How do you understand the word of God? The psalmist describes the word of God as a lantern or light that illuminates our path. In Romans, Paul suggests that the Spirit is active and life-giving, the Word of God is liberating and dynamic. 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.
**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 are available at the rear of the Chapel for children 5 or younger. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Children’s bulletins are available from the ushers.

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. Nancy Ferree-Clark at 684-3917. www.congregation.chapel.duke.edu

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| Ms. Bonnie McWilliams | Staff Assistant to the Director of Development and Administration |
| Mr. Oscar Dantzler and Mr. William Earl | Housekeepers |

| Staff of the Congregation at Duke University Chapel | |
| The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark | Senior Pastor |
| The Rev. McKennon Shea | Assistant Pastor |
| Ms. Elizabeth Clift | Director of Children’s Ministry |
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

CARILLON MUSIC

ORGAN PRELUDE

Pastorale in F Major, BWV 590 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

GREETING

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 679

O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright WAREHAM

*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.

The minister speaks words of assurance.

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

PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake; as we hear your word this morning, transform the poverty of our faith through the richness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Psalm 119:105-112 (page 537 in the pew Bible)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.
ANTHEM

Der Same ist das Wort Melchior Vulpius
(1570-1615)

Der Same ist das Wort Gottes. Das aber auf dem guten Land sind, die
das Wort hören und bewahren einem feinen, guten Herzen und bringen
Frucht in Geduld.

The seed is the word of God. But as for that in the good soil, these
are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest
and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

—Luke 8:11, 15

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Romans 8:1-11 (page 147)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 393 (repeat as necessary)
Spirit of the Living God
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (page 13)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 393 (repeat as necessary)
Spirit of the Living God

SERMON—A Living Testimony
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
—Psalm 119:5

RESPONSE

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS
Marilyn Christian, Carol Hasselblad, and Willie Jones come forward.

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 ANTHEM
The Word Was God Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. The same was
in the beginning with God. All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made, He has not made. All things were made by Him.

—John 1:3
*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 summer camps and other summer programs
of the University. We celebrate how they encourage and train young people in
athletic and intellectual pursuits. The ushers bring a summer camp tee-shirt to
the altar.

In Durham, we lift up 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)

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSINAL HYMN 539
O Spirit of the Living God

*CHORAL BLESSING
Sevenfold Amen

John Stainer
(1840-1901)

POSTLUDE

Allegro assai vivace from Sonata No. 1 in F minor, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

CARILLON MUSIC

*All who are able may stand.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one confidential care-giving to
individuals in crisis. To receive care from a Stephen Minister, to make a
referral for someone else, or to find out how to become trained as a
Stephen Minister, please contact the Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark at
nancyfc@duke.edu. Today we will commission three new Stephen
Ministers who have just completed fifty-hours of training.
MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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Choir Director
Dr. Allan Friedman

Presiding Minister for Memorial Chapel Communion
The Rev. Nancy Ferree-Clark

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY’S FLOWERS—Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God by the Nan and Taylor Cole Chapel Endowment.

TODAY’S OFFERING—The whole of today’s offering 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, and students. The grant-making process not only benefits people in need, but also seeks to introduce students to faithful stewardship and community development.

MORNING PRAYER—During the summer months we gather for morning prayer each Monday at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Chapel. Services last approximately 20 minutes and are led by members of the Chapel staff. All are invited to this time of prayer and reflection.

SUMMER CHOIR—Duke Chapel welcomes singers to its Summer Choir that assists in leading worship from June to August; 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.

FOOD COLLECTION—The Durham Food Bank is experiencing a dire shortage of food and is requesting that donations be made as soon as possible. Its specific needs are canned meat items (tuna, salmon, chicken, etc) and also family-sized cans of vegetables and fruit. Donations may be left on the back pew of the Chapel each Sunday through July 27. On weekdays food can be dropped off in the Congregation office (room 031 in the Chapel basement).

HAITI MISSION TRIP—The Congregation will be taking a mission trip to Haiti on October 11-19. The team will again partner with Family Health Ministries, which is an organization already working in a number of Haitian communities. No medical experience is required, though it is welcome. The deadline for signing up is July 25. If you are interested in learning more or signing up for the trip contact the Rev. McKennon Shea at tms19@duke.edu or 684-3917.