In today’s gospel lesson from Matthew Jesus asks his disciples, “who do you say that I am?” They respond with “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” How is one’s life affected by this pronouncement? What does it mean to offer oneself to the living God? In the lessons from Exodus, fear and promise swirl around the birth of Moses. The Pharaoh of Egypt feared the Hebrews, and ordered their male infants killed. But in an act of defiance, a number of women who surrounded Moses, from midwives to the Pharaoh’s own daughter, protect and preserve him. The midwives feared God, and Pharaoh’s daughter had compassion, both of which ultimately led to the redemption of the Hebrew people.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

PRELUDE

Hymn, Motet, and Trio on the Solid Rock

David Arcus
(b. 1959)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*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)

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and revive us in the hearing of your word, that we may be made holy, strong, and faithful, for your glory’s sake, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Exodus 1:8-2:10 (OT page 47 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 175 (stanzas 1-2)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 16:13-20 (NT page 17)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 175 (stanzas 3-4)

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES
SERMON—Reading the Bible and Letting the Bible Read You

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
Amazing Grace                        Traditional
arr. Richard Walters

(Text may be found in the hymnal at number 378.)

*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 AND COMMUNION

This morning we give thanks for those who make up the staff of Religious Life at Duke. We celebrate their nurturing of students in ways of faith, reflection, and service. Ushers bring a copy of the Religious Life brochure to the altar.

In Durham, we lift up new parents and newborn children and the people who support them. The ushers bring forward a baby blanket.

*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 399 (Soloist sings first stanza, congregation joins for stanzas 2-3.)

Take My Life, and Let It Be

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Antiphon

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(1872-1958)

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
The Church with Psalms must shout, No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part.

—George Herbert (1593-1633)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on THE SOLID ROCK

ARCUS

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

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Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

Head Ushers

Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
TODAY’S FLOWERS—The floral arrangements in the chancel and in the crypt are given in loving memory of Terry Sanford to commemorate his birthday by his family.

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.

9/11 COMMEMORATION CONCERT—On Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. the Chapel Choir, Duke Chorale, and Choral Society of Durham will present the Mozart Requiem in commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001. President Brodhead, Dean Wells, and Abdullah Anteplie, the Muslim Chaplain for Duke, will offer brief remarks prior to the hour-long concert. Rodney Wynkoop will conduct. Sam Hammond will play a prelude on the carillon beginning at 3:30 p.m. Free admission.

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The following Congregation opportunities are open to all:

GODLY PLAY—On Sunday, August 28 at 9:45 a.m., the Congregation will host a “Bring Your Parents to Godly Play” event. All children ages 3 through 5th grade, along with their friends and family, are invited to join the class in the Crypt to experience Godly Play. Godly Play is a Montessori-based curriculum that invites children to encounter the wonder and mystery of God. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at sonja.tilley@duke.edu.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR ADULTS—On Sunday, August 28, the Adult Education committee will host an information session in the kitchen following the worship service. All are invited to join us to learn about upcoming short- and long-term spiritual formation opportunities. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at sonja.tilley@duke.edu.

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.

DINNER AT URBAN MINISTRIES—Each month the Congregation provides a meal for homeless guests at Urban Ministries of Durham. If you would like to donate lasagnas, serve one of the next meals, or acquire more information, please contact Ned Arnett at 489-4133 or email him at edward.arnett@duke.edu.
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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. Bruce Puckett at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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