The scandalous nature of God’s grace is on full display in the scripture lessons today. The Old Testament lesson describes Jonah’s response to God forgiving the people of Nineveh. In a comical scene, God demonstrates to Jonah God’s freedom to extend mercy and forgiveness to whomever God desires. In the gospel lesson, Jesus tells a parable of day laborers who receive the same amount of pay regardless of when they began working. The least likely to be chosen to work—such as the young, the old, and the differently abled—are selected last but are paid equal to all the rest. In the kingdom of heaven, God gives mercy regardless of merit and “the last will be first and the first will be last.” Paul writes to the church at Philippi of the grace of God that grants the privilege of living and dying for Christ. Because of this grace, Paul exhorts the church to “live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.”
Gathering

Carillon

Opening Voluntary

Tiento [XII] de falsas (4° tono)  
Juan Cabanilles  
(1644–1712)

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*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 truth, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: send your Spirit now to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Jonah 3:10–4:11

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 1:21–30

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

Alleluia…

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1–16

Sermon

Betwixt and Between

Response

Solo

Come unto me

Jesus said: “Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Text: Matthew 11:28–30

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.
*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

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

Lord of All Hopefulness

Closing Voluntary

Tocata IV (5º tono)

Carillon
TODAY IN WORSHIP

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TODAY’S OFFERING | Today’s offerings will be given to the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. You are invited to give online at gifts.duke.edu/chapel. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

TODAY’S ORGAN VOLUNTARIES | In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15), the opening and closing voluntaries this morning feature the Spanish composer Juan Cabanilles. Organist at Valencia Cathedral until his death in 1712, Cabanilles was the last major figure during the “golden age” of early Spanish keyboard music.


ENGAGE

DEAN’S ESSAYS, INTERVIEW | Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery continues to write and speak regularly. Recently he has written essays for the student newspaper The Chronicle and the online magazine Faith & Leadership. He was also interviewed by a colleague at Syracuse University’s Hendricks Chapel about bridging faith and learning. Find links to the essays and recording in the From the Dean section of the Chapel website at chapel.duke.edu/dean.

ONLINE VOCAL HEALTH WORKSHOP | The Chapel and the Duke Voice Care Center will offer a free, online vocal health workshop with sessions on Wednesdays, September 23 and October 14, at 7:00 p.m. Audrey Walstrom, DMA, MA, CCC-SLP, a clinical singing voice specialist at the Duke Voice Care Center, will lead each one-hour session. The two-part workshop, titled “Singing Voice Health During COVID-19 and Beyond,” approaches singers as vocal athletes who need to exercise their voices to avoid vocal injuries and will address vocal challenges during COVID-19. Click here to register. For more information, email Duke Chapel Music at chapelmusic@duke.edu.

JOIN A VISUAL CONVERSATION ABOUT FINDING SANCTUARY | Amid nationwide calls for justice and the coronavirus pandemic, the Chapel is re-engaging a question for the Duke community at a time when many of the ways we usually worship, pray, and find solace are evolving: Where
(or how) do you find sanctuary? We invite you to participate in this online, visual conversation by posting on social media with the hashtag #FindSanctuary a photo of a way you find sanctuary in certain places, people, or practices.

**NOMINATIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE AWARD** | The Chapel is now accepting nominations for its Humanitarian Service Award, which aims to recognize individuals with a commitment to service and simplicity. The award is inspired by the lives of two Duke professors: Dr. George R. Parkerson, Jr. and the late Dr. C. Eric Lincoln. The recipient of the award is honored with a grant of up to $3,000 given to the nonprofit they designate. You are invited to submit a nomination by November 13 by using [this form on our website](mailto:). For more information, email the Chapel's community minister, the Rev. Breana van Velzen, at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu.

**VESPERS AND EVENSONG REBROADCASTS** | Weekly rebroadcasts of Evensong (Sunday afternoons, 4:00 p.m.) and Vespers (Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m.) will begin today and this Thursday, respectively. Each rebroadcast will be on the Chapel's Facebook page and website, and be available for one week until the next rebroadcast. The rebroadcasts feature newly written commentary on the services provided by Chapel Music staff.

**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](mailto:). For questions, contact the Chapel’s director of Religious Life, the Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon, at kathryn.lester.bacon@duke.edu.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** | The fall new member class will be held on four Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m. beginning Sunday, October 18. Classes will be held by Zoom. All those who are considering becoming a member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel are welcome to attend. For additional information, please contact Pastor Carol Gregg at carol.gregg@duke.edu.

**ZOOM FELLOWSHIP** | All are invited to enjoy a time of fellowship and games after worship today, September 20, and October 18 at 1:00 p.m. The games are non-competitive and appropriate for all ages. Those who want to watch instead of play are also welcome. Please see the Congregation’s eNews for the Zoom link or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu.

**PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE** | Racism has a 400-year history in our country and recent events in our nation leave many of us in mourning and searching out avenues for change. But where to start? The Congregation would like to invite you to join a weekly in a time of purposeful prayer for racial reconciliation in our community, our nation, and our world. These brief services will be offered every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. via zoom. If you would like, you are welcome to join as an observer by leaving your camera and microphone turned off. Please see the Congregation’s eNews for the Zoom link or contact the Congregation office at congregation@duke.edu.

**TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE CHAPEL** | A new 360-degree virtual tour presents the sights and sounds of Duke 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 of 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.

**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.

**CARILLON LIVESTREAM** | You are invited to participate virtually in an ongoing campus tradition. Listen live online to the playing of the Duke Chapel carillon bells weekdays at 5:00 p.m. on the Duke Chapel Facebook page at facebook.com/dukechapel.

**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 Bible Study** – A study of Ecclesiastes
- **Adult Forum** – On Sunday, September 27 The Rev. Dr. Will Willimon, Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School, will speak on “Thinking About White Racism Like Christians.”
Opening Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and
   cornerstone; chosen of the Lord and precious,
   binding all the church in one; holy Zion's
   help forever, and her confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
   hosts, today! With thy faithful loving-kindness
   hear thy people as they pray, and thy fullest
   benediction shed within its walls always.

3. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of
   thee to gain; what they gain from thee forever
   with the blessed to retain, and hereafter
   in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

4. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor
   to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit,
   one in might and
   one in glory, while unending ages run.

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(Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7)
MUSIC: Henry Purcell, ca. 1680; adapt. by Ernest Hawkins, 1842
Closing Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindlieness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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