The Bible often portrays the fickleness of humanity. Too often the people of God fail to recognize the precious gift of the invitation God extends. In Exodus, while Moses is on Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments, the Israelites gather gold to fashion a calf idol. They easily fall into worshiping their wealth and the creativity of their own hands. In Matthew’s gospel, a king has extended a gracious invitation to an abundant wedding banquet, but having no sense of the value of the invitation, the guests do not come. In Philippians, Paul is confined to prison, and he encourages people in their worry by assuring them that the peace of God is near if they are willing to receive it.
The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts  Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Salve Regina  David Childs (b. 1969)

Ubi Caritas  Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  Ned Rorem (b. 1923)

Bright Mansions  trad. Spiritual (arr. K. Lee Scott)

GREETING

*ProcesSional hymn 715

Rejoice, the Lord Is King  Darwall’s 148th

*Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance (in unison)

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)
Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom:
as we hear your word today,
teach us to obey you
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Exodus 32:1-14 (page 75 in the pew Bible)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM
For As the Rain and the Snow Come Down Hal Hopson
(b. 1933)

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and return not thither but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

—Isaiah 55:10-11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Philippians 4:1-9 (page 187)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 339 (stanzas 1-3)
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast
(All turn to face the Gospel Procession.)

*GOSPEL LESSON—Matthew 22:1-14 (page 23)
Lector: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*GRADUAL HYMN 339 (stanzas 4-5)
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

SERMON—Exposed! The Imposter Syndrome

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 Anthem
And I Saw a New Heaven
Edgar L. Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

—Revelation 21:1-4

*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 Duke University Health System and its dedication to offering care and hospitality to patients and their families in times of illness and grief. A representative brings a blood pressure cuff to the altar.

In Durham, we lift up physicians, nurses, and pharmacists who work at community health centers. The ushers bring forward a thermometer.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord’s Prayer (number 895 in the hymnal, in unison)
SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSINAL HYMN 428
For the Healing of the Nations

POSTLUDE
Hymne au soleil (from Pieces de Fantaisie Op. 53, no. 3) Louis Vierne

(1870-1937)

*All who are able may stand.

TODAY’S GUEST CHOIR

Founded in 2002, the Renaissance Choral Ensemble is committed to high quality performance of great chamber choral literature. Renaissance performs three concerts each year in their native Charlotte, NC. They also perform annually at Duke Chapel. More information can be found at www.singers-renaissance.org.

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Mr. Charles Roedel and Ms. Anna Gass
FLOWERS—The flowers for the worship service today are given to the glory of God by the Erlenbach Family Trust.

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.

ORGAN RECITAL ON OCTOBER 19—Next Sunday, University Organist Robert Parkins will open this season’s recital series on the Brombaugh organ with “Iberian Organ Music from the Golden Age.” Presented in conjunction with the Nasher Museum’s exhibition “El Greco to Velázquez: Art During the Reign of Philip III,” his program will feature images of paintings from this magnificent collection. The recital will be performed at 2:30 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m.

DEANS’ DIALOGUE—The first Deans’ Dialogue of the year is scheduled for Thursday, October 30 between Dean Wells and Dean Greg Jones of Duke Divinity School. The location will be the Reynolds Classroom, 0016 Westbrook Building in the Divinity School. Pizza will be served at noon, and the dialogue will begin 12:15 p.m. The topic is “Living Lives of Consequence.”

RECONCILIATION AND RE-ENTRY MINISTRY—The Reconciliation and Re-entry ministry offers an opportunity to join in friendship with someone who has been released recently from prison. Sponsored by the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham, the team at Duke Chapel is starting its third year by welcoming a young man who is seeking companions to walk beside him in faith in living a new life after incarceration. New team members are needed. If you would like to learn more about joining this transforming and renewing ministry as a member of the Reconciliation and Re-entry Ministry, please contact Abby Kocher at abby.kocher@duke.edu or 599-8010.

ABOUT TODAY’S GUEST PREACHER
This morning we welcome Barbara Brown Taylor as the Sterly and Pelham Wilder Guest Preacher. Taylor is an Episcopal priest who teaches religion at Piedmont College and Christian spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary. Before becoming a teacher in 1997, she spent fifteen years in parish ministry at All Saints’ Church in Atlanta and Grace-Calvary Church in Clarkesville, Georgia. An editor-at-large for The Christian Century and occasional commentator on Georgia Public Radio, she is also the author of twelve books, including Leaving Church (HarperSanFrancisco, 2006) and An Altar in the World (forthcoming from HarperOne in 2008).
The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.

**Adult Forum**—Next Sunday, October 19, Imam Abdullah Antepli, Muslim Chaplain at Duke, will talk about Muslim faith. The forum will be held in Room 0012 of the Westbrook Building at 9:45 a.m.

**Grad Student and Young Adult Luncheon**—The Student Outreach Committee of the Congregation is hosting a luncheon for graduate students and young adults on Sunday, October 19, in the Chapel basement. There is no cost for participants, and the luncheon is a great opportunity for fellowship with fellow students and members of the congregation. We will gather immediately following worship and will begin the meal as soon as the choir has had time to put away robes and music. No reservations are required, so please join us.

**Faithful Gardening**—On Sunday, October 26, Dr. Norman Wirzba, Research Professor of Theology, Ecology, and Rural Life at Duke Divinity School, will speak on the topic “Faithful Gardening: What All Christians Should Know About Gardens” in Room 0016, Westbrook. An eco-friendly lunch will be served starting at 12:15 p.m. after which Dr. Wirzba will speak. Reservations are not required. This event is sponsored by the Environmental Stewardship Committee of the Congregation at Duke Chapel.

**Reception at Cranford House**—On Sunday, October 26, Congregation members and friends are invited to attend a drop-in reception between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at Cranford House, the new home of Dean Sam Wells and his family. The address is 704 N. Buchanan Blvd., which is located beside East Campus. Copies of Dean Wells’ newest book, *Speaking the Truth: Preaching in a Pluralistic Culture*, will also be available for purchase.

**Youth Ministry**—Sunday school classes for youth (grades 6-12) are held in the Divinity Student Lounge at 9:45 a.m., and Youth Fellowship occurs at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the Chapel basement. For more information, contact McKennon Shea, Assistant Pastor, at mckennon.shea@duke.edu or 564-6993.
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† 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.
† Prayer requests may be placed in the prayer box located by the Memorial Chapel.

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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