This morning we celebrate World Communion Sunday, praying, singing, and giving thanks for fellowship with Christians of every tribe and tongue around the world. At the Communion table, God’s gift of our diversity becomes united in worship of Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. In his first letter to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul reminds his brothers and sisters of the holiness of the Lord’s Supper. Those who receive Communion share in the body and blood of Christ, the spiritual bond that unites all believers across time and space.
Gathering
Opening Voluntary

Sonata Op. 19
II. With tranquility

Paul Creston (1906-1985)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn | See hymns in back of worship guide.

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

*Prayers 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.

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, peoples of every tribe and tongue will gather to worship before your throne: send your Holy Spirit to illuminate your holy word; in your holy name, Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1–10, 15–19

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

* All rise as able
Psalm 8

ADONAI our Sovereign,
how majestic is Your name through all the earth!
You who set Your splendor above the heavens,
from the mouths of infants and sucklings
You have built a foundation of strength,
because of Your adversaries, to stop the enemy and the vengeful.
When I see Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
moon and stars that You set in place—
what is humankind that You consider them,
the child of Adam that You take note of him?
You made him just a little less than divine;
with honor and glory You crowned him.
You let him rule over the works of Your hands;
everything You set beneath his feet:
flocks and herds, all of them, and also beasts of the field,
birds of the heavens and fish of the sea—
a traveler on the paths of the seas—
ADONAI our Sovereign,
how majestic is Your name through all the earth!

Translation by Ellen F. Davis

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:37–47

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

Sermon

The Ministry of Raising the Dead
Response

*Response Hymn | See hymns in back of worship guide.

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Offertory Music

Esto Les Digo

Esto les digo: Si dos de ustedes
se ponen en acuerdo aquí en la tierra,
para pedir algo en oración,
mi padre que está en el cielo se lo dará.
Porque donde dos o tres
se reúnen en mi nombre,
allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos.

I tell you this: If two of you
are in agreement on earth
about anything you ask in prayer,
my Father in heaven will grant it to you.
For where two or three
are gathered in my name,
I am there, in the midst of them.

Text: Matthew 18:19–20

*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.

* All rise as able
Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving | The Great Thanksgiving is led in Spanish and 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 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,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - 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,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - 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.

Ho-san - na en el cie - lo, ho-san - na en la
tie - rra. Ben-di - to el que vie - ne en el

nom-bre del Se - ñor. Ho-san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the
Minister: ...great is the mystery of faith.

Minister: ...All honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

*The Lord's Prayer*

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.
*Sharing of the Bread* All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace with God and neighbor are invited to receive Communion. No wine or grape juice will be served for Communion. Please wait until you return to your seat to consume the bread. All bread is gluten-free. 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 Hymn 628

Eat This Bread

BERTHIER

Communion Anthem

God’s Got the Whole World

arr. Mark A. Miller

God’s got the whole world, God’s got the whole world,
God’s got the whole world in God’s hands.

God has you and me, God’s got you and me,
God’s got you and me in those hands.

God’s got the whole world, the whole world,
the whole world in God’s hands.

*Text: African American spiritual*

Post Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction

Bwana awabariki

trad. Swahili, Tanzania

Bwana awabariki milele.
Ukimcha Bwana. Bwana awabariki.

May God grant you a blessing evermore.
Revere the Lord. May God grant you a blessing.

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn 545

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AURELIA

Closing Voluntary

Toccata for Organ

Robert Landes
TODAY IN WORSHIP

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HEAD USHER
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TODAY’S FLOWERS | Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Elizabeth Lucina Gotham Memorial Chapel Endowment.

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. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER | Today’s Gomes Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Jr., senior minister emeritus of The Riverside Church in New York City. In his career as a pastor, educator, administrator, and community activist, Rev. Dr. Forbes was twice named one of America’s greatest Black preachers by Ebony magazine and once named one of the country’s most effective preachers by Newsweek magazine. In addition to his eighteen years as the first African-American pastor of the large, multicultural Riverside Church, he has served as the Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary, president of the Healing of the Nations Foundation, and chairman of the Drum Major Institute. He has been granted fourteen honorary degrees and has received the Unitas Distinguished Alumnus Award from Union Theology Seminary and the Distinguished Service Award in Ministry from Howard University, among other awards.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and worship guides are available at the visitor relations desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS SERVICE TODAY** | Friendly animals are invited to join ministers and the Durham Children’s Choir this afternoon (October 3) at 3:00 p.m. in front of the Chapel for the Blessing of the Animals worship service. The service will last about thirty minutes and feature performances by the choir, scripture readings, and a sermon. Individual animal blessings will take place immediately after the service. In case of rain, the service will be postponed one week to October 10.

**PSALMS IN DIALOGUE ONLINE PRESENTATION TODAY** | To be broken is to be called into improvisation, into “making” as devotion. This is how we enter a dialogue with the Psalms, one that began thousands of years ago, among men and women of faith, speaking and listening to God. In an online presentation titled *Psalms in Dialogue: (Be)Holding the Broken Pieces* this afternoon (October 3) at 5:00 p.m. EDT, Duke University Chapel and the Duke Chapel Choir will welcome visual artist Makoto Fujimura, theologian Dr. Ellen Davis, Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet, dancers Andrew Nemr and Paiter van Yperen for an evening of creativity and conversation inspired by the biblical Psalms. In the program, artists, musicians, theologians, singers, and dancers will present performances and works inspired by five Psalms: 46, 88, 90, 91, and 92. Learn more and register at no cost at chapel.duke.edu/psalms.

**CHAPEL SCHOLARS APPLICATION DEADLINE TODAY** | Undergraduate students are invited to become Chapel Scholars. As a Chapel Scholar, a student has the opportunity to engage with a number of initiatives and events sponsored by the Chapel. New Scholars will be placed in a cohort that will connect them with other students that come from a wide range of Christian traditions. Scholars will be able to form discipleship and pastoral mentoring relationships with involved Chapel staff. Today (October 3) is the deadline to apply. Learn more and apply at chapel.duke.edu/scholars.

**SERVICE SATURDAYS FOR STUDENTS** | On Saturday, October 9, the Chapel’s Community Ministry is sponsoring a morning of service with Parktown Food Hub. The event, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., includes lunch and transportation. Parktown Food Hub is a justice-based food pantry created and led by residents in the South Durham area. Local churches, a Ba’hai group, and mosques are involved, and the Hub often has community events. To participate, please contact the Rev. Breana van Velzen at breana.van.velzen@duke.edu by Monday, October 4.

**VESPERS, EVENSONG, AND MIDWEEK PRAYER** | Our rhythm of prayer and worship continues during the week with regular services held during the academic year. Choral Vespers, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., is a service of hymns, prayers, psalms, organ music, and choral anthems with music of the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Choral Evensong is a service centered on psalms and biblical canticles, and features choral and organ music of the English cathedral tradition. The next Evensong service will be next Sunday, October 10, at 4:00 p.m. Midweek Prayer, Wednesdays at 12-noon, is a brief service of prayer and scripture reading; it is being held online this semester. See the full schedule at chapel.duke.edu/events.
God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

stanza 1 - soloist
sts. 2 through 4 - all

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Response Hymn

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Tokyo

Stanza 3 will be sung in canon, high voices first, followed by low voices.

1. Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand;
2. Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands,
4. Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love;

look ing toward our Savior's cross, joined in love we stand.
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands.
Where, oh where, can weary souls find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray, send us from above

As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:
E'en in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth:
Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:
truth and courage, faith and power, needed in our strife:

Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
Jesus, Master, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

TEXT: Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1900–1995, tr. Everett M. Stowe
MUSIC: Japanese Gagaku mode; Isao Koizumi, 1907–1992

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BRYAN CENTER GARAGE PARKING PASSES | Parking passes for Sunday mornings in the Bryan Center Parking Garage are now available. Please see an usher at the end of the service to receive a reusable pass. Parking in the Bryan Center Garage is also free until 2:30 p.m. on Sundays. When you leave, insert into the pay machine the ticket you received when you entered the garage. ADA parking is available at no charge in the Bryan Center Surface Lot, which is the lot between the garage and the Chapel.

DAILY OPEN HOURS | The Chapel is open to the public daily from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome in the sanctuary during these hours for personal reflection, prayer, or meditation, as well as to view the building’s soaring Gothic architecture and vibrant stained-glass windows.

COVER ARTWORK | Psalm 85 is a serigraph by John August Swanson (1938–2021), reproduced here by permission of the artist’s estate. It is an appropriate image for World Communion Sunday, depicting people at work and play, communing with one another as the words of Psalm 85 literally surround them with justice, peace, kindness, and truth. Swanson, the son of Mexican and Swedish immigrants, was a devout Catholic committed to justice for the poor and the environment. His artworks are found in churches, seminaries, colleges, and museums around the world, including the Tate, the Smithsonian, and the Art Institute of Chicago. Swanson died recently on September 23. To learn more, visit www.johnaugustswanson.com.

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