This morning we celebrate Reformation Sunday and remember the faithful men and women who have given their lives to proclaim the truth of the gospel throughout the ages. In this morning's Scripture readings, the Psalmist invites us to taste and see that the Lord is good. The goodness of the Lord is made fully known in Jesus Christ, who in Mark's Gospel heals the blind man Bartimaeus. Those, like Bartimaeus, who know they are in need of the Lord's mercy and turn to Jesus in faith will receive the greatest miracle of all—salvation. The letter to the Hebrews declares this astounding promise to those who now believe: Jesus "is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."
Gathering

Carillon

Opening Voluntary

*Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist, BuxWV 208  Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)
(Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit)

*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184  Dieterich Buxtehude (1637–1707)
(A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

Choral Introit

Jesu dulcis memoria  Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

Jesu dulcis memoria dans vera cordis gaudia: sed super mel et omnia ejus dulcis presentia.
Jesus, sweet remembrance, granting the heart its true joys, but above honey and all things is his sweet presence.
—St Bernard of Clairvaux

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Processional Hymn 265

O Christ, the Healer  ERHALT UNS HERR

*Prayers of Confession and Words of Assurance | The minister offers words of confession in three biddings to which the congregation responds as follows:

Minister:  Lord have mercy.
People:  Lord have mercy.
Minister:  Christ have mercy.
People:  Christ have mercy.
Minister:  Lord have mercy.
People:  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:

Holy God, the truth of your Gospel shines forth in every age. Send your Holy Spirit to reform our hearts and to illuminate your holy word; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Old Testament Lesson | Sung responsively from pages 769–70 in the hymnals

* All who are able may stand
Psalm 34:1–8, 19–22

Gloria

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
People: and to the Holy Spirit.
Cantor: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
People: world without end. Amen.

Anthem

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

Morning glory, starlit sky,
soaring music, scholar’s truth,
flight of swallows, autumn leaves,
memory’s treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love’s agony,
love’s endeavor, love’s expense.

Love that gives, evermore,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full,
bound in seeing others free,
poor in making many rich,
weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God
helpless hangs upon the tree;
and the nails and crown of thorns
tell of what God’s love must be.

Here is God, no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love,
aching, spent, the world sustain.

—W. H. Vanstone

New Testament Lesson | NT page 208 in the pew Bibles

Hebrews 7:23–28

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

*Gradual Hymn 451 (Stanza 1) | Face the Gospel Procession

Be Thou My Vision

Gospel Lesson | NT page 44 in the pew Bibles

Mark 10:46–52

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

*Gradual Hymn 451 (Stanzas 2–3) | Face the Gospel Procession

Be Thou My Vision

Sermon

Positioning Others for the Promise
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:
People: Hear our prayer.

Mission of the Month

Offertory Anthem

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Jesu, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
The saviour of mankind.
O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who ask how kind thou art,
How good to those who seek.
But what to those who find? Ah! this
Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his loved ones know.
Jesu, our only joy be thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
In thee be all our glory now,
And through eternity.

—Twelfth century Latin. Translation: Edward Caswall

*Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 Processional Hymn 267

O Love, How Deep

DEO GRACIAS

Choral Benediction

Blessed Are the Pure

H. Walford Davies
(1864–1941)

Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs;
Their soul is Christ’s abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart;
And for His cradle and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

—John Keble (1792–1866)

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare

John Cook
(1918–1984)

Carillon
TODAY IN WORSHIP

PRESIDING MINISTERS
The Rev. Dr. Luke A. Powery .................. Dean of Duke University Chapel
The Rev. Bruce Puckett .................. Assistant Dean of Duke University Chapel

PREACHER
The Rev. Dr. Gary V. Simpson .......... Pastor, Concord Baptist Church of Christ, NY

LECTORS
Mr. Wesley Hardin .......................................................... Pratt ’22
Ms. Danielle Voigt .......................................................... MDiv ’21

MISSION OF THE MONTH
Ms. Jackie Evrard ...................... The Society of St. Andrew, Triangle Gleaning Coordinator

MUSICIANS
Duke University Chapel Choir .................................. Choir
Mr. Henry Branson ................................................ Tenor Soloist
Dr. Philip Cave .................................................. Associate Conductor of Chapel Music
Dr. Robert Parkins ........................................ University Organist
Mr. Christopher Jacobson .................. Chapel Organist
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond ................................ University Carillonneur

MEMORIAL CHAPEL COMMUNION
The Rev. Dr. Brian Stratton .............. Member of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

HEAD USHERS
Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong ......................... Members of the Congregation at Duke Chapel

TODAY’S FLOWERS | Flowers for today’s worship service are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Fund.

TODAY’S OFFERING | All of today’s cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be used to support the Chapel’s Mission of the Month: The Society of St. Andrew. The Society has helped to bridge the gap between good food going to waste and millions of Americans living in poverty. During this period 500 million servings have been saved at a cost of only 2.4 cents per serving. This nutritious food, which otherwise would be left in a field to rot, is gleaned by volunteers and delivered to agencies and ministries to distribute to people who are hungry. Thank you for joining the SOSA vision of a world in which physical and spiritual hungers are met through God’s grace and abundance in Jesus Christ.

ACCESSIBILITY | Large print hymnals and bulletins are available at the front desk. Hearing assistance units are available at the back left sound desk.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN | Children four and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel lower level, beginning at 10:45 a.m. each week.
**TODAY IN WORSHIP** (Continued)

**TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER** | Today's Sterly and Pelham Wilder, Jr. distinguished guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Gary V. Simpson, pastor of Concord Baptist Church of Christ, NY. In 1984, the Rev. Dr. Simpson graduated from Denison University with the achievement of being inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. He enrolled at Union Theological Seminary in the same year to study with Dr. James H. Cone, the “father” of Black Liberation Theology. Dr. Cone’s writings on black theology gave Pastor Simpson the framework to pursue his vocation with an understanding of his call to pastor as a call to the work of liberation for God’s people and creation. He has taught at Yale Divinity School, New York Theological Seminary, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and United Theological Seminary. He has served as advisor to numerous doctor of ministry students throughout the country. As an influencer of preachers, pastors, and theologians, Andover Newton Seminary has featured his sermons as part of the *Future of Great Preaching* project. He is a sought-after writer and thinker on the challenges of the church, theological education, and higher education. He has contributed articles to numerous publications including the *New Interpreter’s Handbook on Preaching*; *Feasting on the Word Commentary: Year B*; *Feasting on the Word Commentary: The Gospel of John*; and the *African American Lectionary*.

**ENGAGE**

**WELCOME TO DUKE CHAPEL** | If you have questions about the ministries of Duke Chapel or the Congregation at Duke Chapel, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the narthex. Those staffing the table will be happy to answer your questions.

**CHAPEL TOUR** | For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today’s docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

**BACH CANTATA TODAY** | The next concert in the Chapel’s Bach Cantata series is this afternoon at 5:15 p.m. It comprises settings of words from Psalm 42, with music by Buxtehude, Schütz, Handel, and Bach’s Cantata *Warum betrübst du dich* (Why art thou so heavy, o my soul?). The Duke Bach Ensemble will perform with soloists, chorus, and period instrument ensemble. Admission is free.

**ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS** | Three Chapel worship services will mark All Saints’ and All Souls’ days. The annual All Hallows’ Eve worship service recalls the witness of those who have carried on the Christian faith throughout history and will be held on October 31 at 10:30 p.m. The Choral Vespers service at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 1, will emphasize All Saints’ Day. An All Saints' Requiem Eucharist Service, led musically by the Chapel’s Evensong Singers and Chapel Choir Schola Cantorum, will include composer Gabriel Fauré’s *Requiem* with organ on Sunday, November 4, at 4:00 p.m.
NEW COMMUNITY ARTS SERIES | A new Duke Chapel community arts project, called "Always Human: Re-Visioning Justice," examines prisons and mass incarceration from a variety of perspectives and through a variety of media. The goal of the project is to both cast a critical eye on the current state of the criminal justice system in America and also to highlight ways that communities and individuals are seeking both justice and hope. "Always Human: Re-Visioning Justice" begins Tuesday, October 30, at the Chapel with an exhibition of photographic portraits of people with family members on death row, as well as a 7:00 p.m. concert that presents musical testimonies of faith from women in prison. Learn more at chapel.duke.edu/justice.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES | Sunday morning Christian Education classes for all ages are offered year-round. All classes held in the lowest level of the Westbrook (WB) building from 9:45–10:45 a.m. The classes include:

   Adult Forum: On November 4, Josh Stanley, the Congregation’s Pastor for Education and Discipleship, will discuss “Gratitude as the Root of a Common Religious Language” in 0012 Westbrook.

PUB THEOLOGY | Join young adults on Thursday, November 1, 7:00 p.m. at Pour Taproom, 202 Corcoran St, Durham, for fellowship and discussion. Beverage drinkers of all types are welcome.

SERMON TALK BACK | On Sunday, November 4, Dean Powery invites university students to meet in room 110 Gray, Divinity School, at 12:30 p.m. for a Sermon Talk Back. This is a time for students to talk with the Dean about his sermon, ask questions, and engage the sermon themes of the day. Light refreshments will be served.

For a complete listing of events, please visit chapel.duke.edu/events or sign up to receive weekly emails at chapel.duke.edu/email