Today’s scripture lessons rest on hope for ultimate redemption and justice. Psalm 139 expresses deep trust in God’s abiding presence in our lives from our creation and throughout our days. Even if we attempt to flee, we cannot escape the overwhelming love of God. In his letter to the Romans, Paul says, “the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains,” suggesting that not just humanity but the natural order also suffers under the bondage of sin. Yet Paul has tremendous hope and patience that all will eventually be redeemed and transformed. In the gospel lesson from Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and the weeds. This parable suggests that the seeds of evil and good can grow up together and be difficult to distinguish. Yet, there is hope in the assurance that God discriminates between the two, even when we cannot.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

**GATHERING**

**CARILLON**

**Prelude**

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor (based on Psalm 114)  
Marianne Ploger (b. 1953)

**GREETING**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 126*

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above  
mit freuden zart

*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.

*Peace*

(All exchange signs and words of God’s peace.)

**PROCLAMATION**

**Prayer for Illumination (in unison)**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: as we are inspired by your word today draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 139 (OT page 545-46 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
Sweet Prospect
William Walker (1809-1875)

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye,
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Oh, the transporting, rapt’rous scene,
That rises to my sight,
Sweet fields arrayed in living green,
And rivers of delight.

O’er all those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

No chilling winds, or pois’nous breath,
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 8:12-25 (NT page 147-48)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 730 (stanzas 1-2)
O Day of God, Draw Nigh
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

ST. MICHAEL

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NT page 14)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 730 (stanzas 3-4)
O Day of God, Draw Nigh
ST. MICHAEL

SERMON—Searched and Known

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
Libera Me from Requiem

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna,
in die illa tremenda,
quando coeli movendi sunt et terra:
Dum veneris judicare saeculum per ignem.
Tremens factus sum ego, et timeo
dum discussio venerit, atque ventured ira.
Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae,
dies magna et amara valde.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal,
on that dreadful day,
when the heavens and the earth shall quake,
when thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.
I am seized by trembling, and I fear
when the judgement should come, and the coming wrath.
O that day, day of wrath, day of calamity and misery,
momentous day, and exceedingly bitter.
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

*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, Alleluia.
THANKSGIVING

This morning we give thanks for the employees of Facilities Management, and the ways they work for the upkeep and mending of the University. The ushers bring a hammer to the altar.

In Durham, we remember the churches and faith communities who join together in a shared desire to seek the peace and wellbeing of the city. The ushers bring forward a brochure from Durham Congregations in Action.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 670

Go Forth for God

CHORAL BLESSING

Seven-Fold Amen

Postlude

Carillon (from 24 Pièces en style libre, Op. 13, No. 21)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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                     Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
Preacher           The Rev. Dr. Samuel Wells
Lectors           Mr. Chase Bannister
                  Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel, Duke Vespers Ensemble
                  Dr. Marcella Hansen Boynton
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Choir Director     Dr. Allan Friedman
Organist           Dr. David Arcus
Presiding Minister over Memorial Chapel Communion  The Rev. Bruce Puckett
Carillonneur       Mr. J. Samuel Hammond
Head Ushers        Dr. James Ferguson and Ms. Charlotte Harrison
Questions People Often Ask - Why do we confess our sins?

Sin is not simply something that makes people unhappy or causes pain: it is life based on a false story, one that leads to worshiping something other than the God of Jesus Christ. However, the Christian story does not begin with sin but with God’s decision to be in relationship with humanity and all creation. Thus when there is a breakdown of that relationship, by what has been done, or what has been left undone, it is a tragedy in which the congregation has participated. Repentance means naming and stripping away the things that distance the disciple from the gospel. From personal repentance the congregation moves into corporate confession. It is not just their own sin that is separating them from God: sin infects the people of God as a whole. In confessing sin, we recognize that this congregation has joined, even in the last week, in the catastrophe of discarding God’s everlasting invitation to worship and friendship.

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 the Chapel’s PathWays program, which offers students opportunities to discern God’s call for their lives through study, counsel, service, and community. Dr. Charles and Mrs. Ann Sanders, together with a couple who have asked not to be named, have pledged to match all PathWays gifts on a one-to-one basis up to $60,000.

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.

Living Without Enemies—Chapel Dean Sam Wells has recently published Living Without Enemies: Being Present in the Midst of Violence, coauthored with Marcia Owen, the executive director of the Religious Coalition of a Nonviolent Durham. Author Phyllis Tickle describes the book as “Moving beyond anything I would or could have ever expected...and above all, instructive of my soul and my own Christian practice.” The book is published by InterVarsity Press and is available at Cokesbury bookstore and Amazon.com.

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.
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. Donations of beans and corn can be left at the back pew of the Chapel or in the Congregation office throughout the week. 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 7:00 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. There will be no Psalms Sunday next week, on July 24.

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 sonja.tilley@duke.edu or 919-684-3917 if you can help or would like more information.

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

We welcome you to our life of worship, learning, dialogue, and service.

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