In today’s lesson from Philippians, Paul likens the journey of faith to a race, encouraging the disciples in Philippi to strain forward and press on to the heavenly goal of Christ. All other earthly desires and dreams fall away and are transformed when we reorient our perspective around God’s perspective. The parable of the wicked tenants in Matthew is a warning to any who presume they are entitled to salvation by suggesting that many of God’s people have not produced worthy fruit for the kingdom. Today is also World Communion Sunday, and as we celebrate holy communion, we remember our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the globe who share in this holy meal.
The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON

ORGAN PRELUDE
Sonata No. 3 in G, Op. 88 Josef Rheinberger
Con moto (1839-1901)
Intermezzo: Andante con moto
Fugue: non troppo allegro

INTROIT
Benedicimus Deum caeli James MacMillan (b. 1959)

Benedicimus Deum caeli et coram omnibus viventibus confitebimur ei: quia fecit nobiscum misericordiam suam.

Let us bless the God of heaven and utter his praises before all who live; for he has dealt with us according to his mercy. —Tobit 12:6

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 68
When in Our Music God Is Glorified ENGELBERG

*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)
Lord God, shape our minds and imaginations by your word, in order to defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
**First Lesson**—Philippians 3:3-14 (*NT page 186-87 in the pew Bible*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 298 (stanzas 1-2)*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*Gospel Lesson*—Matthew 21:33-46 (*NT pages 22-23*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Gradual Hymn 298 (stanzas 3-4)*

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Sermon—Run for Your Life

**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**

Data est mihi omnis potestas

*MacMillan*


All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth, Alleluia. Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Alleluia.

—Matthew 28:18-19

*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, Alleluia.

**Thanksgiving and Communion**

*This morning we give thanks for Duke’s Program in Literature—for its focus on comparative language, literature, and aesthetics, which provide students a lens through which to view history and culture. The ushers bring a novel to the altar.*
In Durham, we remember those who contribute financially to agencies and organizations that serve local communities and neighborhoods. The ushers bring forward a note of thanks to a donor from a local agency.

*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 624 (sung by all)
Bread of the World

Communion Anthems
Agnus Dei (from St. Anne’s Mass) MacMillan
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

A Child’s Prayer MacMillan
Welcome Jesu,
Deep in my soul forever stay;
Joy and love my heart are filling
On this glad Communion day.

*Prayer After Communion

**Sending Forth**

*Benediction

*Recessional Hymn 427
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life Germany
*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.

POSTLUDE
Improvisation on GERMANY
David Arcus
(b. 1959)

CARILLON

*All who are able may stand.

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The Rev. Kori Jones

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The Rev. Jeremy Troxler
Director of the Thriving Rural Communities Initiative, Duke Divinity School

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The Rev. Kori Jones
Dr. Adam Hollowell

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Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Jeff Harrison

Carillonneur
Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

Service of Worship for the Blessing of the Animals
Today at 3:00 p.m. Chapel Quad
The Rev. Robin Arcus, preaching
Durham Children’s Choir
The rain date is October 9, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.
Please consider the wisdom of bringing aggressive animals.
CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS—The flowers for this morning 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 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.

TODAY’S CHORAL ANTHEMS—Today’s anthems feature the music of Scottish composer James MacMillan, who has been commissioned to write a major new work that will be premiered at Duke Chapel by the Chapel Choir in 2014. A group of scholars from Cambridge University has been meeting with scholars from the Duke Divinity School this weekend to work with Mr. MacMillan in preparation for that occasion. One of the pieces sung during Communion, “A Child’s Prayer,” was written in response to the Dunblane massacre, in which 15 young children and their teacher were killed by a gunman at Dunblane Primary School in Scotland in 1996.

CHORAL VESPERS—This month marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Duke Vespers Ensemble. We are grateful for the ensemble’s contributions to the Chapel’s worship life the last 25 years. The Vespers Ensemble sings each Thursday night at 5:15 p.m. during the academic year.
The Congregation opportunities are open to all.

Adult Forum—On Sunday October 9, Congregation members Lisa Lark, Ginnie Ruckert, and Ernie Ruckert will lead the forum on the topic of Reaching Out. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building of the Divinity School at 9:45 a.m.

Student Lunch today—The Congregation is hosting a lunch in the Chapel basement for undergraduate and graduate students following the service today. All students are welcome to come for tasty food and homemade desserts. Come hungry and bring a friend.

Congregation Anniversary Worship Service—The Congregation will celebrate its twenty-sixth anniversary on Sunday, October 9, with an evening worship service and potluck. The service will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be followed by food and fellowship. All are welcome.

First Friday’s Young Adult/Professionals Dinner—The 20- and 30-somethings of the Chapel will get together for dinner on Friday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m. at Chipotle Mexican Grill (2608 Erwin Road). Other nearby food options are also available. Friends and family are welcome.

Durham Crisis Response Collection—The Local Missions Committee’s October collection is for the Durham Crisis Response Center. DCRC works to end domestic and sexual violence through advocacy, support, education, and prevention. Items needed are: laundry detergent, soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, towels, pillows, paper towels, and toilet paper. Monetary donations will also be accepted (please put DCRC in check memo line). Donations may be dropped off on the back pew of the Chapel from October 9 through October 16.

Come to the Table Cookbook—The Congregation cookbook will go on sale after church Sunday, October 9, for $15 each. A table will be in the narthex. Limited quantities are available. Contact Deb Hackney at deb.hackney@gmail.com for more information.

Bus Tour of Durham—On Sunday, October 23, the Congregation is sponsoring a guided bus tour of Durham. The tour will begin immediately after worship and will conclude at 3:30 pm. It will include visits to several of Durham’s charitable agencies. Boxed lunches are available for $10. Registration is due by October 17. Contact Ed Karolak at 919-383-4233 or EKarolak@aol.com for more information.

Children’s Ministry—Godly Play meets each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Children aged 3 to second grade meet in the crypt. Those in the third through fifth grades meet in the York Reading Room on the second floor of Duke Divinity School. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at sonja.tilley@duke.edu.
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL FORMATION

The Congregation at Duke Chapel is currently organizing several new Bible studies and small groups. All are welcome to participate in the groups described below. Unless otherwise noted, the dates and times are TBA, based on participant availability.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please fill out the form on the reverse side and place it in the offering plate. Information about meeting times and locations will be sent to you. For more information, please contact Sonja Tilley at sonja.tilley@duke.edu or 919-684-3917.

**Disciple I: Becoming Disciples through Bible Study**—Disciple I is an intense and spiritually invigorating 34-week Bible study that moves through the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. The aim of this study is to develop biblically nourished persons committed to live as faithful disciples.

**Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind**—Part of the Disciple series, this study explores the classical doctrines of the Christian faith as expounded in the Apostles’ Creed. Participants examine relevant Scripture alongside other short readings from ancient and contemporary texts that articulate the foundation of Christian belief and how it relates to a daily walk in Christian faith.

**Invitation to the Old Testament**—This study invites participants to hear the story of God and God’s calling of the people of Israel through the many “voices” of the Hebrew Scriptures including narrative, poetry, history, and prophecy. Listen afresh to the witness of the Old Testament and explore how the story of God’s covenant with Israel informs our identity as Christians.

**Sermon Reflection Group**—This group will gather weekly to reflect on the previous Sunday’s sermon. Participants will spend time studying the biblical text(s) on which the sermon was based, and share how they heard the message as the word of God. More than an intellectual analysis of the sermon, this study seeks to challenge participants to apply the weekly message to their daily lives. **Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Living, Loving, and Praying Together**—This weekly gathering focuses on growing in communion with God and one another. To develop these relationships, participants study and engage scriptures, books, and various practices of the faith together. **Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating**—Norman Wirzba’s book provides a thought-provoking framework to explore the significance of eating and the profound economic, moral, and theological impact of the choices we make with every meal. This book discussion group provides a wonderful opportunity to explore the sources and relationships involved in food production and to learn to pay attention to the importance of grace-filled eating. **Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**
Echoes of Scripture in the Letters of Paul—Richard Hays’ book brings to life the Jewish practice of scripture interpretation and makes fresh the radically good news manifested in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as Paul shows this as the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. All are invited to join in order to read and discuss this book in Christian community. Wednesdays 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Space for God—Henri Nouwen writes, “In this book, Don Postema offers us a space to live gratefully in the presence of God...the space in which we... can listen fearlessly to God’s voice.” Using the art of Van Gogh and writings of such authors as John Calvin and C.S. Lewis, Postema has crafted a series of meditative readings and spiritual exercises that will enrich your faith journey. Participants in this group will gather monthly during the academic year to deepen their faith and their friendships.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

Name: ______________________________________________________
Email: _____________________________________________________
Phone #: __________________________________________________

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**Duke University Chapel**

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 interdenominational 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.

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**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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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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