The Bible often portrays the fickleness of humanity. Too often the people of God fail to recognize the precious gift of the invitation God extends. In Exodus, while Moses is on Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments, the Israelites gather gold to fashion a calf idol. They easily fall into worshiping their wealth and the creativity of their own hands. In Matthew’s gospel, a king has extended a gracious invitation to an abundant wedding banquet, but having no sense of the value of the invitation, the guests do not come. In Philippians, Paul is confined to prison, and he encourages concerned people by assuring them that the peace of God is near if they are willing to receive it.
At the close of today’s service, the Lord’s Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord’s Supper, a service of prayer for healing will be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent 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

CHORAL PRELUDE

Ave Maria Tomás Luis de Victoria (c. 1548–1611)
Set Me as a Seal René Clausen (b. 1953)
The Old Church Stephen Paulus (b. 1949)
City Called Heaven arr. Josephine Poelinitz
Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal INVITATION

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 160
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart MARION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (in unison)
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.

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)

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: as your word comes alive in our midst, deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Exodus 32:1–14 (OT pages 75–76 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Greater Love Hath No Man                                  John Ireland
(1879–1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

—John 15:13; Song of Solomon 8:6–7; I Peter 2:9 and 24; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Romans 12:1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Philippians 4:1–9 (NT page 187)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 340 (stanzas 1–2)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

RESTORATION

GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 22:1–14 (NT page 25)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 340 (stanzas 3–4)

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

SERMON—Discerning Wisdom
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.”)

This morning we give thanks for the Nasher Museum of Art. We celebrate the ways its exhibitions continue to enlighten and enrich both the University and the community.

In Durham, we remember clergy and other leaders of faith communities as they seek to faithfully guide their people in paths of righteousness and truth.

OFFERTORY

(1852–1924)

For, lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation, which march through the breadth of the earth, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful, their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. And their horsemen spread themselves, yea, their horsemen come from far. They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour, they come all of them for violence; their faces are set as the east wind, and they gather captives as the sand. Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a derision unto him. For he heapeth up dust and taketh it. Then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall pass over, and be guilty, even he, whose might is his God. Art not thou from everlasting, O Lord, my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgment, and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction. I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower, and look forth to see what he will say to me, and what I shall answer concerning my complaint. And the Lord answered me and
said: The vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

—Habakkuk 1 and 2

*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 (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Organ Postlude

Carillon de Westminster, Op. 54, No. 6

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.

About Today’s Guest Preacher

Today we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. L. Gregory Jones as Clevus F. and Lilla Hawkins Boyles guest preacher. Dr. Jones is the Ruth W. and A. Morris Williams, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Theology and Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School. He is also Senior Strategist for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School and the Fuqua/Coach K Center on Leadership and Ethics. He was Dean of Duke Divinity School from 1997–2010. He is the author or editor of sixteen books, including most recently, Forgive as We’ve Been Forgiven: Community Practices for Making Peace (co-authored with Celestin Musekura). Dr. Jones is married to the Rev. Susan Pendleton Jones, Associate Dean for Ministerial Formation at Duke Divinity School. They are ordained United Methodist pastors, and are the parents of Nate (T’09, D’12), Ben (T’12), and Sarah (T’17), and the parents-in-law of Amy Little Jones (T’09).
TODAY’S FLOWERS—Flowers for today’s worship are given to the glory of God in memory of Barbara Ann Freeman Erlenbach, WC’56, by her family and grandchildren.

TODAY’S OFFERING—All of today’s cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends of Duke Chapel, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR—The Chapel is pleased to welcome Renaissance as the guest choir for today’s worship service. Renaissance has been singing at Duke Chapel annually for over two decades. The ensemble is committed to high quality performance of great chamber choral literature. The choir performs three concerts each year in its native Charlotte, NC. More information is available at www.singers-renaissance.org.

CHORAL EVENSONG OCTOBER 16—A service of Choral Evensong will be offered on Thursday, October 16 at 5:15p.m. as part of the weekly Vespers service and in conjunction with the Girls’ Choir from Christ Church Raleigh. All are welcome to attend. Evensong will again be offered on November 13.

BREAKING OUT EXHIBIT IN THE CHAPEL—This month Duke Chapel welcomes “Breaking Out,” a gallery of images produced last year by Duke’s Develle Dish blog and the Women’s Center. Curated by Hanna Metaferia (T’14, PathWays Chapel Scholar), “Breaking Out” is a tribute to survivors of sexual assault that encourages healing through art. The exhibit will be displayed in Duke Chapel for public viewing from October 17–30 during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. There will be an opening reception the evening of October 17 with remarks from the exhibit curator beginning at 4:45pm. The event is free and open to the public.
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Sunday Education—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. Classes include:

• *Wee Praise* for infants through children age 3 with parents or caregivers in 0014 Westbrook
• *Godly Play* for 4-year olds through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
• *Youth Sunday School* for youth in 6th–12th grades in 0013 Westbrook
• *Adult Bible Study* focused on the theme of hope in 0011 Westbrook
• *Adult Forum*: Next Sunday, Mr. Shane Claiborne, Founder of Simple Way community, Philadelphia, PA, will speak in 0012 Westbrook

Anniversary Potluck Lunch—The congregation is celebrating its 29th anniversary with a potluck lunch and fellowship in the Chapel basement Lounge on Sunday, October 19, following worship. Bring a dish to share and drop it off in the Chapel Kitchen prior to worship. Students do not need to bring a dish. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or would like help getting your contribution to the kitchen, contact Judy Arneson at 919-599-5510.

Saturday Service Project—Volunteers are needed on Saturday, October 18, from 8:30–11:30 a.m. to work on a Habitat for Humanity house. The build site is at 2200 Ashe St. in Durham. All skill levels are welcome, but volunteers need to be at least 16 years old. Please sign up online at https://habitatdurham.volunteerconnect.com/CDC/full or contact Brad Troxell at brad.troxell@duke.edu for more information.

Back Pew Collection—The October back pew collection will support Durham’s Reality Ministries, which strives to create “opportunities for teens and young adults with and without developmental disabilities to experience belonging, kinship, and the life-changing reality of Christ’s life.” You may support this ministry by donating paper products—plastic forks, 8 oz. cold cups, sturdy dinner-size plates, napkins, and solid color plastic tablecloths that may be used for long tables. If you prefer to provide a cash donation, you may contribute to their floor replacement project at $6.00 a tile. Collections will be today and October 19.
FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS

† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.
† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.
† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant’s desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.
† Activity Bags are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email congregation@duke.edu or call 919-684-3917.

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