

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost Sunday, September 10, 2023, 11:00 a.m.



Olusola David, Ayibiowu, Wisdom, 2008.

Our lessons today convey a message of God's all-inclusive love. The lesson from Ezekiel emphasizes that God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, and the Psalm appeals to God for a heart filled with understanding and faithfulness to God's precepts and promises. In the Letter to Romans, Paul proclaims that to love one another fulfills God's law, and this lesson leads us to the teaching of the Gospel, a teaching of how to live harmoniously together in community.

Gathering

Prelude

Tiento de 4º tono de falsas

Sebastián Aguilera de Heredia (1565-1627)

Introit

God Is Love Mark Mummert

God is love. God is love. Let us love one another as God first loved us. God is love.

-based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | See hymn printed at end of worship guide.

All Are Welcome Two Oaks

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

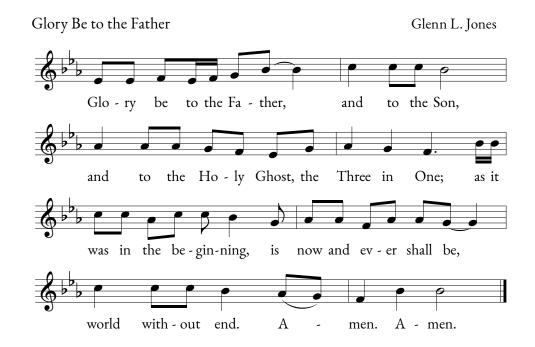
Minister: Lord, have mercy. **People:** Lord, have mercy.

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, send your Son into our hearts to be a bright shining Word. Come, O Lord, and be our dawn, our soul's true source of enlightenment. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 755 in pew Bibles. Read in Tamil.

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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

Psalmody

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

-Psalm 119:33

New Testament Lesson | NT page 152 in pew Bibles.

Romans 13:8-14

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

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 19 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Sermon

What's Your Drip?

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 88

Maker, in Whom We Live

DIADEMATA

PathWays Fellows Commissioning

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 Anthem

Esto Les Digo Kinley Lang

Esto les digo, si dos de ustedes se ponen en acuerdo aquíen, en la tierra para pedir algo en oración, mi padre que está en el Cielo, se lo dará. Porque donde dos or tres se reúnen en mi nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

"I tell you this: If two of you agree on earth about anything you ask for in prayer, my Father in heaven will give it to you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

—Matthew 18:19–20

*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!

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

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

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 mine heart and in my thinking, God be at my end and in my departing.

—Sarum Primer

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 66

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Postlude

Registo baixo do 1º tom

S. Aguilera de Heredia

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Darin DiepPathWays Fellow; Divinity '26Luke A. PoweryDean, Duke University Chapel

Preacher

Lectors

Jude Mahendren	PathWays Fellow; Divinity '25
Nicky Gutierrez	PathWays Fellow; Divinity '25

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir	
Zebulon Highben	Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Robert Parkins	
Chad Fothergill	Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Katherine Johnson	Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel
Mitchell Eithun	

Head Usher

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

Today's Music | Why does the Chapel Choir sometimes sing from the back of the Chapel? Liturgically, ritual actions at the beginning and end of a worship service often occur near the primary entrance. This placement reminds us that we are gathered from and sent back into the world to bear witness to God's love. Therefore, choral pieces that start and end worship (introits and benedictions) are sometimes sung near the doors of the church. Another reason has to do with the Chapel's acoustics: it takes a long time for sound to travel the length of the nave, so by varying the location from which it sings, the choir provides the congregation with a richer aural experience.

Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by Mary Anderson in loving memory of her mother, Kathy Anderson.

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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 the Thompson Writing Program.

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.

Listen-Assist Smartphone App | A new smartphone app lets you use your own phone and earbuds to listen in the pews to services. Stop by the AV console in the sanctuary on the way into a service for an easy two-step process to connect to the sound system.

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.

Lunch after Worship Today | Worshipers are invited to stay after worship today, 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.

Choral Evensong This Afternoon | Our service of Choral Evensong, today at 4:00 p.m., follows the liturgy of the *Book of Common Prayer* and features from the English cathedral tradition, led by the Chapel's Evensong Singers. This service will draw upon the music of the British composer Herbert Howells, including his setting of Psalm 149 and his anthem "My eyes for beauty pine."

Young Adult Dinner and Discussion Tomorrow | Please join friendly people for a simple dinner and Bible study that will focus on the experience of university graduate students, younger adults, and their partners. The next gathering will be tomorrow, Monday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen, located in the lower level of the Chapel. The group will explore Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. All are welcome, and we encourage questions and a range of perspectives. Please contact alexander.jones@duke.edu for additional information.

Back Pew Collection | Help Durham school children get needed school supplies as the new school year begins. With the community's help, Crayons2Calculators helps equip Durham Public School teachers with the classroom supplies they need to help reduce barriers to success for every Durham Public School student. Items currently needed are pencils, ballpoint pens, dry erase markers, and 70-page spiral notebooks. Donations for Crayons2Calculators may be placed on the back pew on Sundays, September 17 and 24.

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 first meeting will address the topic "I Talk to God in Public: The Holy in Hip Hop" with special guest Dr. Mark Anthony Neal, chair of Duke's Department of African and African American Studies. It will be this Tuesday, September 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity in the Bryan Center.

'Text Messages' Bible Study | A new weekly Bible study called "Text Messages" focuses on how Scripture can speak to contemporary issues from relationships with parents to the church and the legacy of slavery. The next meeting is this Wednesday, September 13, from 7:00–8:00 p.m. in the Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture. It will explore the topic of "The Black Presence in the Bible" by reading passages from the Song of Songs that speak of "The Shulamite Woman."

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, at 5501 Durham-Chapel Hill Blvd, 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. For more information, contact congregation@duke.edu.

Bach Cantata Concert | The first concert in this year's Bach Cantata Series is next Sunday, September 17, at 5:00 p.m. With a theme of "Fear and Hope," the performance will present the cantatas *O Ewigkeit*, *du Donnerwort* (Eternity, thou word of thunder) and *Christus*, *der ist mein Leben* (Christ who art my life). There is no charge for admission.

Organ Recital to Accompany Silent Film | Watch a classic horror film in the darkened Duke Chapel with a live, improvised soundtrack. Organist Peter Richard Conte will accompany the silent film *The Phantom of the Opera* (1925) at this special concert in our Organ Recital Series on Sunday, October 1, at 5:00 p.m. Conte is the Wanamaker Grand Court Organist at Macy's Center City in Philadelphia. Admission is free.

2023 Few Lecture on Faith, Mental Health, and Community | Dr.

Thema Bryant, a leader in clinical psychology, will give the 2023 William Preston Few Lecture on "Faith, Mental Health, and Community" on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:00 p.m. at Duke Chapel. Dr. Bryant is president of the American Psychological Association and a tenured professor of psychology in the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University, where she directs the Culture and Trauma Research Laboratory. The event, presented as a public conversation with Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery, is free and open to the public but requires a no-cost ticket to attend. Learn more and register at chapel.duke.edu/FewLecture.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages 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 ages 4 through 1st grade in 0054 Langford

Godly Play Advanced: Spiritual formation for children 2nd through 5th grade in 0050 Langford

Youth Program: Youth in 6th–12th grades will explore Joshua, Judges, and Ruth in 0015 Westbrook

Adult Bible Study: Adults will discuss the book of Exodus in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom

Adult Forum: On September 17, Dr. Ian Mills, Visiting Assistant Professor of Classics and Religious Studies, Hamilton College will address "Jesus as Votive Offering: Paul's Sacrificial Language in Romans 3" in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom



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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