This morning’s Scripture readings speak of God’s plans for our flourishing. The prophet Jeremiah writes God’s commands to the exiled Israelites: to build houses, plant gardens, raise families and seek the welfare of their city of exile. The apostle Paul urges us to be workers approved by God, and in Luke’s Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers. The Lord has good plans for us to grow even in difficult situations, and calls us to give of ourselves in love.
The congregation is invited to reflect silently during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr
(All Glory be to God on high),
BWV 711, 715, 717

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 60 (found in the hymnals located in the pew racks)
I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

*PEACE

(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
Loving Father: illuminate our lives through your holy word, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 (OT page 687)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Almighty and Everlasting God

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Orlando Gibbons
(1583–1625)
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—2 Timothy 2:8–15 *(NT page 200)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 157 (stanzas 1–2)*
Jesus Shall Reign

*(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)*

*GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 17:11–19 *(NT page 75)*

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 157 (stanza 3–5)*
Jesus Shall Reign

SERMON—Flourishing Among the Exiles

RESPONSE

*THE 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: “Hear our prayer.”)*

MISSION MOMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Do not be afraid

Philip W. J. Stopford

(b. 1977)

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.*

*I have called you by your name;
you are mine.*
When you walk through the waters, I’ll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a
perfect love.

—Text by Gerard Markland

*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.

SENDING FORTH

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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.)

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESIONAL HYMN 433

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

POSTLUDE

Finale, from Symphony 6, Op. 42

Charles Marie Widor
(1844–1937)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

This morning we give thanks for the Duke University Health System and its dedication
to offering care and hospitality to patients and their families in times of illness and grief.
In Durham, we remember those who facilitate our buying goods that have been fairly
traded and other entrepreneurs working for a just economy.
To hear God’s word to us, we need help. Specifically, we need God’s Holy Spirit. The skill of listening to God’s voice is one that can be developed with practice, yet it is always the Spirit that enables us to hear, interpret, and understand the divine word. The Spirit opens our hearts and minds, as well as our eyes, ears, and hands, so that we may receive what God would communicate to us. As we pray the “prayer of illumination”, we ask God to shine light on the scriptures that they may be the word of the Lord that shines light on us, the church gathered in worship.
TODAY’S FLOWERS—Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by Joshua Bond in memory of his grandparents, William R. and Jane C. Moore.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support our Mission of the Month. The Society of St. Andrew works with volunteers to rescue produce that is left in fields after harvest and what produce distributors are not able to sell. The organization then distributes this produce to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and food banks. In 2015, SoSA worked with 11,250 volunteers to share more than 11 million servings of produce to hungry people in North Carolina. Donations to the Society of St. Andrew help pay for freight of large loads of produce from distributors and help cover the cost of coordinating gleanings. More information is available at endhunger.org.

TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER—Today we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Cheryl Bridges Johns as the Howard C. Wilkinson Distinguished Guest Preacher. Rev. Dr. Bridges Johns is Professor of Discipleship & Christian Formation at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary in Cleveland, Tennessee. Her work has included several creation care initiatives—including “Scientists and Evangelicals Initiative on the Care of Creation”—and she has been actively involved in numerous ecumenical initiatives. Her published works include *Pentecostal Formation: A Pedagogy Among the Oppressed and Finding Eternal Treasures* (Wipf & Stock Pub, 2010). She is co-pastor of the New Covenant Church of God, a church she and her husband, Jackie, planted in 1989. She holds a B.A. from Lee College (1975), an M.A. from Wheaton College (1976) and a Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1987).

TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR—Today we welcome the Choir of Men and Boys from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia, South Carolina. In addition to singing for the service this morning, they will also sing Choral Evensong in the Chapel this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Drawn from Columbia and throughout South Carolina the choir consists of boy trebles, grades 3–8. They are supported by a team of professional men and former choristers who tour and record with them regularly. The choir last toured to Duke Chapel in 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS—On Thursday, September 29, at the Founder’s Day Convocation, our own Oscar Dantzler was one of two recipients of the University Medal, the highest honor given by the University.

PUBLIC CONVERSATION—In a world worried about terror, the Chapel will host a “Bridge Panel” conversation about peace. Three Duke faculty members will participate in the panel discussion “Peace in an Age of Terror” on Monday, October 24, at 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel: Dr. Valerie Cooper, associate professor of Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School; Dr. Stanley Hauerwas, Gilbert T. Rowe Professor Emeritus of Divinity and Law; and Dr. Omid Safi, director of Duke’s Islamic Studies Center and a professor of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. Chapel Dean Luke A. Powery will moderate the conversation.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Christian Education Classes**—Classes for all are offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and will conclude in time for worship. All classes are held in the lowest level of the Westbrook (WB) building with refreshments and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. Classes are:

- **Wee Praise**: For ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 WB.
- **Godly Play**: For ages 4 through 5th graders in 0050 Langford.
- **Youth Sunday School**: For youth in 6th–12th grade in 0013 WB.
- **Bible Study**: A discussion of Esther and Ruth in 0015 WB.
- **Adult Forum**: On October 16, Rabbi Elana Friedman, Campus Rabbi for Jewish Life at Duke, will present “A Taste of the Talmud, Part 2: A Classic Tale of Superpowers and Heartbreak” in 0012 WB.

**Potluck Lunch Today**—The Congregation’s Anniversary Potluck will be after worship today in the Chapel lounge. All are welcome to attend.

**Back Pew Collection**—Donations of five-gallon buckets and work gloves are need to support the mission of the Society of Saint Andrew. These materials will be used in gleaning projects around North Carolina, allowing hungry neighbors to receive food that would otherwise go to waste. New or clean and gently used buckets (e.g. cat litter or bulk food) are equally helpful. Please place the buckets and gloves in the back pew today or next Sunday.

**Saturday Service Project**—On Saturday morning, October 15, volunteers of all ages are needed to gather sweet potatoes left after the harvest for distribution to local food banks and agencies that serve those in need. Volunteers will carpool from Durham to the farm. Please contact Andrew Phillips, andrew.phillips@duke.edu, for more information and detailed directions. This service project, also called “Yam Jam”, is sponsored by the Society of St. Andrew.

**New Member Class**—A new member class will begin next Sunday, October 16, at 9:45 a.m. in Westbrook 0014, located in the lowest level of the Divinity School. The class will meet for four weeks: October 16, 23, 30, and November 6. All those interested in learning more about the Congregation are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Carol Gregg at 919-684-3917.

**Children’s Fall Fellowship**—Children and their families are invited to take a trip to a local farm for a hay ride and opportunity to feed farm animals on Saturday, October 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For detailed information, please contact Phyllis Snyder at 919-684-3917.

**Corn Maze**—Youth in 6th to 12th grade will enjoy a trip to the McKee Corn Maze in Rougemont on Sunday, October 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For detailed information, please contact Andrew Phillips at 919-684-3917 or andrew.phillips@duke.edu.
Next Week in Worship at Duke Chapel

Preacher—Our preacher will be Min. Joshua Lazard, C. Eric Lincoln Minister for Student Engagement.

Offering—Next week’s offering will go to the Duke Chapel PathWays fund.