



The Congregation at Duke University Chapel

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DEEPENING CONNECTIONS

04-16-2020

“Living hope.” “Imperishable, undefiled, and unfading”. These are phrases from one of the lectionary readings for this coming Sunday.

From the
Senior Pastor



In a letter to early Christians, the author of First Peter begins with praise to God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In this, he notes that we have a “living hope.” Our hope is alive and enlivening, not a mere idea for a shelf nor a stale conviction that is out of date. Our hope is a gift from God that is living within us and among us, a result of the resurrection.

Further, we have an inheritance, which is “imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.” These powerful adjectives point to the miracle of the resurrection, which has changed the world forever. Nothing and no one can jeopardize this inheritance in any way. We can rest assured in the gift that God has given us.

In this Easter week, let us rejoice in this Easter hope: “By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.” (I Peter 1:3-4)



Christ is Risen!
He is risen indeed!

May Easter joy be yours.

Carol

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Friends,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Watching an empty Duke Chapel on Easter Sunday was very surreal to me. In fact, we have not been worshipping together physically for over a month now. Within the past four weeks, our world has changed so much as we sacrifice our freedom of movement for the good sake of public health. This has been a “new normal” for most of us and might unfortunately remain the case for the next few weeks or months. So this Easter we invite you to join us in faithfully praying for the healing of the sick, help for the financially strained, peace for the grieving, protection for medical workers, wisdom for treatment and vaccine researchers, and for this pandemic to pass over us soon.

We, at the Congregation Council, are praying for you and remain committed to supporting ministries, education hours, and other activities that can be done virtually. Should you have any suggestions on how the Congregation can better serve you or if you need any assistance as we face these challenging circumstances together, I invite you to contact us at congregation@duke.edu.

Know that we are with you spiritually, though physically apart.
May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!

This Sunday April 19

Sunday morning classes, if possible, will meet virtually from **9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**

- **WEE PRAISE:** Children ages 0-3 along with parents or caregivers may utilize the online videos previously shared via email. Watch for a new video link to be shared this week. If you are not receiving emails with this information, please contact [Phyllis Snyder](#).
- **GODLY PLAY:** Children ages 4-5th graders can find a new video, and re-watch previous videos, on the [Congregation's YouTube channel](#).
- **YOUTH BIBLE STUDY:** Youth in 6th-10th grades will engage in a virtual discussion of the gospel of Matthew. Contact [Matt Wright](#) for details. This discussion will be held virtually at this link <https://duke.zoom.us/j/598516142>. The meeting room ID: 598 516 142.
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** A study of Acts will be held virtually at this link <https://duke.zoom.us/j/206448334>. The meeting room ID: 206 448 334
- **ADULT FORUM:** Galia Goodman, Artist and Calligrapher will speak. The forum will be held virtually at this link <https://duke.zoom.us/j/154163086>. The meeting room ID: 154 163 086.

UNIVERSITY WORSHIP 11:00 a.m. Online

[Second Sunday of Easter](#)

Preaching: The Rev. Bruce Puckett, Assistant Dean of the Chapel

[Worship Online Here](#)

[Lectionary Readings](#)

All are welcome!

EVENTS AFTER WORSHIP

- **Administration Committee** will meet virtually at **1:00 p.m.** by Zoom.
- **Fellowship Gathering** for conversation and laughter will be held at **1:00 p.m.** by Zoom. See details below.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

During this time of anxiety and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to be able to connect with others. To this end, the Fellowship Committee will host weekly virtual meet-ups using the Zoom application. These will be casual events where Congregation members can share experiences, visit friends and spend time together (virtually.) We have scheduled our first two meetups for **Sunday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.** (<https://duke.zoom.us/j/685219439>) and **Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.** (<https://duke.zoom.us/j/506276917>). Click on the dates for links to the Zoom Fellowship events. If you have not used Zoom before, please [watch this short video](#) for instructions. If you are attempting to join in the meetup, but are having difficulties, feel free to call for assistance: (919) 270-6183 or (919) 830-0964.

NC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The North Carolina Councils of Churches is hosting a virtual anniversary celebration to mark the Council's 85th year, the 20th Anniversary of NC Interfaith Power & Light, and the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Please attend **Monday, April 20**, from **5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** for a "Green Drinks" virtual happy hour on Zoom and Facebook live! This event will include live music, virtual door prizes, great conversation, and updates from the Council staff. [Register here](#) to be entered to win a door prize during the event. Free "Swag bag" prizes will be sent in the mail after the event to those who register. [Click here](#) to view the Facebook event page.

CONGREGATION CONNECTIONS

In an effort to stay connected with one another during the shelter-in-place order, volunteers will be reaching out to all Congregation member households to offer greetings

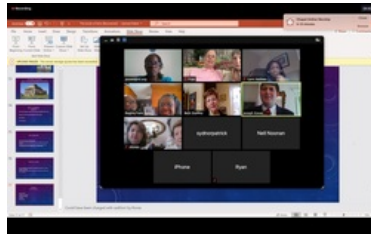
and hear prayer requests. Please welcome these connections made by email and phone.

WE PRAISE

A new video will be shared with families this week. If you don't receive the email with the new video link, please email [Phyllis Snyder](mailto:Phyllis.Snyder) to let her know.

GODLY PLAY

Ms. Phyllis' Godly Play video classes encourage children to set up a 'sacred space' in their homes—a place where they can keep some special holy objects, and focus on God. The child in the photo to the right didn't realize the light coming through the curtains would cast little rainbows on the set up. He called these "rainbows of hope." May we all have "rainbows of hope" in our lives right now.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adults are gathering each week for Bible study and for the Adult Forum. While the appearance is different from a classroom, the Zoom technology allows participants to see and hear each other, as well as to share PowerPoint presentations. Scripture, discussion, laughter, prayer, and a peek into others' homes is all part of Bible study in this form. One participant, Patience Sowa, described her

experience this way: "When I think of our zoom Adult Bible Study sessions, I remember Hebrews 10:24-25. It is truly a blessing to be able to gather together and led by Joseph Kovas learn about art, history and God's word. Every Sunday I look forward to also learning from members of our group who also give us all insights in to the bible and how to live our lives as followers of Jesus." On Zoom, there is never a shortage of "seats!" All are welcome to join either the Adult Bible study or Adult Forum. The link is <https://duke.zoom.us/j/206448334> and the meeting ID: 206 448 334.

HEAVENLY HUGS HAT MINISTRY

Members of the Heavenly Hugs Hat Ministry are busy knitting and crocheting baby hats to be gifted to newborns in area hospitals in honor of Mother's Day. However, one member—Claudia Haskins—has temporarily transferred her knitting talent to making face masks. Thank you, Claudia!



GOOD TO KNOW

LET US KNOW

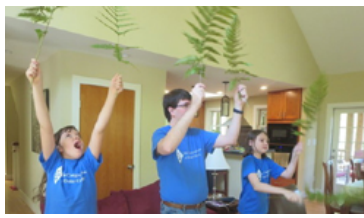
The Congregation at Duke Chapel realizes that many of our Congregation members may be struggling financially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact the Congregation office (congregation@duke.edu) with specific prayer requests and/or financial needs. We will gladly pray for each request and will look to find ways to aid financially when possible.

ONLINE WORSHIP THROUGH JUNE

Duke University has restricted all on-campus events through **June 30**, which means that Chapel worship services and Congregation classes and meetings will be provided online during this time.

HOW ARE YOU SHELTERING IN PLACE?

The Congregation staff would like to share photos of their new normal and work space during this time of sheltering in place. How about you? Please share a photo descriptive of how you are sheltering in place, which can then be shared with other members to be seen on eNews or social media? Please direct all photos to kirsten.dford@gmail.com with the subject being "Shelter in Place 2020."



One family creatively used fern leaves to celebrate Palm Sunday at home



Join Divinity School Intern, Joseph Kovas, live on Sunday mornings from his dining room for a journey in "The Acts of The Apostles."



Phyllis' guestroom is now a 'video production studio' for making recordings for the Godly Play classes.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Duke University: [Duke Coronavirus Response](#)
NC Council of Churches: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
City of Durham: [COVID-19 Updates](#)



CALL FOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

If you, or a family member, will be graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in May or June, please contact the Congregation Office at congregation@duke.edu so your accomplishment can be celebrated in the June eNews.

COMING IN MAY

May Birthdays

- 1 Charlyse Myhand-McDaniel
- 2 Sanford Pack
- 3 Anna Gass; Adrian McDaniel
- 6 Peter Moller; Morgan Washam
- 7 Michael Hohenstein; Ernestine Hulett; Matt Miller; Harry Phillips; Kris Symbolon; Phillip Smith
- 8 Ann Skye
- 9 Sam Arneson
- 10 Luke Wirzba
- 12 Gloria Ayee; Oscar Newlin-Guerrero
- 13 Renee Puckett; Lachlan Wolfe
- 14 Ken Arneson

- 15 Lauren Bell; Will Willimon; Callum Wolfe
18 Keith Campbell; Kathy McLaughlin; Dave Rendall
19 Cameron Chambers
20 Hen Di Siu
21 Chase Bannister; Mary Eubanks; Brady Surles
24 Troy Page
25 Teeny Sander; Daniel Warren
26 Susan Clark
27 Han Setiawan
28 Sandra Greene; Claudia Haskins; John Mullins; Mindy Solie
29 Charlotte Peters
30 Leisa Dennehy

May Communion at The Forest at Duke Retirement Community - CANCELED

May Worship Services at Duke Chapel – ONLINE

Worship Services will continue to be broadcast live on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. From the Duke Chapel website: [Tune in live](#) to Sunday morning services on the [Duke Chapel YouTube Channel](#), channel 12 of the Duke Hospital TV System, channel 110 of the Duke Campus Vision TV system, and WDNC Radio (620 AM). Listen to rebroadcasts of services on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on WPTF Radio (680 AM), as well as on The People's Channel on Spectrum Cable in Durham and Chapel Hill.

CONGREGATION CALENDAR DUKE CHAPEL YOUTUBE CHANNEL

CONGREGATION JOYS AND CONCERNS

- *Ed Karolak*: Ed is resting at home with care from hospice and his wife.
- *Mike Smith*: Mike is recuperating from heart surgery.
- *Steve Winters*: Steve is spending 10 weeks in medical mission work in Kenya.

PRAYER REQUESTS: To request confidential prayer from members of the Prayer Ministry, please send your confidential request to the [Prayer Ministry](#) .

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: All e-News articles and announcements are to be submitted to the following e-mail address: congregation@duke.edu by 5:00 p.m. each Monday.

SUBSCRIPTION MANAGEMENT: Please send corrected email addresses or requests to be unsubscribed to congregation@duke.edu .

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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