The scripture texts today speak to the relationship between God and the use of resources. Amos prophetically calls to account any who trample the needy and bring ruin to the land. He reminds those who would take advantage of the poor that God sees and remembers their actions. The Gospel of Luke speaks to the use of money by those who follow Jesus. In telling the story of the shrewd manager, Jesus tells the disciples they can only serve one master, either God or money. For disciples then and now, the choice is always to put money in service of God rather than God in service of money.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Variations on a Quiet Theme

Kent Kennan
(1913-2003)

Greeting & Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 731

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*Prayers 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.

*Peace | All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life and inspire us through your word: deliver us today from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 807 in the pew Bibles. Read in Bahasa Indonesia.

Amos 8:4-7

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

Psalm 103 | Sung by the choir

Praise the Lord

Heinz Werner Zimmermann
(b. 1930)

Praise the Lord!
Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and forever more!

* All who are able may stand
Thanks and praises sing to God!
Day by day to the Lord!
High above the nations is God,
His glory high over earth and sky!

Praise and glory give to God!
Who is like unto him?
Raising up the poor from the dust,
He makes them dwell in his heart and home.

Praise, O servants of the Lord!
Praise the love of the Lord!
Giving to the homeless a home,
He fills their hearts with new hope and joy!

Text: Psalm 113: 1-2; Additional verses: Marjorie Jillson (b. 1931)

Gospel Lesson | NT page 74 in the pew Bibles


Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Power of Money

Response

*Hymn of Response 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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.

Mission of the Month

Offertory Music

All My Trials

arr. Norman Luboff (1917-1987)

If religion was a thing that money could buy,
The rich would live and the poor would die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
Too late, my brothers; too late, my sisters.
Too late, but never mind.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
Now hush, little baby, don’t you cry,
You know that man is born to die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Text: Bahamian spiritual

*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.

*The Lord's Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing. The English version is number 895 in the hymnal. Led in Bahasa Indonesia.

Sharing of the Bread and Wine | All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. Wine is used for Communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at a Communion station on the pulpit side.

If you have a gluten allergy, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

T’rima kasih ya Tuhanku
Jerry Taringan Silangit

T’rima kasih ya Tuhanku atas hari pemberianMu.
Hari baru limpah rahmat dan dipemuhi oleh kasihMu.
Kau curahkan pada umatMu.

Thank you for the day you give us, for the tender mercy it brings us;
With each passing day we witness the true fulfillment of love you promised,
Love you pour like oil on your people.

Thank you for the time you grant us, time we need to learn all our lessons:
May we use it well for knowing the depth of love you bear for your faithful,
Love so perfect none can be greater.
I will use my time with wisdom, so I can fulfill all my duties
To my friends in work and worship, according to your Word and example,
You have taught us love and its meaning.

*Text: Jerry Taringan Silangit, tr. Daud Kosasih, para. Rolando S. Tinio*

Communion Hymn 630

Become to Us the Living Bread

**GELOBT SEI GOTT**

**Sending Forth**

*Post-Communion Prayer*

*Benediction*

*Closing Hymn 438*

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

**DUKE STREET**

**Closing Voluntary**

Carillon, Op. 31

Louis Vierne

(1870-1937)

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**TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**PRESIDING MINISTERS**

The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery .............................................. *Dean of Duke Chapel*

The Rev. Breana van Velzen .............................................. *Community Minister at the Chapel*

Mr. Hananiel Setiawan .............................................. *Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel, Medicine ’22*

**PREACHER**

The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg .............................................. *Pastor to the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

**LECTORS**

Ms. Listra Mindo ............................................................. *Member of the Duke Chapel Choir*

Mr. Boy Valentin Purba ..................................................... *Sanford ’20*

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Mr. Charlie Daniel ...................................................... *Co-President of Duke Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Trinity ’20*

**MUSICIANS**

Duke Chapel Choir ............................................................. *Choir*

Dr. Zebulon Highben ..................................................... *Director of Chapel Music*

Dr. Robert Parkins .......................................................... *University Organist*

Mr. Christopher Jacobson .................................................. *Chapel Organist*

**MINISTERS OF ANOINTING**

The Rev. Bruce Puckett .................................................... *Assistant Dean of the Chapel*

The Rev. Kathryn Lester-Bacon ........................................ *Director of Religious Life*

**HEAD USHERS**

Dr. James Ferguson ...................................................... *Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Ms. Acelynn Barefoot ...................................................... *Chapel Scholar, Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel*
WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL | If you have questions about the ministries of Duke Chapel or the Congregation at Duke Chapel, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Those staffing the table will be happy to answer your questions.

CHAPEL TOUR | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

BACK PEW COLLECTION | Donations of supplies to support Habitat for Humanity of Durham may be placed on the back pew today.

GRADUATE STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS | University graduate students and other young adults are invited to gather for dinner and discussion on Mondays, September 23 and October 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Duke Chapel kitchen, located on the lower level of the Chapel. Conversation is focused on the book of Isaiah. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact the Congregation office for additional information.

TALK ON INTERFAITH LEARNING SEPT. 26 | The Chapel will host an event titled “The Vital Role of Friendship in Interfaith Learning and Development During College” on Thursday, September 26th, from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. in the Divinity School’s Westbrook Building, Room 0013. At the event, Dr. Alyssa Rockenbach will speak about trends and best practices for interreligious engagement in institutions of higher education. Dr. Rockenbach is a professor of Higher Education at North Carolina State University and co-principal investigator of

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Today’s flowers are provided by the generosity of the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support Duke Chapel’s sponsorship of a Habitat for Humanity home with the Duke Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Duke Habitat is an active student organization on campus that raises awareness and funds for Durham Habitat for Humanity. Families selected by Habitat work closely with volunteers, investing 240–300 hours of their own labor, or “sweat equity,” in building their homes. Because partner families and Duke students do nearly 80% of the work on Habitat homes, a Duke Chapter house fosters close connections between the students of Duke University and the people of Durham.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the visitor desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the rear sound desk.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.
ENGAGE

a five-year national study—The Interfaith Diversity Experiences and Attitudes Longitudinal Survey (IDEALS)—which explores how educational experiences affect college students’ capacity to engage and cooperate with people of diverse worldviews. The talk is free and open to the public.

HABITAT SERVICE PROJECT | Volunteers are needed on Saturday morning, September 28, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. to help build a house for neighbors in need through Habitat for Humanity of Durham. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcomed and must be sixteen years old or older. Transportation is available if needed. Please contact the Congregation office (congregation@duke.edu) for details and to volunteer.

BACH CANTATA CONCERT SEPT. 29 | The first performance in the Chapel’s music season is a Bach Cantata concert on Sunday, September 29, at 5:15 p.m. Dr. Philip Cave, associate conductor for Chapel Music, will lead the Bach Ensemble and Mallarmé Chamber Players in presenting two of J.S. Bach’s cantatas as well as a cantata by G.F. Handel. Admission is free. Learn more about this concert and the rest of the season at chapel.duke.edu/music.

FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD DINNERS | Volunteers are needed on Monday, September 30, and Tuesday, October 1, to provide food, assist in serving food, and provide child care while parents are in a class at Families Moving Forward, a shelter for homeless families. Volunteers may serve an hour or two on either or both evenings. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Congregation office.

YAM JAM | Volunteers are needed on Saturday morning, October 5, to gather sweet potatoes to give to those in need. Transportation is available. Please contact the Congregation office, congregation@duke.edu, for more information.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS | The Chapel will host its annual Blessing of the Animals worship service on Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 p.m. outside on the quad in front of the Chapel. All are welcome to bring dogs, cats, and other pets to be blessed. Please bring only well-mannered pets that are safe around children. The rain date for the service is October 13.

FINDING OUR WAY IN THE BELOVED COMMUNITY | Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove will lead the Congregation’s fall retreat on Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants will explore communal practices of discernment for the common good, considering such questions as “How do we learn to hear the voice of God in community?” Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove is a spiritual writer, activist, founder of Rutba House, and a resident of Durham. A participant fee of $10 will cover the cost of a catered lunch. For more details and to make a reservation please contact the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.
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