

The Ninety-Eighth
Opening Convocation

DUKE
DIVINITY
SCHOOL



11:15 a.m.
Friday, August 30, 2024
Duke University Chapel
Durham, North Carolina

Order of Worship

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Processional March

William H. Harris
(1883–1973)

GREETING AND WELCOME

*OPENING HYMN UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all thing so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not know his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

TIME OF RECOGNITION AND DEDICATION

Blessing of New Staff

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Everlasting God, whose tenacious love holds us: as we hear your Word proclaimed in our midst today make our hearts the house of your truth, and make our minds the realm of your wisdom, so that our fellowship will become your dwelling place, and we may testify to your healing grace to a hurting world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 42:5–9

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Acts 17:17–34

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

RESPONSE

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema / Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

(The choir will sing the stanzas and the whole congregation will join on the refrain.)

Refrain:

You may sing the refrain in either language

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema, Mfariji wetu.

Tufundishe ya mbinguni, tuwe watu wapya.

Refrain

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.

It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Refrain

Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;

turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty.

Refrain

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The minister will lead the congregation in the confession.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us we pray, and free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Musical Setting A, on page 17 in the hymnal)

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

At the direction of the ushers, please come forward in continuously moving lines. The elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request at the stations along the center aisle.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Donde Hay

Paul F. Page

Donde hay fe, hay amor;
donde hay amor, hay paz;
donde hay paz, está Dios;
Y donde está Dios no falta nada.

Where there is faith, there is love;
where there is love, there is peace;
where there is peace, there is God;
and where God is, then nothing is lacking.

COMMUNION HYMN 618

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(found on page 11 in the hymnal)*

SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN** *(please see hymn on next page)*

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS



1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
 2. Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3. Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5. Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life,
 show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light;
 from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt;
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy Gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974

Music: *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva 1551

DONNE SECOURS

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POSTLUDE

Improvisation

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Preacher	Edgardo Colón-Emeric <i>Dean; Ruth and A. Morris Williams Jr. Professor of Theology and Christian Ministry</i>
Presiding Ministers	Luke Powery <i>Dean of Duke Chapel; Professor of Homiletics</i> Daniel Castelo <i>Associate Dean for Academic Formation; William Kellon Quick Professor of Theology and Methodist Studies</i> Sangwoo Kim <i>Associate Dean for Vocational Formation; Senior Director of the Methodist House</i> Meghan F. Benson <i>Chaplain of the Divinity School</i>
Lectors	Al Dean <i>Divinity '25</i> Vangelia Perryman <i>Divinity '25</i>
Choir Director	Zebulon M. Highben <i>Associate Professor of the Practice of Church Music; Director of Chapel Music at Duke University Chapel</i>
Organist	Chad Fothergill <i>Divinity School Organist and Duke Chapel Organist</i>
Crucifer	Justice Hill, D '25
Torch Bearers	Trinity Long, D '25 Faith Daniel, D '26
Bible-bearer	Hope Gehle, D '25
Faculty Marshal	Curtis Freeman <i>Ruth D. Duncan Director of the Baptist House of Studies; Research Professor of Theology and Baptist Studies</i>

The Duke Divinity School Community is invited to lunch immediately following the service to celebrate the start of the academic year.

Grab-and-go lunch stations will be set up in the 00 Westbrook sub-basement hallway, and the top-level Westbrook cloister hallway with signage to direct you. Please enjoy your lunch and fellowship in the 00 Level classrooms, on the Terrace, or the beautiful green spaces across West Campus.

New Endowments

The Ellen F. Davis Fund was established in 2023 through a planned gift by Ellen F. Davis, of Durham, North Carolina. Fund income will be used to provide unrestricted support for the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at Duke University.

The Stephen Hulme Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 through a planned gift by Stephen Hulme, Fuqua School of Business Class of 1990 and Divinity School Class of 2010, of Raleigh, North Carolina. This gift is in appreciation for the donor's deep and abiding love for Duke Divinity School, the church, and the relationships made possible and sustained through both. The fund income will provide whole or partial scholarships to graduate professional students enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University.

The William and Kay Hutchinson Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 by William Hutchinson, Divinity School Class of 1966, and Kay Hutchinson, of Reno, Nevada. This endowed fund is established with deep appreciation for the excellent education provided by Duke Divinity School, and appreciation for its ongoing work to equip a learned and loving clergy for the United Methodist Church and the ecumenical church throughout the world. Fund income will provide whole or partial scholarships to graduate professional students enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University.

The Lawrence Kelly and Kathleen Kelly Scholarship Fund was established in 2024 by Robert A. Barber, Jr. Divinity School Class of 1976, and LaNelle Dominick Barber, of Charleston, South Carolina. This endowed fund is established with gratitude for the blessings of this life, for Duke Divinity School and to honor Robert Barber's uncle, CH (Col.) Lawrence A. "Larry" Kelly, Jr. Divinity School Class of 1964) and his cousin Kathleen Elizabeth "Kathy" Kelly. CH (Col.) Kelly served as pastor to rural churches in South Carolina and North Carolina United Methodist Conferences before joining the U.S. Army Chaplaincy. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and more than three decades in the chaplaincy. He was admired and respected by soldiers and fellow clergy and beloved by family and friends. Kathy Kelly received her college degree at the age of 58. She became a successful senior retirement community administrator and was admired and beloved by family, friends, and those she serves. She is an inspiration to all who know her. Both Larry and his daughter Kathy are exceptional examples of servant leadership, compassion, and humility. Fund distributions will be used to provide whole or partial scholarships to graduate professional students enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University.

The J. Lawrence and Margaret Fowler McCleskey Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 by J. Lawrence McCleskey, Trinity College Class of 1962 and Divinity School Class of 1966, and Margaret Fowler McCleskey, of Asheville, North Carolina. This endowed fund is established with deep appreciation for

the splendid education and lasting friendships enjoyed through Duke University and to encourage and support excellence in education for global ministries in the Divinity School for the church of Jesus Christ. Distributions from the Fund income will be used to provide whole or partial scholarships to graduate professional students enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University.

The Michael Lane Solis Scholarship Fund was established in 2024 through a planned gift by Michael Lane Solis, Divinity School Class of 2014, of Atlanta, Georgia. This scholarship fund was given with deep gratitude for the excellent education and opportunities provided through Duke Divinity School and to support excellence in ministerial and theological education for future generations. Fund income will be used to provide whole or partial scholarships to graduate professional students enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University.

The Deborah Luther Teagan Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 through a planned gift by Deborah Teagan, Divinity School Class of 1998, and Shawn Teagan, of Monument, Colorado, with deep gratitude for the excellent theological education and formation received through Duke Divinity School. Fund income will be used to provide whole or partial scholarships to graduate professional students enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University.

The Rolf and Neely Towe Scholarship Fund was established in 2024 by Neely Towe, of Jacksonville, Florida, to acknowledge and remember Rolf Towe's long and dedicated support to Neely's engagement with and service to Duke Divinity School on the Board of Visitors. This fund is given to support students in their preparation for service to God's church and kingdom, in appreciation for the Divinity School's commitment to and appreciation for the Word of God, and for its focus on the preparation of leaders to serve the church. The endowment fund will provide whole or partial scholarships to graduate professional students enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University.

The Lee and Ann Whitehurst Scholarship Fund was established in 2023 by Lee Whitehurst, House Staff 1974 and 1978, and Ann Whitehurst, of Wilmington, North Carolina. Income from the scholarship fund will provide whole or partial scholarships to graduate professional students enrolled in the Divinity School at Duke University for the purpose of Christian education.

The Gerald L. and Virginia S. Wilson Field Education Fund was established in 2023 through a planned gift in the estate of Gerald L. Wilson, Divinity School Class of 1961 and Graduate School Class of 1968, and Virginia S. Wilson, Woman's College Class of 1962, Graduate School Class of 1963 and Graduate School Class of 1975, of Durham, North Carolina. This gift is made in appreciation for the importance of practical experience in the context of field education ministry placements, and a lifelong association with Duke University and the Divinity School. Fund distributions will be used to provide unrestricted support for the Office of Field Education at Duke Divinity School at Duke University.

Major Program Resources

The Divinity Annual Fund received record contributions of \$1,339,543 from Duke Divinity School graduates and friends from across the nation and around the world, with the contributions helping significantly with student financial aid. The 1,910 supporters of the Divinity Annual Fund make scholarships possible for students.

The Duke Endowment in Charlotte, North Carolina, provided generous grants to underwrite Divinity School programs for field education, continuing education, Thriving Rural Communities, the Center for Reconciliation, Clergy Health, Everything Happens, the Hispanic House of Studies, Renewing Duke Divinity School as a Keystone Institution, Seminary to Early Ministry, and a new endowment for a Black Church Studies Professorship.

Lilly Endowment Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana, provided generous support for Compelling Preaching, Capacity Building, Thriving Congregations, and Thriving in Ministry.

The Ministerial Education Fund of the United Methodist Church provided essential support for student financial aid, faculty support, and other core mission programs of the Divinity School.

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