



Duke
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CHAPEL

BRIDGING FAITH & LEARNING

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday after Epiphany
Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
Sunday, January 14, 2024, 11:00 a.m.



Today, the Chapel honors the witness of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., recalling his conviction that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” The service includes a litany remembering the prophetic witness of Rev. Dr. King and asks for grace upon all who continue to work toward God’s justice on earth. The scripture lessons today include stories about God’s calling to individuals to see and hear about God’s work in the world. In 1 Samuel, the young Samuel hears God’s voice three times before responding, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” John’s Gospel tells the story of Jesus’s encounter with Nathanael. When Nathanael learns of Jesus’s origins, he asks Philip, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip invites Nathanael to “come and see” what good is happening in the life and work of Jesus. When the world is looking and listening for God’s justice on earth, the invitation for us all is to “come and see” what Jesus is doing today.

Gathering

*All rise as able

Carillon

Prelude

Andante religioso

Franz Liszt
(1811–1886)

Greeting and Call to Worship

*Gathering Hymn | UMH 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Prayer 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.

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination | In unison:

Almighty and ever-present Father, open our ears to your Word and our hearts to your will that we may be strengthened to follow your call, that your truth may live in our heart, and that we may reflect peace to those who believe in your love, through Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson | OT page 236 in pew Bibles.

1 Samuel 3:1–20

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson | NT page 171 in pew Bibles.

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

I Believe This Is Jesus

Undine Smith Moore
(1904–1989)

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

The light of God shines in his face; oh, come and see.

he offers all his pardoning grace; come and see, come and see.

—*Black spiritual*

*Gospel Lesson | NT pages 87 in pew Bibles.

John 1:43–51

Lector: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Listening Well: Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr.

Response

*Response Hymn | UMH 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

Prayer Litany for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: God of all races and nations, we praise you for all your faithful servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles, martyrs, leaders, and saints, and for humble folk whose names were never in the news but are recorded in your book of life,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: Especially this day, we thank you for Martin Luther King Jr., for his courage and conviction, for his passion for peace, and for his tireless quest of a nation that keeps faith with its promises,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For the King family and the countless others who stood and marched in the front lines, integrated schools and restaurants, or sat in buses and refused to move,

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Leader: For nameless multitudes who suffered the tortures of slavery and the tyranny of oppression and who were beaten, raped, and lynched; and for the nameless multitudes today whose lives are stunted and cut short by economic and social structures of brutality.

People: We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

Leader: And for children, women, and men of every race who are denied education, health care, jobs, housing, and hope in our land,

People: We grieve and promise to work for justice, O God.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Offertory Anthem

What Joyous Song Unfolding

Zebulon Highben

What joyous song unfolding has called us in the night;
what loving voice imploring has drawn us into light:
The voice of God is singing, the heartbeat of the spheres;
it echoes in all being and calls us still to hear.

The mountains sing the story; the forests clap their hands;
the stars sing forth God's glory; the seas, the hills, the lands.
Shall we alone be silent? Shall we not sing God's praise,
whose song is ever present, whose voice enchants our days?

Then let us breathe together to praise the God of Life,
And so conspire to sunder disharmony and strife,
That sighing cede to singing, and beauty life renew;
That wisdom tune our being, and love all fear subdue.

God, may our hearts be grateful, and may our words be true.
May all our songs be noble and draw us deep in you,
That singing holy stories, more holy we become,
Transposed into like spirits to be your loving home.

—*Susan Palo Cherwien (1953–2021)*

*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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*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.**

Sending Forth

*Choral Benediction

A Blessing

Martin Shaw
(1875–1958)

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 pow'r 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.

—*Book of Common Prayer*

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn | See hymn printed at back of worship guide.

This Little Light of Mine

THIS JOY

Postlude

Five Spirituals for Organ
II. This Little Light of Mine

Calvin Taylor

Carillon

Memorial Chapel Communion | Immediately following today's worship service, a brief communion service will be held in Memorial Chapel. Following communion, the minister will be available to offer prayers and anointing.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

Luke A. Powery *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Bruce Puckett *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

Preacher

Maurice Wallace *Professor and Associate Chair of English, Rutgers University;
Graduate '95*

Lectors

Emily Summers *Divinity '26*

Mitchell Eithun *Divinity '25*

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 Usher

James Ferguson *Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel*

Today's Music | Today's musical selections include an arrangement of the spiritual "I Believe This Is Jesus" by Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989). Moore was a pianist, organist, composer, and educator who studied at Fisk and Columbia universities before spending more than four decades on the faculty of Virginia State College (now University). Though most of her compositions were not published during her lifetime, Moore's work was highly lauded: She received honorary doctorates, numerous awards, and became popularly known as the "Dean of Black Women Composers." Moore was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her cantata on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Scenes from the Life of a Martyr*, which premiered at Carnegie Hall in 1981.

Liturgical Acknowledgments | Prayer for Illumination. Adapted from the *Roman Missal*, © 1973, International Committee on English in the Liturgy.

Today's Guest Preacher | The Rev. Dr. Maurice Wallace is professor and associate chair of English at Rutgers University. In all, Rev. Dr. Wallace has published three academic books on Black literature, culture, and history; a short biography on Langston Hughes for junior high and high school studies; and several scholarly articles ranging topically from the religious roots of African American literature to photography, disability, and Black oratory. A scholar and a churchman for most of his career, Rev. Dr. Wallace also has a long and intimate connection to the African American church tradition. A child of the African Methodist church, and ordained in the missionary Baptist tradition, he is twice the past senior pastor of New Red Mountain Baptist Church in Rougemont, North Carolina, serving from 1993–1995 and 1998–2005. In 2008 he joined a small community of unaffiliated believers in organizing Cornerstone Community Church serving north and west Durham. Now giving his energies to teaching full time, Rev. Dr. Wallace lectures and preaches widely, in academic and local parish settings.

Today's Offering | All of today's cash offerings and checks written to Duke University Chapel will support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. Send checks to: Duke University Chapel, Box 90974, Durham, NC 27708-0974. Give online at chapel.duke.edu/offering.

Today's Flowers | The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Nan and Taylor Cole 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 the Duke Cancer Institute.

Tour After the Service | Learn about the history, architecture, and life of Duke Chapel on a tour immediately following the service. The tour is free and lasts about forty-five minutes. Meet the docent outside in front of the Chapel.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration | This afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel, Duke alumnus and trustee Grant Hill, an Olympian and Basketball Hall of Fame inductee, will be the keynote speaker for the 2024 Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration. The event, which will be streamed live, is part of the university's Centennial and King celebrations. Learn more at 100.duke.edu and mlk.duke.edu.

ENGAGE

New Video Booth Prompts Self Reflection | The Chapel has a new addition in the transept area of the main sanctuary—the Booth. This interactive booth, with guiding prompts for recording a video, offers an opportunity to hear your own wisdom, see your own insight, and get (re)acquainted with your own story. The Booth is part of the Say the Thing initiative inspired by the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman, was designed and organized by Duke Chapel in collaboration with the Kenan Institute for Ethics, and is supported by the Duke Endowment.

Short Edition Sermon Snippet Dispenser | A new Short Edition machine, located in the narthex, offers glimpses into the Chapel's rich preaching archive with sermon excerpts on demand. This simple device unlocks wisdom and insight from sermons spanning decades. Immerse yourself in excerpts from iconic figures such as Martin Luther King Sr., Billy Graham, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Desmond Tutu, as well as the deans of Duke Chapel and lesser-known voices that resonate with equal power. Each snippet is a window into a moment in history, a spark of reflection, and a fresh proclamation of the Gospel.

Quilting Ministry | The Duke Chapel Quilters will be meeting on January 18 and 25, at 10:00 a.m. All those who enjoy sewing or quilting are welcome to attend. In addition, fabric donations of 100% cotton and thread of any color are welcomed. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional information.

January Book Group | To start the New Year, readers will discuss *Joyfully Together: The Art of Building a Harmonious Community* by Thich Nhat Hanh, a Buddhist Zen Master. The group will gather online on Wednesdays, January 17 and 24, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please contact congregation@duke.edu for additional details.

Accepting Student Preacher Submissions | Students are invited to engage in the challenging and rewarding experience of drafting a sermon. The Chapel is accepting submissions for this year's Student Preacher Sunday. Every year, one undergraduate student is selected to preach during a Sunday morning worship service (this year on February 24). Submissions are due January 19. See the scripture texts and submission guidelines at chapel.duke.edu/studentpreacher.

Back Pew Collection | Urban Ministries of Durham, a home for unsheltered neighbors, welcomes donations of new men's socks and underwear. Donations may be placed on the back pew on Sunday, January 21.

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LGBTQ+ Fellowship | Members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies are invited to attend the monthly fellowship gathering on the third Sunday of each month from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel kitchen and by Zoom. The next meeting will be January 21. For more information contact congregation@duke.edu.

Theology Underground Meeting | 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 is Tuesday, January 23, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity in the Bryan Center. The topic will be “I Talk To God in Church and Outside Too: Howard Thurman and Black Mysticism” with special guests from the Duke Divinity Office of Black Church Studies, Rev. Dr. Dumas Harshaw and Craig Hines.

Organ Recital | Nathaniel Gumbs, director of chapel music at Yale University, will perform at the Chapel on Sunday, January 28, at 5:00 p.m. His organ recital on the Flentrop organ will include music by Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn, Hailstork, and others. *The Diapason* magazine recognized him as one of the “20 outstanding organists under the age of 30.” More recently, *The New York Times* described his playing as “mature, lyrical, accurate, and energetic.” There is no charge for admission.

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.

Wee Praise: Music and movement for children ages 0–3 with parents or caregivers in 0011 Westbrook

Godly Play: Spiritual formation for children ages 4–1st grade in 0054 Langford

Godly Play Advanced: Spiritual formation for children in 2nd–5th grades in 0050 Langford

Youth Program: Youth will explore the Gospel of Mark in 0015 Westbrook

Adult Bible Study: Adults will discuss First and Second Peter in 0013 Westbrook and over Zoom

Adult Forum: On January 21, the Rev. John H. Armstrong, author, mentor, minister will speak on “Introduction to *Tear Down These Walls*: Exploring themes of God’s love and our unity in John 17:20-24”

SENDING HYMN | This Little Light of Mine

Sing additional verses at the invitation of the leader.



This lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this lit-tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text and music: African American spiritual

THIS JOY
Irregular

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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