How do you understand the word of God? In today’s Old Testament lesson from Isaiah, the word is personified and living and active. In the same way rain gives hope and new life to the earth, Isaiah promises that God’s word is not empty, but will fulfill God’s purposes. In the gospel lesson Jesus tells the story of the sower who scatters seeds across the path. Only the seeds that land in the rich soil take root and flourish. Disciples are to plant themselves in the fertile ground of scripture so we may be nurtured in the ways and character of the living God.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE
Chorale and Variation 10 Johann Sebastian Bach
Partita on Sei gegrüsset, Jesu gütig, BWV 768 (1685-1750)

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 541
See How Great a Flame Aspires arfon (major)

*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.)

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)
God our savior, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; and as your word is proclaimed, hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Isaiah 55:10-13 (OT page 645 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 420 (stanzas 1-2)
Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NT page 13)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
*GRADUAL HYMN (stanzas 3-4)
Breathe on Me, Breath of God  

SAINTS—Power and Grace and Mystery

RESPONSE

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
I’m Gonna Sing ‘Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart  Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

I’m gonna sing ’til the spirit moves in my heart. I’m gonna sing ’til Jesus comes. Oh my Jesus. It was grace that brought me, it was grace that taught me, it was grace that kept me, and it’s grace that will lead me home. Oh yea, my Lord. Hallelu, I’m gonna pray ’til the spirit moves in my heart. I’m gonna pray ’til Jesus comes. Can’t you feel the spirit moving? I’m gonna shout ’til the spirit moves in my heart. I’m gonna shout ’til Jesus comes. I’m gonna sing ’til my Jesus, ’til he comes.

*DOXOLOGY
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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION
This morning we give thanks for the Center for Documentary Studies. We celebrate its devotion to the creativity and the power of documentary stories, which can bridge divisions and differences to build understanding, engender respect, and advance human dignity. The ushers bring a camera to the altar.

In Durham we remember those who have been scarred by unhealthy relationships. A representative brings forward a purple ribbon, symbolizing solidarity with victims and survivors of domestic abuse, and a blue ribbon, symbolizing solidarity with victims and survivors of child abuse.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
(Musical setting A, found on page 17 in the hymnal.)

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)
SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

All those who have become members of Christ’s body through baptism and seek to be united with God and at peace with their neighbor are invited to receive communion. Wine is used for communion. If you would prefer to receive grape juice, it is available upon request at the communion station near the main entrance of the Chapel, on the pulpit side. If you have a gluten allergy, those serving communion nearest to the Memorial Chapel will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine on request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you would like to receive individual anointing with oil and prayers for healing, ministers will be in the Memorial Chapel during communion.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 651 (sung by all)
Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

VENI CREATOR

COMMUNION ANTHEM
Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Hymn
arr. Alice Parker
(b.1925)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; nought be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSONAL HYMN 598
O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

CHORAL BLESSING
Seven-Fold Amen

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

POSTLUDE
Alla breve, BWV 589

J. S. Bach

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.
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The Rev. Kori Jones

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Director of Duke Continuing Studies and an Associate Dean of Trinity College

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Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

Head Ushers
Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison

WHAT’S HAPPENING TODAY

Today we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Paula Gilbert as our guest preacher. Dr. Gilbert has a B.A. from Huntington College and an M.Div. and Ph.D. from Duke University. She is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church with an appointment to an ecumenical ministry at the (Episcopal) Church of the Holy Family in Chapel Hill. She was a longtime volunteer with the Duke Wesley Fellowship, and currently serves on the United Methodist Church General Commission on Archives and History. Dr. Gilbert has also been employed by Duke University since 1980, beginning as an employee at Duke Divinity School and continuing to the present where she serves as the Director of Duke Continuing Studies and an Associate Dean of Trinity College.
Questions People Often Ask - Why do we process into the sanctuary?

Throughout the Bible there is a tension between God’s people as a settled people, enjoying land, king and temple and God’s people as a pilgrim nation, experiencing exodus, wilderness, and exile. Jesus comes to a people who are in internal exile under the Romans; he encourages them to leave aside everything and to follow him. Yet, we often forget we are a pilgrim people. And so in every act of worship we have a procession, in order to embody what it means to live the life of faith as a journey. The two most significant forms of companionship are to share a meal and to share a journey. Worship begins with one and ends with the other. Just as the Road to Emmaus was, in Luke, the first encounter with the risen Christ, so today breaking bread together helps us identify the God we meet on the journey.

Chapel Announcements

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.

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 of Duke Chapel, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need, but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

Summer Choir—Duke Chapel welcomes singers to its Summer Choir. The summer choir assists in leading worship through August 14, except for July 31. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Allan Friedman. Regular rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Call 684-3898 for details.

Duke Chapel Events Listserv—If you would like to receive emails about upcoming events sponsored by Duke Chapel, such as concerts, talks, special worship services, and more, please visit www.chapel.duke.edu/calendar, or send an email to Kelsey Hallatt at kelsey.hallatt@duke.edu.

Visiting the Chapel—The Chapel often has weddings booked on Saturdays and Sunday afternoons, especially during the summer months. If a wedding is taking place, visitors will not be permitted inside. Before visiting on a weekend, please call 681-9488 to learn when the Chapel will be open to the public.

Community Engagement—Duke Chapel has an email list for those interested in building friendships across boundaries and engaging with the West End and greater Durham community. Opportunities are emailed from Kori Jones, our Community and Black Campus Minister.
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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all:

Food Donations for Children—Believers United for Progress is a nonprofit agency that provides 350-500 nourishing meals to children ages 1-18 in the low income areas of Durham. To assist, Local Missions is collecting large, six-pound cans of green beans and corn today and July 17. Donations of beans and corn can be left at the back pew of the Chapel. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Summer Book Group—Congregation member Melissa Mills is leading a small group study of Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived by Rob Bell. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Studio room of the Forest at Duke. For more information, please contact Melissa at melissa.mills@duke.edu or 919-294-6832.

Summer Sunday Study—On Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m., all are invited to reflect on the psalm of the day. The group will meet in Room 110 of the Gray Building in the Divinity School. For more information, please contact Melissa Mills at melissa.mills@duke.edu or 919-294-6832.

Nursery Attendants and Volunteers—The Congregation is hiring nursery attendants to assist with childcare during the worship service. Applicants must be at least 18 years old. We are also looking for volunteers who would be willing to help out in the nursery as needed. Please contact Sonja Tilley at shtilley@congregation.chapel.duke.edu or 919-684-3917 if you can help or would like more information.

BECOME A FRIEND OF DUKE CHAPEL

Enjoy a meaningful, ongoing relationship with Duke Chapel by becoming a Friend of the Chapel. If you are interested in contributing to the Chapel’s mission and ministry, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate. We will then send you more information about the Friends. Please contact Beth Gettys Sturkey, Director of Development, at 684-5351 or beth.sturkey@duke.edu for more information.

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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. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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