



Duke UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 22, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



Hans Schüpfelin, *Christ Teaching the Disciples*, detail, 1517.

The lessons today teach about understanding one's place in God's kingdom. In Mark's gospel, Jesus teaches that his ascension to the throne of the kingdom takes the path of descending to death. His disciples miss the point of Jesus's teaching and argue about who is the greatest among them. Jesus offers a dramatic reversal of convention by saying that to be first, one must be last. Then he brings a child before them and says that welcoming this socially marginalized child is like welcoming him. James's epistle emphasizes the wisdom of humility, calling Christ's followers to live a good life born of Godly wisdom. This life is marked by humility and grace: those who humble themselves before God will be exalted by God.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

Tiento de 4º tono de falsas

Sebastián Aguilera de Heredia
(1565–1627)

Introit

Before the Rosy Dawn of Day

Burton Bumgarner

Before the rosy dawn of day,
to thee, my God, I'll sing:
Awake my soft and tuneful lyre,
awake each charming string.

Awake, and let thy flowing streams
glide through the midnight air,
while high amidst the silent orb,
the silver moon rolls clear.

—*The Sacred Harp; 1 Corinthians 14:15*

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MADELEINE

***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.

***All rise as able**

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:

**Almighty God, our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
send your Holy Spirit to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 670 in pew Bibles.

Jeremiah 11:18–20

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody | Chanted by the cantor.

Psalm 54

Walford Davies
(1869–1941)

Save me O God for thy Name's sake:
and avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer O God:
and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me:
and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

Behold, God is my helper:
the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies:
destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O LORD:
because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble:
and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

Glory be to the Father:
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

New Testament Lesson | NT page 216 in pew Bibles.

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 42 in pew Bibles.

Mark 9:30–37

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Downward Mobility

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

*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.**

Mission of the Month

Offertory Anthem

Purest and Highest

Orland Gibbons, arr. Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852–1924)

Purest and Highest, Wisest and most Just,
there is no truth save only in thy trust,

thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,
and bring through Christ to him for whom are all.

Eternal Glory, all men thee adore,
who art and shalt be worshipped evermore.

Us whom thou makest, comfort with thy might;
and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

—*Robert Bridges (1844–1930)*

*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

May You Abound in Hope

Anne Krentz Organ

May the God of hope fill you with joy.
May the God of hope fill you with peace in believing.
By the power of the Holy Spirit may you abound in hope. Amen.

—*Romans 15:13; adapt.*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 660

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Postlude

Fantasia in D Minor

C. V. Stanford

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following the postlude, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel; worship guides for the service are available near the entrance. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Dave Allen..... *Campus Minister, Duke Wesley Fellowship*
Kenneth Moland.....*Pastoral Assistant, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Preacher

Bruce Puckett*Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Noella Barron *Chapel Scholar; Duke Wesley Fellowship; Trinity '25*
Mitchell Eithun *Chapel Scholar; Divinity '25*

Mission of the Month

Rich Gittings *Executive Director, Bull City Legal Services*

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 Ushers

Ken Arneson..... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
James Ferguson..... *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Mission of the Month | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Mission of the Month, Bull City Legal Services. Bull City Legal Services (transitioning to North Carolina Legal Services) is a nonprofit law firm located in Durham, NC with a goal of removing financial barriers to the justice system. They have sliding-scale fees for legal services and representation for those who make too much to access free legal services but not enough to hire a traditional law firm. In addition to serving individuals and families, Bull City Legal Services also serves small businesses and other nonprofit organizations. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

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

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.

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.

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.

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 semester Evensong features music by the Anglo-Irish composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924) as we commemorate his 100th anniversary. A prolific composer of symphonic, chamber, vocal, and choral music, Stanford's sacred music has remained popular since his death.

Carillon Recital | Dr. Aaron Colston, a Duke Chapel carillonneur, will present a recital on the Chapel's bells today at 5:00 p.m. The performance is part of the Chapel's J. Samuel Hammond Carillon Recital Series. To enjoy the music, bring a lawn chair or blanket to listen from Abele Quad. The recital will be presented rain or shine and will also be streamed live.

Centennial Founders' Sunday Service | In this centennial year, we mark homecoming weekend and the founding of Duke University with a festive worship service on Sunday, September 29, at 11:00 a.m. The service will celebrate the university's historic motto, *Eruditio et Religio* ("Knowledge and Religion"), and deep roots of faith. Leaders from The Duke Endowment, Duke Divinity School, Duke Chapel, and the broader University will be joined by representatives from the Duke family, the Duke Chapel Choir, the Durham Children's Choir, the Amalgam Brass, pianist and vocalist Patrice Turner, bassist John V. Brown, and others as we lift our voices in prayer and song. Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery will deliver the sermon. The service promises to bring all the joy of Easter to a Sunday in September.

The Saint John's Bible | Duke University will celebrate the reception of the permanent gift of the Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* in a service at Duke Chapel on Thursday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. The service will include congregational singing, an official dedication, and a concluding reception. All seven volumes of *The Saint John's Bible* will be on view and attendees will have the opportunity to engage the works up-close. *The Saint John's Bible* is the complete text of the Bible, written on calfskin vellum using traditional tools and inks. Limited to 299 seven-volume sets, the Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* is true to the scale, beauty, and artistic intent of the original manuscript.

Blessing of the Animals | Dogs, cats—and maybe other animals—will join ministers and the Durham Children's Choir for the Blessing of the Animals worship service on Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 p.m. on the Duke Chapel Quad. Pet owners are welcome to bring their animals to receive a blessing as part of the service. Those bringing pets are responsible for their animals and are asked to bring only pets that will be safe around children and other animals. The service will last about thirty minutes and includes music from the choir, scripture readings, and a sermon. Individual animal blessings will take place immediately after the service.

Organ Recital | Dr. Alcee Chriss III opens this season's Organ Recital Series with a concert on Sunday, October 6, at 5:00 p.m. The performance on the Aeolian organ will feature music by J. S. Bach, Elgar, Litaize, and Rachmaninoff. Dr. Chriss is the assistant organist at Trinity Church Wall Street, New York City, as well as the university organist and artist-in-residence at Wesleyan University. Winner of the 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition, he was featured in the PBS documentary *Pipe Dreams*, and he appeared at the 2022 national convention of the American Guild of Organists. There is no charge for admission.

Theology Underground | The next Theology Underground meeting will discuss "This Here Flesh: The Sacred Memory of Toni Morrison" on Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Williams Center. The Chapel's Rev. Racquel Gill will lead the discussion with special guest Dr. Joseph Richard Winters, associate professor of religious studies. To honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of the literary giant James Baldwin, this year's Theology Underground series is engaging the intersections of theology and black literature.

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 4–6, 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. To learn more and sign up, contact the Chapel's Minister for Intercultural Engagement, the Rev. Racquel Gill at racquel.gill@duke.edu.

Apply to Be a Chapel Scholar | Chapel Scholars are students from across Christian traditions who seek to discern God's calling through study, community, and mentorship. Scholars are eligible for grants for service and learning opportunities. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with a priority deadline of September 30. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/scholars.

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. 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 4–1st grade in 0054 Langford

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

Youth Program: Youth will explore a survey of the Old Testament in 0015 Westbrook

Adult Bible Study: Study of the book of Amos in 0013 and over Zoom

Adult Forum: Next Sunday, September 29, Melodie Bobbitt, Congregation member, will discuss “The Harvest Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael” in 0012 Westbrook and over Zoom

RESPONSE HYMN | Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1. Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2. Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3. Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket-place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus-tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip-ens, peace and righ - teous-ness em - brace.
come your peo-ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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Music: Donna Kasbohm

MADELEINE

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