

DUKE
UNIVERSITY
CHAPEL

Service of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2009
Eleven o'clock in the morning

∞ *Keeping the heart of the University listening to the heart of God* ∞



"Esther and Haman before Ahasuerus," by Jan Victors, 1639.

Today we are pleased to welcome back over 40 Chapel Choir alumni who are singing with the choir today in conjunction with Homecoming Weekend. The Chapel Choir is hosting a reunion this weekend for singers who range from members of the class of 1952 to recent graduates. The scripture lessons today seek to uphold a strong sense of God's action in our human lives. Although the book of Esther never explicitly mentions God, Esther's triumph over Haman is understood as a story that reveals God's hidden hand at work to orchestrate divine justice. In James' epistle, followers are urged to offer prayers for healing in hope and expectation that God is attentive to the petitions. Mark's gospel recounts Jesus telling his disciples that all who do God's will represent the generosity of God's kingdom, even if they do it unknowingly.

At the close of today's service, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in the Memorial Chapel located to the left of the chancel. Immediately following the Lord's Supper, a service of prayer for healing will also be held. The service consists of prayers for healing and wholeness, with anointing and laying on of hands. All are invited.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Silence may be kept.” (from *Rubrics*)

Dan Locklair

“The peace may be exchanged.” (from *Rubrics*)

(b. 1949)

CHORAL PRELUDE

Soon Ah Will Be Done

Traditional

INTROIT

My Lord, What a Mornin’

arr. Harry T. Burleigh
(1866-1949)

My Lord what a mornin’, when the stars begin to fall. Done quit all my worldly ways; Join that heavenly band. Oh, my Lord what mornin’, when the stars begin to fall.

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 154 (*stanzas 1-3*) and 155 (*stanzas 4-6*)

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name

CORONATION and DIADEM

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*in unison*)

The minister offers words of confession in three biddings, to which the congregation responds as follows:

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

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*)

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: as your word is proclaimed, open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives’ end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM—Psalm 124 (*page 846 in the hymnal*)

GLORIA

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and *to* the Son,

People: **and to the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: As it was in the beginning, is now and *ever* shall be,

People: **world without end. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

(*OT pages 427-28 in the pew Bible*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. William L. Dawson
(1899-1990)

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Jordan river is chilly an' cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain't but one train upon this track,
It runs to heaven an' right back.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—James 5:13-20 (*NT pages 217-18*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 452 (*stanzas 1-2*)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.*)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Mark 9:38-50 (*NT pages 42-43*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GRADUAL HYMN 452 (*stanzas 3-4*)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET

SERMON—For Just Such a Time as This

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; 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: "Hear our prayer.")

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

arr. Paul Crabtree
(b. 1960)

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel? Then why not every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion's mouth
And Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace.
Then why not every man?

The wind blows east and the wind blows west,
It blows like judgement day,
And every soul that never did pray
Will be glad to pray that day.

The moon run down in a purple stream,
The sun refuse to shine,
And every star shall disappear.
King Jesus will be mine.

*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

This morning we give thanks for the Duke University Libraries. We celebrate their commitment to provide to the University and the larger community a place for self-education and discovery, to preserve in perpetuity the accumulated knowledge of people of all cultures and viewpoints, and to promote scholarship and the creation of new ideas. A representative brings a DVD and a copy of Reynold Price's recently published memoir, Ardent Spirits, to the altar.

In Durham, we remember parish nurses and home healthcare providers who visit patients in their homes, and we give thanks for the support they offer families, congregations, and physicians. The ushers bring forward an arm brace.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (*number 895 in the hymnal, in unison*)

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 519

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*CHORAL BLESSING

God Be in My Head

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking. God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking. God be at my end and in my departing.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

"The people respond - Amen!" (from *Rubrics*)

Locklair

CARILLON

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers

The Rev. Keith Daniel
The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

Preacher

Dr. Timothy Tyson
*Senior Scholar at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University
Visiting Professor of American Christianity and Southern Culture at Duke Divinity School*

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Trinity '54, Member of the Half-Century Club

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Trinity '12

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Ms. Lauren Sims
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Dr. Rodney Wynkoop

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Dr. Robert Parkins
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Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion

The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

Head Ushers

Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison

Carillonneur

Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

THIS WEEK'S GUEST PREACHER

This week we welcome Tim Tyson as our guest preacher. Dr. Tyson is Senior Scholar at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University and Visiting Professor of American Christianity and Southern Culture at Duke Divinity School. He also holds appointments in the Department of History and in the Department of American Studies at the University of North Carolina. He was Professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1994 until 2004, when he was chosen as John Hope Franklin Senior Fellow at the National Humanities Center and came home to North Carolina. His most recent book, *Blood Done Sign My Name*, won the 2005 Southern Book Award and the Grawemeyer Award in Religion from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. A feature film based on the book will premiere at the Hayti Heritage Center in Durham on October 23.

CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S FLOWERS—The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

TODAY'S OFFERING—All of today's cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to support human service organizations in the greater Durham area. These nonprofit organizations are identified to receive funds by a panel of Congregation members, Friends, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need, but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

NEED A BREAK FROM SPRING BREAK?—PathWays is leading mission trips to Belize and Costa Rica, as well as a retreat to Christ in the Desert Monastery during spring break 2010. Information sessions will be held in the Chapel basement lounge at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29. The deadline for mission trip applications to be submitted to the PathWays office is October 19 at 12:00 p.m. Interested students can visit www.chapel.duke.edu/pathways or email adam.hollowell@duke.edu for more information.

THIS WEEK AT DUKE CHAPEL

MORNING PRAYER - Weekdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel

COMMUNION AND PRAYER - Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Memorial Chapel

CHORAL VESPERS - No Choral Vespers this Thursday due to University Founders' service

WORSHIP AND HINI

Out of concern for the health of all who come through the doors of Duke Chapel we have taken to heart your questions about worship and the HINI virus and sought appropriate medical advice. We encourage you to observe the best health practices by washing your hands frequently and, when sick, by worshipping with us at home via radio or the internet. We also ask you to be sensitive during worship to those whose tender or advanced age or general health condition may make them cautious about human contact. Otherwise, we continue to worship according to our usual pattern and to pray for the health and well-being of all in our community who may be affected by this virus.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES—Adult Forum and the Lectionary Discussion Group meet each Sunday (except for second Sundays) at 9:45 a.m. Next week's Adult Forum speaker is Dr. J. Karmeron Carter, Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies at the Divinity School, who will speak on Christian Identity in an Age of Obama. He will speak in Room 0012 Westbrook. The lectionary discussion group meets in Room 110 Gray Building.

GRADUATE STUDENT AND YOUNG ADULT LUNCH—The Congregation is hosting a luncheon for Graduate Students and Young Adults following the service today in the Chapel Basement. All graduate and professional students as well as young adults in the community are invited to join for good food and lively fellowship.

HABITAT HOUSE—The Congregation at Duke Chapel is partnering with Duke students this fall to build a Habitat for Humanity house. The groundbreaking has already taken place, and all are invited to participate. Work will continue each Saturday until the house is completed. For more information, or to volunteer for a Saturday morning or afternoon shift, please visit <http://www2.mysignup.com/dukehabitat> or contact John Boswell at john.boswell@sas.com. No experience is required.

MIKE ARNESON BENEFIT CONCERT—On Saturday, November 7, at 8:00 p.m., the Duke Chapel Choir will perform a benefit concert for Mike Arneson to help with ongoing medical expenses after his bicycle accident in June. Tickets will cost \$25 per person and will be available for purchase after worship today near the front steps of the Chapel. The hour-long performance, conducted by Dr. Rodney Wynkoop, will take place in Duke Chapel and will include many Chapel Choir favorites. For more information, contact Karen Witzleben at 919-493-9178 or kwitz@earthlink.net.

CONGREGATION ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST—On Sunday, October 11, at 9:00 a.m., the Congregation will celebrate its 24th anniversary at a breakfast held in the Episcopal Student Center, 505 Alexander Ave., Durham. All ages will share in a Godly Play lesson. Reservations are not required, and all are welcome.



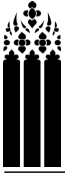
Service of Worship for the
Blessing of the Animals

October 4 at 3:00 p.m.
Chapel Quad

The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer, preaching
Durham Children's Choir

The Rain Date is October 11, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

Bring your pets for praise and blessing



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Duke Chapel is a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus; and it is a Christian church of an unusually inter-denominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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FOR WORSHIPERS & VISITORS

† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.

† For a tour of Duke Chapel, meet today's docent near the front steps of the Chapel following the service.

† Hearing assist units and a Braille hymnal are available at the attendant's desk at the entry way of the Chapel. See the Chapel attendant if you would like to use one of our large-print Bibles or hymnals for the worship service this morning.

FOR FAMILIES & CHILDREN

† Children 4 and younger are welcome to visit the nursery (capacity limited), located in the Chapel basement, beginning at 10:50 a.m. each week. Pagers are available for parents to keep with them during worship. Parents needing a place to feed, quiet, or change infants are also welcome.

† Activity Bags (for children 5 and under) and Liturgy Boxes (ages 5-8) are available at the rear of the Chapel to help children engage in worship. Please return after the service.

We invite you to consider joining the Congregation at Duke Chapel. The Congregation is an interdenominational church with a variety of vibrant ministries, including discipleship and spiritual formation (for children, youth, and adults), mission and outreach, and pastoral care. If you are interested in making Duke Chapel your home church, contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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