This weekend, we celebrate homecoming and Founders’ Day, and by so doing, we continue a long tradition of honoring the founders and benefactors of this university. We welcome to the Chapel members of the administration and the Duke family as well as alumni from around the world. We pay respect to the visionaries who went before us and that vision of greatness that we continue the quest to realize. We also celebrate World Communion Sunday, which was established almost 100 years ago to remind us that nothing can separate those who are bound together in Christ. In honor of this day, languages, cultures, and Christian traditions from Europe, Africa, South America, Asia, and North America are represented in today’s readings, prayers, and music. We rejoice in being made one in Christ.
Gathering
Carillon

Prelude

Sonata in C Minor, K. 302 (Andante)  
Domenico Scarlatti  
(1685–1757)

Introit

Uyaimose / Come, All You People  
Alexander Gondo

Uyaimose, tinamate Mwari;  
uyaimose, tinamate Mwari;  
uyaimose, tinamate Mwari;  
uyaimose Zvino.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;  
come now and worship the Lord.

Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior...

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit...

—Alexander Gondo, trans. I-to Lob

Greeting and Call to Worship

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

Faith of Our Fathers  
ST. CATHERINE

*Prayer 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.
Minister: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Glory to God. Amen.

*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:

Lord God of peace, illumine our hearts and minds. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance the word which brings us together will always be that: shalom, peace, salaam! Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT pages 737 and 738 in pew Bibles.

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

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

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 22–23 in pew Bibles.

Matthew 21:23–32

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

Sermon

A Question of Consequence
Response

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

Light Dawns on a Weary World  

Founders’ Day Litany of Thanksgiving | The litany is led by representatives of Duke Chapel, Duke University, and the Duke family.

Chapel Dean: Almighty and eternal God, in whom our mothers and fathers have trusted, we their children, at this time of remembrance, offer to You our prayers of thanksgiving:

Congregation: Hear us, O Lord.

Duke Official: For the members of the Duke family—father, daughter, sons and their spouses, grandchildren, and all others in continuing generations until this very day—who, with concern and compassion, devotion and dedication, and by their generosity, built on a solid foundation, continued a worthy school, and provided for education and service beyond even their dreams and expectations:

Congregation: We give You thanks and praise.

Duke Family: For the pioneering and persevering men and women connected with this University—Methodists and Quakers, farmers and merchants, teachers and administrators—who, in days gone by, believed in education and made their beliefs prevail:

Congregation: We give You thanks and praise.

Chapel Dean: For the embodiment of their dreams, which drove this institution forward from school to academy to college to great university founded in hope and continued with sacrifice that grows in outreach and serves with commitment:

Congregation: We give You thanks and praise.

Duke Official: For faculty and staff whose vision was bolstered by their courage, whose patience was tested and found true, and whose idealism was implanted in the hearts and minds of others:

Congregation: We give You thanks and praise.
Duke Family: For the ongoing presence of noble ideas—the blessing of Eruditio et Religio; the freedom for responsible academic research and teaching; the ongoing respect for both the body and the spirit; the pursuit of knowledge in the sciences and the humanities; and the realization that the old order changes and new times bring new opportunities:

Congregation: We give You thanks and praise.

Chapel Dean: For the future of Duke University, established for Your glory and for the enlightenment of the human mind and spirit; for consecration to learning by the young; for the best use of the wisdom of those in later years; for the commitment to growth and enhancement of all persons; for a sense of humor, a spirit of cooperation, and a desire for understanding among all within our community and the world:

Congregation: We give You thanks and praise. And to You, O God, we will ascribe, as is most due, all praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Let the Peoples Praise You

Let the peoples praise you. Let the peoples praise you, O God!

Grant us your mercy, give us light; shine upon us in the night. Give us knowledge of your way; guide us to your perfect day.

Let the peoples praise you. Let the peoples praise you, O God!

Now let the nations sing for joy; God reveals this sacred ploy: that earth, that earth in all its might, stands in awe of heaven tonight.
Let the peoples praise you.
Let the peoples praise you, O God!

—William Beckstrand, after Psalm 67

*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 and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | The Great Thanksgiving is led in English this morning. Please sing the Sanctus and acclamations in the language of your choosing.

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: ...And so, we praise you with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,
H o - ly, h o - ly, h o - ly Lord God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san-to es el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor,
H o - ly, h o - ly, h o - ly, h o - ly Lord God,
Dios del universo; santo es el Señor.

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Ho-san-na en el cielo, ho-san-na en la tierra. Ben-

Ho-san-na in the highest, ho-san-na here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Minister: ...great is the mystery of faith.

Cri-sto ha muerto, Cri-sto ha resucitado,

Christ has died, Christ is risen,

Cri-sto vendrá, Cri-sto vendrá.

Christ will come again, Christ will come again.
Minister: ...All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

*The Lord’s Prayer | All are encouraged to pray the Lord’s Prayer in the language of their choosing, using the insert provided. The Prayer will be led in Swahili.

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. Bread and wine are used for communion. You may receive wine by dipping or drinking from the cup. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, they are available from servers near Memorial Chapel in the front and opposite the attendant’s desk near the back. Please use these chalices for dipping only. 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

Drinkin’ of the Wine | Rosephanye Powell

Drinkin’ of the wine, wine, wine,
Drinkin’ of the wine, O yes, my Lord.
I oughta been to heaven ten thousand years,
drinkin’ of the wine.

If my mother ask for me,
tell her death done summon me.
I oughta been to heaven ten thousand years,
drinkin’ of the wine.
Ain’t but one thing I done wrong: stayin’ in the wilderness mos’ too long. I oughta been to heaven ten thousand years, drinkin’ of the wine.

Eatin’ of the bread, bread, bread, 
Eatin’ of the bread, O yes, my Lord. I oughta been to heaven ten thousand years, drinkin’ of the wine.

—African American Spiritual

Communion Hymn | UMH 552

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth
*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Postlude

Sonata in C Minor, K. 303 (Allegro) D. Scarlatti

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers
Kathryn Lester-Bacon .................... Director of Religious Life, Duke University Chapel
Carol Gregg ......................... Pastor, Congregation at Duke Chapel
Luke A. Powery ................ Dean, Duke University Chapel

Preacher
Jerusha Matsen Neal ................ Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Duke Divinity School
Lectors
Mallory Poff ......................................................... Prat ’25
Tamela Davis......................................................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

Litany Participants
Stefanie Williams . . . Vice President for Durham and Community Affairs, Duke University
J. Trent Jones . . . . . Duke Family Representative; Trustee, The Duke Endowment

Musicians
Duke Chapel Choir ..................................................... Choir
Robert Parkins .......................................................... University Organist, Duke University
Chad Fothergill.............................. Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
John Hanks .......................................................... Percussion
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 Preacher | An assistant professor of homiletics at Duke Divinity School, Rev. Dr. Neal has spent her ministry preaching in cross-cultural spaces and bridging denominational communities. Serving as keynote preacher for such events as the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, the Young Preacher’s Festival and the Homegrown North Carolina Women’s Preaching Festival, she is committed to encouraging the voices of young preachers—and particularly the voices of women—in the risky proclamation of gospel hope. In 2020, she was awarded the Exemplary Teacher of the Year award from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. Her most recent book, The Overshadowed Preacher: Mary, the Spirit, and the Labor of Proclamation, received a 2020 Christianity Today Jesus Creed Book Award for the Preaching Life. She is an ordained American Baptist minister with broad ecumenical experience, most recently serving as a Global Ministries missionary to the Fiji Islands through the United Methodist Church.

Today’s Offering | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Development Fund for Mission and Ministry. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today’s Flowers | The Founders’ Day flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jenny Semans Koortbojian, James D.B.T. Semans, and their mother Mary Duke Biddle Trent Semans and grandmother Mary Duke Biddle.
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 Office of Alumni Affairs.

Restrooms in Divinity School | Public restrooms are in the Divinity School. To access them, exit the Chapel through the side doors in the narthex and enter the Divinity School. Restrooms are along the hallway in the Divinity School.

Listen-Assist Smartphone App | A 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.

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 (1925) at this special concert tonight at 5:00 p.m. Conte is the Wanamaker Grand Court Organist at Macy’s Center City in Philadelphia. Admission is free.
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 and why we value community as Christians. All will consider metaphors that prompt reflection on how to live in community well and participate 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.

Blessing of the Animals | All are invited to bring their pets for the Blessing of the Animals worship service next Sunday, October 8, at 3:00 p.m. The location is slightly different this year and will be held on the section of Abele Quad with the James B. Duke statue. Those bringing pets are responsible for their animals and are asked to bring only pets that will be safe around children and other animals.

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

Theology Underground Discussion Series | Theology Underground is a series of guided conversations for students about how culture, identity, and race impact the way we live out our faith and beliefs. The next meeting will address the topic “I Talk to God and My Therapist Too: Theology and Mental Health” with special guest Dr. A.Y. Bryant, a psychologist with Duke Counseling and Psychological Services. It will be this Tuesday, October 10, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. at the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity in the Bryan Center.

New Member Class | All those considering joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel are invited to participate in a four-week New Member Class. The class will meet on Sundays, October 15, 22, and 29, and November 5. Two sessions of the class are offered: morning sessions in person from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in 0014 Westbrook in the lowest level of the Divinity School and evening sessions over Zoom from 7:00–8:00 p.m. For information, contact carol.gregg@duke.edu.
Yam Jam | Volunteers are needed to glean 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.

October Book Group | Is “community” one of the most over-promised, under-delivered aspects of the Christian life today? The October book groups will discuss Life Together in Christ: Experiencing Transformation in Community by Ruth Haley Barton for three Wednesdays, beginning October 18, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. over Zoom. For information contact congregation@duke.edu.

Annual Church Picnic | All are welcome to attend the Congregation’s annual picnic on Sunday, October 22, from 3:00–6:00 p.m. at Piney Woods Park picnic shelter, 400 E. Woodcroft Parkway, Durham. Beef, turkey, and vegetarian hot dogs will be provided; participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Come for friendship, games, and good food.

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 age 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 8, Nathan Porter, doctoral student in Early Christianity, Duke University, will address “Why Be Trinitarian? Insights from the Early Church” in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom
Adult Bible Study: An exploration of the book of Exodus in 0015 Westbrook and over Zoom
1. Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of
dungeon, fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat
high with joy when’er we hear that glorious
word. Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for
Christ is love revealed, spreading God’s word from
pole to pole, making love known and freedom
real. Faith of our mothers, holy faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

3. Faith of our sisters, brothers too, who still must
bear oppression’s might, raising on high, in
prisons dark, the cross of Christ still burning
bright. Faith for today, O living faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

4. Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with
all who follow thee, sharing the struggle
of thy cross until the world is made anew.
new. Faith born of God, O living faith,
we will be true to thee till death.

St. Catherine
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Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, st. 1, alt.; Joseph R. Alfred, sts. 2–4
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1. Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

2. Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes.

3. Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once for-see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes.

Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs; the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace, as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.
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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