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BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 6, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



Jan Richardson, *The Best Supper*, 2008.

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. The reading from Genesis tells the story of how God created humankind for relationship with creation, with each other, and with God. The gift of relationships with Christians throughout the globe is the gift we celebrate today. The gospel lesson from Mark highlights Jesus's embrace and blessing of children. Jesus challenges his disciples to receive the kingdom of God as a little child.

Gathering

Carillon

Prelude

Toccata and Fugue in E Minor

Johann Ernst Eberlin
(1702–1762)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 616

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

HURSLEY

*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.

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.

*All rise as able

Genesis 2:18–24

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Salmo 150

Ernani Aguiar

Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus:
Laudate eum in firmamento virtutis ejus.
Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus,
Laudate eum secundum
multitudinem magnitudinis ejus.
Laudate eum in sono tubae:
Laudate eum in psalterio et cithara.
Laudate eum in tympano et choro:
Laudate eum in chordis et organo.
Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus:
Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilationis:
omnis spiritus laudet Dominum.
Alleluia!

*Praise the Lord in his sacred places,
praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts,
praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet,
praise him with the psaltery and the harp.
Praise him with the timbrel and the dance,
praise him with strings and pipes.
Praise him with high-sounding cymbals,
praise him with cymbals of joy.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Alleluia!*

—Psalm 150

*Gospel Lesson | NT page 43 in pew Bibles. Read in Tamil.

Mark 10:13–16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lament for the Children

Response

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

Commonwealth Is God’s Commandment

RESTORATION

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 Anthem

Praise the Lord

Florence Price
(1887–1953)

Praise the Lord, all ye nations,
praise the Lord, all ye people.

Praise the Lord,
for his merciful kindness is great toward us,
and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.
Praise the Lord.

—*Psalm 117*

*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!**

Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving

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: Blessed be your name...

...we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

Choir: You are holy, you are whole.

You are always ever more
than we ever understand.

You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here

to your church in wine and bread,

raised from soil, raised from dead.

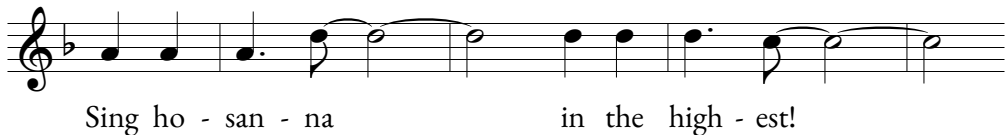
All join in singing on the following page.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres-ent. Let the cos-mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing hos - san - a! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: God the one...

...now and forever.

People: Amen.

*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.

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. After a server places bread in your hands, you may receive wine by dipping your bread into the chalice. If you desire gluten-free bread or grape juice, or to drink from a common cup, these are available from servers at the front near Memorial Chapel and near the back opposite the attendant's desk. 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 | UMH 615

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

BENG-LI

*Post-Communion Prayer

Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction

Bwana Awabariki

Eastern African folk hymn

Bwana awabariki,
Bwana awabariki,
Bwana awabariki milele.
Ukimcha Bwana;
Bwana awabariki.

*May God bless us and keep us;
may God bless us and keep us;
may God bless us and keep us evermore.
Revere the Lord;
may God bless us and keep us.*

—Swahili traditional

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | UMH 671

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

Postlude

Suite No. 6 from *Banchetto musicale*
Allemande—Tripla

Johann Hermann Schein
(1586–1630)

Carillon

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Jackie Rodriquez *Campus Minister, Presbyterian Campus Ministry*
Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Lectors

Jun Tan *Chapel Scholar; Trinity '26*
Gifita Veronica *Divinity '24*

Musicians

Duke Chapel Choir *Choir*
Zebulon Highben *Director of Chapel Music, Duke University Chapel*
Robert Parkins *University Organist, Duke University*
Chad Fothergill *Chapel Organist, Duke University Chapel*
Katherine Johnson *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*
Mitchell Eithun *Chapel Carillonneur, Duke University Chapel*

Head Ushers

Ken Arneson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*
James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Today's Offering | This week's offering will go to support the relief efforts from Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina. All cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, where 100% of the funds will be used to help those in need. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today's Music | This morning we mark World Communion Sunday with music representing cultural expressions of Christianity across myriad times, places, and denominations. The Chapel Choir sings psalm settings by Ernani Aguiar, a contemporary Brazilian composer, and Florence Price, a twentieth-century American composer. The choral benediction is an east African folk hymn, sung in Swahili. Our hymns and liturgical music represent Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Lutheran, and Baptist contributions to the church's common song, spanning four centuries (the eighteenth through the twenty-first) and six countries (England, Germany, America, Sweden, Taiwan, and Italy).

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Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nancy Hanks Chapel Endowment.

ENGAGE

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 languages departments at Duke.

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

Blessing of the Animals Today | Dogs, cats—and maybe other animals—will join ministers and the Durham Children's Choir for the Blessing of the Animals worship service today at 3:00 p.m. on the Duke Chapel Quad. Pet owners are welcome to bring their animals to receive a blessing as part of the service. Those bringing pets are responsible for their animals and are asked to bring only pets that will be safe around children and other animals. The service will last about thirty minutes and includes music from the choir, scripture readings, and a sermon. Individual animal blessings will take place immediately after the service.

Organ Recital | Dr. Alcee Chriss III opens this season's Organ Recital Series with a concert today at 5:00 p.m. The performance on the Aeolian organ will feature music by J. S. Bach, Elgar, Litaize, Rachmaninoff, and others. Dr. Chriss is the assistant organist at Trinity Church Wall Street, New York City, as well as the university organist and artist-in-residence at Wesleyan University. Winner of the 2017 Canadian International Organ Competition, he was featured in the PBS documentary *Pipe Dreams*, and he appeared at the 2022 national convention of the American Guild of Organists. There is no charge for admission.

ENGAGE

Theology Underground | The next Theology Underground meeting will discuss “This Here Flesh: The Sacred Memory of Toni Morrison” this Tuesday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Lou Williams Center. The Chapel’s Rev. Racquel Gill will lead the discussion with special guest Dr. Joseph Richard Winters, associate professor of religious studies. To honor the 100th anniversary of the birth of the literary giant James Baldwin, this year’s Theology Underground series is engaging the intersections of theology and black literature.

‘Ofrenda’ Altar Piece | Honor the dead with a *Día de los Muertos Ofrenda*, a Day of the Dead altar piece, at the Chapel from October 10 through November 7. Visitors are invited to contribute to this sacred Mexican tradition by adding an offering in the form of photographs or objects that represent a departed loved one, or by adding a link to a paper chain that drapes over the Ofrenda. The display and related programs are being presented by the Chapel, Duke Arts, and Say the Thing. A group of artists and religious leaders will discuss the Ofrenda in a public conversation on Tuesday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m.

Film on Black Millennial Spirituality | Developed by the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, the film *gOD-Talk* explores the faith and spirituality of seven black millennials (Atheist, Buddhist, Christians, Muslim, Ifa, and Spiritualist). The Chapel is among the sponsors of the Durham-premiere screening of *gOD-Talk* on Friday, October 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hayti Heritage Center. Register at chapel.duke.edu/godtalk. To learn more, email Rev. Racquel Gill at racquel.gill@duke.edu.

Sunday Morning Classes | Sunday morning Christian Education classes are available for all ages from 9:45–10:45 a.m., with coffee and 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 additional information.

RESPONSE HYMN | Commonwealth Is God's Commandment



1. Com - mon - wealth is God's com - mand - ment; com - mon
2. Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that
3. Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the



goods are meant to share. Ta - bles set and doors wide
not one mite with - holds, stretch out arms to friends and
Ho - ly One who calls, bid - ding all to work to -



o - pen, wel - come an - gels un - a - ware.
stran - gers: God has sheep of man - y folds.
geth - er, bridg - ing lives and breach - ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a



place where grace is found. *Shan - ti, pax, sha -*



lom, mas - la - ha: com - mon good is ho - ly ground.

shanti (Sanskrit), "peace"

pax (Latin), "peace"

shalom (Hebrew), "peace"

maslaha (Arabic), "reconciliation"

ACCESSIBILITY

Hearing assistance units, as well as large-print worship guides and hymnals, are available at the AV console in the rear of the Chapel. There, you can also find directions to download a listen-assist app on your phone. 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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