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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, September 24, 2023, 11:00 a.m.



Heather Zabriskie, *Watchmaker's Junkyard*, 2016.

This week our Old Testament and Gospel lessons contain well-known stories that tell not only of God's abundant generosity, but also of the human struggle with the same. In the lesson from Jonah, we read how Jonah feels spiteful anger when God relents and doesn't destroy Nineveh after its residents repent and turn from evil. God provides shade to Jonah to comfort him. If, without merit, God will provide care to Jonah, why wouldn't God care for those who sincerely repent and follow God? In the Gospel we hear of the landowner who pays the same wage to all his workers, whether they were hired earlier in the day or later. The workers who were hired early in the day complain that this is not, in essence, "fair." It is then that Jesus gives us an enduring lesson: the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Gathering

Prelude

Andante, K. 616

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756–1791)

Introit

My God, My King, to Thee I'll Raise

LYNN
William Billings (1746–1800)

My God, my King, to thee I'll raise
my voice and all my pow'rs,
unwearied songs of sacred praise
shall fill the circling hours.

Thy name shall dwell upon my tongue,
while suns shall set and rise,
and tune my everlasting song,
when all creation dies.

Great is the Lord! our souls adore,
we wonder while we praise!
His pow'r what creature can explore,
or equal honors raise?

Yet shall thy works, almighty Lord,
our noblest songs adorn;
thy glorious acts we will record,
for ages yet unborn.

—*Psalm 145, para. Anne Steele, 1760*

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*All rise as able

***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.

***Response of Praise**

Glory Be to the Father

Glenn L. Jones

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son,
and to the Ho - ly Ghost, the Three in One; as it
was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

***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:

Oh God, set our hopes on you, that you may enlighten our minds and understanding with the light of your knowledge; not only to cherish those things which are written, but to do them; in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 811–812 in pew Bibles.

Jonah 3:10–4:11

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody | The congregation chants the verses in bold.

Psalm 145:1–8

Chad Fothergill

A praising, for David.



Let me exalt You, my | God, the King,
and bless Your Name for- | evermore.
Every | day I bless You;
let me praise Your Name for- | evermore.

**Great is ADONAI and much | to be praised;
His greatness | is unsearchable.
Generation to generation ex- | tols Your works,
and Your mighty acts | they declare.**

The glorious splendor | of Your majesty
and Your marvelous | deeds I ponder.
The power of Your awesome | acts they tell,
and Your greatness | I recount.

They celebrate Your | lavish goodness,
and of Your righteous- | ness they sing.
Gracious and merciful is | ADONAI,
long in patience, great in | covenant-love.

—*Translation by Ellen F. Davis*

New Testament Lesson | NT pages 185–186 in pew Bibles.

Philippians 1:21–30

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 20–21 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 20:1–16

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Parable of the Growing Payroll

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 433

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 | Please sign and pass the attendance pads located in the pew at the center aisle.

Give Me Jesus

arr. Larry L. Fleming
(1936–2003)

Oh, when I am alone, Oh, when I am alone,
Oh, when I am alone, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die...

And when I want to sing...

—*Black 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

*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

The Spirit of the Lord

Zebulon Highben

May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you,
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone has done wondrous things.

—*Isaiah 11:2 and Psalm 72:18, adapt.*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 573. We will sing stanzas 1, 3, and 4.

O Zion, Haste

TIDINGS

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major

Johann Caspar Simon
(1701–1776)

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

Angela Darrow Flynn *Coordinator for Worship and Ministry, Duke University Chapel*
Carol Gregg *Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
Mitchell Eithun *Pathways Scholar, Divinity '24*

Preacher

Kathryn Lester-Bacon *Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Jun Tan *Trinity '26*
Riley Hamp *Trinity '25*

Musicians

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

Head Usher

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Today's Offering | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Liturgical Acknowledgments | Prayer for Illumination. Excerpt from a prayer of St. John Chrysostom, c. 347–407. **Glory Be to the Father.** Traditional Gloria Patri, 2nd cent. Music: Glenn L. Jones, © 2004 Tehillah International Ministries. Reprinted from *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism: An African American Ecumenical Hymnal* (Chicago: GIA Publications, 2018). Printed with permission under OneLicense.net # A-725399. **Psalm 145.** Translation © Ellen F. Davis; music © Chad Fothergill. Used by permission.

Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Chapel Endowment.

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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 Department of Psychology and Neuroscience.

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.

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.

Register Your Attendance Today | Let us know you are here. There is an attendance pad located in the pew at the center aisle. Please use it to register your presence today at this service and then pass it to the next person in the pew. This is an opportunity for you to get to know the names of others in your pew and for Chapel ministers to know who is in the pews.

Apply to Become a Chapel Scholar | Chapel Scholars is a program for students to build community across Christian traditions through study, service, and worship. Scholars have priority access to Duke Chapel's programs, initiatives, events, and mentor networks. New Scholars are placed in a cohort that connects them with other students from a wide range of Christian traditions. Learn more and apply by September 30 at chapel.duke.edu/scholars.

Choral Evensong Today | Our service of Choral Evensong follows the liturgy of the *Book of Common Prayer* and features choral and organ music from the English cathedral tradition, led by the Chapel's Evensong Singers. The next Evensong, today at 4:00 p.m., will use settings of the service by the British composer William Byrd, including his anthem *O God, the Proud*.

Carillon Recital | Duke Chapel carillonneur Mitchell Eithun will present a recital on the bells in the Chapel tower today at 5:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the music from the beautiful surroundings of Abele Quad. The recital will be presented rain or shine; a livestream will be available.

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'Text Messages' Bible Study | A new weekly Bible study called "Text Messages" will focus on how Scripture can speak to contemporary issues. The next meeting is this Wednesday, September 27, 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.

Organ Music 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* at this special concert next 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.

Few Lecture on Faith, Mental Health, and Community | A leader in clinical psychology, Dr. Thema Bryant 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. A triple-graduate of Duke University, Dr. Bryant is president of the American Psychological Association and a professor of psychology in the Graduate School of Education and Psychology at Pepperdine University. The event is free and open to the public but requires a no-cost ticket to attend. Go to chapel.duke.edu/FewLecture to learn more and register.

Blessing of the Animals | All are invited to bring their pets for the Blessing of the Animals worship service on Sunday, October 8, at 3:00 p.m. The location is slightly different this year: the service will be held on the section of Abele Quad with the James B. Duke statue. Chapel ministers will lead the service with music from the Durham Children's Choir and a sermon from Fr. Hugh Macsherry, O.F.M., parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Durham. Those bringing pets are responsible for their animals and are asked to bring only pets that will be safe around children and other animals.

Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope | Students, Duke community members, and others are invited to discover how their spiritual journeys are connected to our city of Durham through the Durham Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope. Held on the weekend of October 27–29, the pilgrimage is led by DurhamCares, a nonprofit with a mission to foster collaboration, develop leaders, and educate the people of Durham to care for their neighbors in holistic ways. Space on the pilgrimage is limited. To learn more and sign up contact the Chapel's assistant dean, the Rev. Bruce Puckett, at bruce.puckett@duke.edu.

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Believing You Belong | The Rev. Bruce Puckett, assistant dean of the Chapel, will lead a workshop, “Believing You Belong: Valuing Community at Duke Chapel,” on Saturday, October 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Union Grove United Methodist Church, Hillsborough. Participants will explore what it means to be community. All will consider various metaphors that prompt reflection on how to live in community well, while participating in activities to deepen a sense of being a community together. The cost is \$10 per person to defray the cost of a catered lunch. Please register by emailing congregation@duke.edu.

Young Adult Dinner and Discussion | Please join friendly people for a simple dinner and Bible study focused on the experience of graduate students, younger adults, and their partners. The next gathering will be tomorrow, Monday, October 9, 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. For additional information, please contact alexander.jones@duke.edu.

Yam Jam | Volunteers are needed to clean sweet potatoes on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The potatoes are given to area food banks for distribution to neighbors in need. For more information, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with refreshments provided at 9:30 a.m. Classes meet in the lowest level of the Westbrook building. New participants are welcome at any time. Contact congregation@duke.edu for more 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 4–1st grade in 0054 Langford

Godly Play Advanced: Spiritual formation for children in 2nd–5th grades in 0050 Langford

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

Adult Forum: On October 1, Doug Gallo, Congregation member will speak on “What every Christian should know about World Religions: Lessons from my pilgrimage” in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom

ACCESSIBILITY

Large-print worship guides, hymnals, and 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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