The promises of God are often fulfilled in unexpected ways. The passage from Romans powerfully reminds readers that God’s love is present even in the midst of tribulation, and that God’s purposes are being furthered, even if outward appearances would indicate otherwise. In Matthew, Jesus likens the kingdom of God to a mustard seed or yeast—they may have small beginnings but can grow into something much larger.

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

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE
  Prelude and Fugue on B-A-C-H               Franz Liszt
                                               (1811-1886)

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 127
  Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah            CWM RHONDDA

*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)
  Almighty God,
  send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit,
  grant your discernment to all who hear your word today,
  and kindle in all who minister the gospel
  your countless gifts of grace;
  through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON—Romans 8:26-39 (NT page 148 in the pew Bible)
  Lector:  This is the word of the Lord.
  People:  Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 540 (stanzas 1-2)
  I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord                   ST. THOMAS
  (All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)
*Gospel Lesson—Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NT page 14)
   Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
   People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 540 (stanzas 3-5)
   I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Sermon—Inseparable

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
   Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful over our race, still to man extends his grace. Heaven and earth by him were made, all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below? God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior’s blood, and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure. Sing, my soul, adore his name; let his glory be thy theme: praise him till he calls thee home, trust his love for all to come.

*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 and Communion

This morning we give thanks for Duke’s Sexual Assault Support services. We are grateful for their support, counseling, and ongoing care for all those who are survivors of sexual assault. The ushers bring to the altar a photo of friends embracing.

In Durham, we remember elected officials and public leaders who work on behalf of the city. The ushers bring forward an emblem of the City of Durham.

*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 635 (sung by all)  
Because Thou Hast Said  
Paderborn

Communion Anthem

Ave verum corpus  
Edward Elgar  
(1857-1934)

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine.

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for mortals, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of heaven during our final examining.

*Prayer After Communion

Sending Forth

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 132

All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded  
Michael

Choral Blessing

Seven-Fold Amen  
John Stainer  
(1840-1901)

Postlude

Finale from Symphony of Dances  
David Arcus  
(b. 1959)

Carillon

*All who are able may stand.
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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 for the Chapel Development Fund, which is the primary source of contributed funds for building care and preservation. The Chapel fulfills James B. Duke’s desire that the building exert a profound influence on the lives of the young women and men who attend the university.

Chapel Lounge—Visitors to the Chapel lounge may have noticed a bit of activity in the basement this summer. The university has provided directed resources for updated furniture and improvements. Work should be complete by the end of August.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all:

Durham Bulls Game—The Congregation and Volunteers of America are sponsoring a trip to a Durham Bulls baseball game with veterans from the Maple Court Veterans Transitional Housing Program. The game will be on Tuesday, August 23. If you are interested in attending the game or helping purchase tickets for the veterans, please contact Marilyn Christian at mchristian2@nc.rr.com or 361-1974 no later than August 7.

Global Praise: Sing to the Lord All the Earth—Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us on August 14-16 as we explore the way people in various cultures worship and sing praises to God. On Sunday, August 14, we will gather from 5:00-7:15 p.m., and on Monday and Tuesday, August 15 and 16, we will meet from 6:00-7:45 p.m. Each evening will begin with dinner in the Chapel kitchen. To register, please contact Sonja Tilley at sonja.tilley@duke.edu.
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.

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