The lessons today focus on seeking life. Amos tells God’s people to seek the Lord and live. He chastises those who deprive the needy of life and reminds them that pursuing justice for all is how to truly live, even in evil times. Amos’s final word is one of hope that God will be gracious in spite of the people’s past unfaithfulness. In the gospel, Mark shares the story of a man who approaches Jesus asking how to receive eternal life. The man claims he has lived faithfully according to God’s commands from his youth. Jesus looks on the man in love, and tells him to sell all he has, give it to the poor, and follow him. The man leaves sad, and Jesus says to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples in turn ask Jesus, “Who then can be saved?” And Jesus says to them, “With mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”
Gathering

Opening Voluntary

Soliloquy

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation and cantor respond. (The cantor sings a traditional Pakistani Kyrie, in the Urdu language.)

Minister:  Lord have mercy.
People:  Lord have mercy.
Cantor:  Khudaya, rahem kar.

Minister:  Christ have mercy.
People:  Christ have mercy.
Cantor:  Masiha, rahem kar.

Minister:  Lord have mercy.
People:  Lord have mercy.
Cantor:  Khudaya, rahem kar.

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.

* All rise as able
Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust your Word and to receive the gifts of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Old Testament Lesson**

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

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

**Anthem**

*All My Trials* arr. Norman Luboff

If religion was a thing that money could buy,
The rich would live and the poor would die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Too late, my brothers.
Too late, but never mind.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Hush little baby, don’t you cry,
You know that man is born to die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Too late, my sisters.
Too late, but never mind.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

*Text: Bahamian spiritual*

**Gospel Lesson**

Mark 10:17–31

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

**Sermon**

Life at Last

* All rise as able
Response
*Response Hymn 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

*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.

Offertory Music

Tu pauperum refugium

Josquin des Prez
(1450–1521)

Tu pauperum refugium, tu languorum remedium,
Spes exsulum, fortitudo laborantium,
Via errantium, veritas et vita.
Et nunc, Redemptor Domine, ad te solum confugio,
Te verum Deum adoro.
In te spero, in te confide,
salus mea, Jesu Christe, adjuva me.
Ne unquam obdormiat in morte anima mea.

* All rise as able
You are the refuge of the poor, the relief of the weak, the hope of the refugee, the strength of the suffering, the way for the errant, the truth and the life. And now, Redeemer Lord, only in you do I seek solace, I adore you, true God. In you I hope, in you I trust, my salvation, Jesus Christ, help me. Never forsake me even in the hour of death.

Text: anonymous

*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, Alleluia.

*Thanksgiving

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

*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.

* All rise as able
*Choral Benediction

A Blessing  

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
Hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
   honor all people;
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
   Holy Ghost be upon you,
and remain with you forever.
Amen.

Text: adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5:13–22

*Benediction

*Closing Hymn | See hymn on facing page.

Go, My Children, With My Blessing    AR HYD Y NOS

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533   Johann Sebastian Bach
   (1685–1750)
Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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TODAY IN WORSHIP

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PREACHER
The Rev. Bruce Puckett ....................... Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel

LECTOR
Mr. Wesley Hardin ...................... Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Chapel Scholar, Pratt ’22

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Dr. Zebulon Highben .................. Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel
Dr. Robert Parkins ...................... University Organist, Duke University
Mr. Christopher Jacobson ............... Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel
Ms. Catherine Kelly ............................................................. Cantor

HEAD USHER
Dr. James Ferguson ....................... Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Flowers for today’s worship service are given by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. You are invited to give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering. Please send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974.

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.

CHORAL EVENSONG THIS AFTERNOON | Today at 4:00 p.m., we are holding a service of Choral Evensong. Centered on psalms and biblical canticles, Evensong features choral and organ music of the English cathedral tradition. Join us in-person or online.

DEAN POWERY AND PROFESSOR KATE BOWLER IN DIALOGUE | In a recent conversation, Chapel Dean Luke Powery and Duke Divinity School Professor Kate Bowler discussed themes in her new book No Cure for Being Human, including love and limits, brokenness and beauty. The Christian Century magazine has published an excerpted transcript of the discussion. Find a link to it on the Chapel website at chapel.duke.edu/nocure.

PSALMS IN DIALOGUE RECORDING | Last Sunday, we presented a creative exploration of the Bible’s Psalms through music, dance, and the visual arts. The online presentation was followed by discussion among the artists. Watch a recording of the program and conversation at chapel.duke.edu/psalmsvideo.

LIVING OUR VALUES TOGETHER | Our values are touchstones, calling us into a deeper relationship with God and one another. Of the five values in our Strategic Plan, this year (2021–22) we are focusing on and highlighting Compassion. From our My Grandmother’s Hands book group to our Pilgrimage of Pain and Hope partnership to our Hymn Competition, compassion is embedded in what we do and how we do it. Watch for the #PracticeCompassion hashtag on our social media and join the conversation online with your own examples of compassion in action. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/values.

CHAPEL SCHOLARS COMMISSIONING NEXT SUNDAY | During our regular Sunday morning worship service next weekend, we will commission a group of undergraduate students as Chapel Scholars.

COLLECTING THE STORIES OF BLACK ALUMNI | Duke Chapel will collect and publish stories of Black alumni at four universities in North and South Carolina. The “Counting It All Joy!” initiative aims to better understand and to make more visible the narratives of Black people who have attended one of these schools—Davidson College, Duke University, Furman University and Johnson C. Smith University—between 1990 and 2020. The project research team is interested in speaking with Black alumni with generational familial connections to one or more of the four universities. People interested in being interviewed, or with recommendations for interview subjects, are invited to contact the Rev. Keith Daniel at kd1@duke.edu or 919-475-8342.

INTER-RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION OF FAITH AND SCIENCE | On Tuesday, October 26, at 7:00 p.m. the Chapel is cosponsoring an online conversation on “STEM from Faith: A Dialogue Between Faith and Science.” The discussion among scientists
and scholars from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faith traditions will explore the different ways that faith and science have worked together and in tension. Register at no cost on the Chapel website at chapel.duke.edu/stem.

CONTEMPLATIVE VESPERS | In communities around the world, people are rediscovering the profundity of silence, candlelight, and simple, collaborative song. In partnership with Duke’s Religious Life groups and led by students with Chapel Music staff, the Chapel will hold a Contemplative Vespers service on Thursday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. that will draw on the musical resources of the Taizé community in France.

CLASS ON ANIMAL THEOLOGY | Interested in a deeper perspective about the place of non-human animals in God’s creation? Join a study on animal theology on Mondays, October 11, 18, 25 and November 1, at 7:00 p.m. Please contact nathaniel.metz@duke.edu for the Zoom link. There are no required books or materials.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY | University graduate students, other young adults, and their partners are invited to a virtual Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The next gatherings are October 11, and October 25 at 6:30 p.m. All questions and perspectives are welcome. Please contact matthew.r.wright@duke.edu for additional information.

SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT | The Yam Jam is the Society of St. Andrew’s annual sweet potato gleaning season. On Saturday, October 23, from about 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., volunteers are needed to glean sweet potatoes in either Southern Wake, Johnston, or Harnett Counties. Potatoes are then distributed to those in need through local food banks. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for details about registration and carpooling.

VIRTUAL BACK PEW COLLECTION | The Society of St. Andrew brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. The society currently needs Roughneck 10-gallon storage totes, three-prong hand garden cultivators, and large buckets, such as cat litter containers, for carrying produce. Items can be dropped off at the SOSA office in Duke Memorial United Methodist Church on Main Street (call ahead: 919-683-3011).

PRAYER SERVICE FOR RACIAL JUSTICE | The brief weekly prayer service is offered on Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. This time of prayer is approximately twenty minutes; participants are welcome to listen only or contribute their voices to the prayers. Contact congregation@duke.edu for the Zoom link.

LASAGNA DINNERS RESUME | The Congregation has faithfully provided meals at the Urban Ministries shelter for over twenty years until the pandemic necessitated change. The donation of food for these monthly dinners will resume on Wednesday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 14, at 5:00 p.m.
Volunteers are needed to bring two baked lasagnas to Urban Ministries, 410 Liberty Street, Durham. For additional details and to sign up to participate, please contact congregation@duke.edu.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | The Congregation provides weekly Sunday morning Christian education from 9:45–10:45 a.m. for all ages. Classes, which are held both in person and virtually, are open to the public. New participants are welcome at any time. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for Zoom link. Classes are as follows:

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children age 3 and under—with parents or caregivers—available virtually.

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4 through 5th grade, available virtually.

Youth Bible Study: Youth grades 6–12 will explore the Book of Genesis in Westbrook 0013.

Adult Bible Study: Exploration of the Book of Jeremiah in Westbrook 0015

Adult Forum: On October 17, Henry Perry, MD, PhD, MPH, will present “Christian Medical Missions: Personal Reflections of a Duke Grad.”

MASKS REQUIRED INSIDE AT DUKE | Masks are required on the Duke campus in all indoor locations and strongly recommended in outdoor settings with a gathering of people. This requirement applies to all students, faculty, staff and visitors regardless of vaccination status. Because COVID vaccines are a matter of public health, we encourage all eligible people to receive one.

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.
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.

The Congregation at Duke University Chapel joyfully welcomes all persons regardless of age, race, class, origin, sexual orientation, or any other distinction and invites membership and participation in all of its ministries.

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