how to connect with Religious Life leaders at chapel.duke.edu/ReligiousLife. For questions, contact the Chapel’s director of Religious Life, the Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, at kathryn.lester.bacon@duke.edu.
JOIN THE CHAPEL’S CHOIRS | The Duke Chapel Choir is holding open virtual auditions for the fall! Make new friends, learn great choral music in weekly Zoom gatherings, and add your voice to “virtual choir” recording projects. All Duke students, faculty, staff, and community members are invited to audition. Visit chapel.duke.edu/sing to learn more. Contact chapelmusic@duke.edu to schedule a Chapel Choir audition, or inquire about the Chapel’s Vespers Ensemble and Evensong Singers.

LIFE TOGETHER GROUPS | The Congregation at Duke Chapel is offering “Life Together Groups” to encourage deeper connections and spiritual growth. Both university students and community members are invited to participate. Groups will meet for 60–75 minutes every other week for conversation, prayer, laughter, and connection. Please sign up here for Life Together Groups. For more information, please contact Michael Larbi.

YOUNG ADULT STUDY | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The next studies, on the book of Ezekiel, are September 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. All perspectives are welcome; questions and laughter are encouraged. Please contact Matt Wright at matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for login information.

SERMON PODCAST | Subscribe to the Duke Chapel Sermons podcast to listen to the sermon each week—and share with others the faithful preaching from the Chapel’s pulpit.

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION | First, there was the Duke University Church, then the Duke Church Group, and now, since 1985, there is the Congregation at Duke University Chapel. Please plan to join a virtual celebration of the Congregation’s past, present and future on Sunday, September 13, at 1:00 p.m. The event will include highlights from the Congregation’s history, reflections from former pastors, choir music videos, and children’s music. Please contact the Congregation office for logon information.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE CHAPEL | A new 360-degree virtual tour presents the sights and sounds of the Chapel with highlights and anecdotes from the building’s history. The twelve-minute, narrated video shows the statues at the entrance, the vaulted ceiling in the main sanctuary, the beauty of the stained-glass windows, the underground resting place of some the university’s past leaders, and the stunning view from the top of the Chapel’s tower. It also showcases music from the Chapel’s organs, carillon, and choir—and even sermon snippets from famous preachers. Watch it here.

FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SCHEDULE | Online and video classes for all ages are offered Sunday mornings from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are always welcome. Please see the Congregation’s eNews for links or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu. Classes are:

- 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 – A study of Ezekiel-Malachi for students in 6th–12th grades
- Adult Forum – On Sunday, September 13, Dr. Brent Strawn, Professor of Old Testament at Duke Divinity School, will present “A Skeptic in Scripture: Introducing the Book of Ecclesiastes (Qoheleth)”.
The Chapel’s PathWays Fellowship not only gives participants the tools they need to discern their vocational and spiritual direction, but it also gives them opportunities for exploration, leadership, mentorship, service, and formation deeply rooted in the local community and their Christian traditions. Here are the PathWays Fellows for 2020–21:

GRACE FENG
Born and raised in Colorado, four years later, Grace Feng, T ’20, is still adjusting to the humidity in North Carolina. She graduated from Duke with a major in neuroscience and minors in global health and Zoom. As an undergraduate, she was involved with Duke Asian InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and the Duke University Marching Band. As she applies to medical school, Grace is excited to work with the Duke Department of Family Medicine and Community Health to deepen her capacity to walk with and serve others.

LILY KONING
Lily Koning, T ’20, graduated from Duke with an International Comparative Studies major and Education and Global Health minors. On campus, she was a proud member and leader of the Global Citizenship & Ethics living-learning community and the Duke Episcopal Center. A native of Raleigh, North Carolina, she also enjoyed tutoring Durham Public School students through America Reads/America Counts and mentoring refugees with the Duke Citizenship Lab. She is looking forward to working with World Relief Durham, a refugee resettlement agency committed to supporting refugees in the Triangle.

KARISSA TU
Karissa Tu, T ’20, graduated from Duke with a major in biology and a certificate in documentary studies. She was born and raised in Bozeman, Montana, where mountains surrounded her on all sides. Through her time in Duke Asian InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, she grew a love for building community. As an aspiring medical professional, she looks forward to merging her passions for storytelling and human health in a community context through her work with Duke Family Medicine and Community Health.

JUNETTE YU
Junette Yu, T ’20, was born in Singapore and grew up moving around multiple countries. She graduated from Duke with majors in neuroscience and linguistics, and a certificate in marine science and conservation leadership. After a transformative study abroad experience in Copenhagen, she finally found the conviction to pursue a long-standing interest in medicine. In the PathWays Fellowship, Junette will serve in the Duke Division of Family Medicine and Community Health. She is looking forward to cultivating a keen sensitivity to the delicate intersection between medical sciences, social policies, and public health.
Opening Hymn

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
   the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

2. Before our Father’s throne we pour our ardent prayers;
   our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

3. We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
   and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

4. From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
   and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Closing Hymn

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy

people, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought-less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher-e'er I

see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

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