



**Duke**  
UNIVERSITY  
**CHAPEL**

# Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2015

Eleven o'clock in the morning

≈ Bridging Faith and Learning ≈

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*"Moses Erecting the Brazen Serpent," by William Blake, c. 1800-03.*

This morning's scripture lessons emphasize the importance of faith in God even in the midst of great hardship or despair. In Numbers, the Israelites are weary and complaining about their travels in the wilderness, and then poisonous snakes come into their midst and many Israelites die. But God tells Moses to make a poisonous snake and put it on a pole so that everyone who died might see it and live. In John, a comparison is made to Jesus, who is like Moses' snake—all who see him lifted up will know eternal life. The darkness of the world is being scattered by the life and death of Christ.

*The congregation is asked to remain silent  
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.  
The Chapel welcomes families with children. If at any time during the service your child  
needs a place for active play, please know there is a nursery in the Chapel basement.*

## GATHERING

CARILLON

CHORAL PRELUDE

Let There Be Light

Craig Courtney  
(b. 1948)

Hear My Prayer

Moses Hogan  
(1957–2003)

O Sapienta

Bob Chilcott  
(b. 1955)

Go Down Moses

Traditional Spiritual

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING PROCESSION: HYMN 427

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*in unison*)

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.**

**We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside  
from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves**

**pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We**

**have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.**

**Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of  
righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*The minister speaks words of assurance.*

\*PEACE

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

## PROCLAMATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you when sin  
spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts; as we hear your  
word today, come among us and turn us back to you again;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Numbers 21:4–9 (*OT pages 134 in the pew Bible*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

\*GRADUAL HYMN 142 (*stanza 1*)

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee  
(*All turn to face the Gospel Procession.*)

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

\*GOSPEL LESSON—John 3:14–21 (*NT page 88*)

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

\*GRADUAL HYMN 142 (*stanzas 2–3*)

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

SERMON—Lifted Up

## 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

Elijah Rock

arr. Moses Hogan

Oh Elijah. Elijah rock. Come on, sister, help me to pray, tell me my  
Lord done pass this way.

Elijah rock, shout, shout. Elijah rock, comin’ up, Lordy. Elijah rock,  
shout, shout. Elijah rock, comin’ up, Lord.

Satan ain’t nothing but a snake in the grass. He’s a conjurer. He’s  
a liar. Hallelujah, Lord. If I could, I surely would stand on the rock  
where Moses stood. I’m comin’ up, Lord.

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(*Musical Setting D, found on page 23 in the hymnal*)

\*THE LORD’S PRAYER (*number 895 in the hymnal, in unison*)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

*All who love Christ, earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to be at peace  
with God and 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, there is a server near the Memorial Chapel who will be ready to serve you gluten-free wafers and wine. If you will not receive communion, you are welcome to 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 422 (*sung by all*)

Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love

AZMON

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Lux aeterna

Ivo Antognini  
(b. 1963)

*Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,  
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,  
quia pius es.*

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,  
et lux perpetua luceat eis,  
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,  
quia pius es.*

Let eternal light shine on them, Lord  
as with your saints in eternity,  
because you are merciful.

Grant them eternal rest, Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine on them,  
as with your saints in eternity,  
because you are merciful.

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING FORTH

\*BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING PROCESSION: HYMN 178

Hope of the World

VICAR

POSTLUDE

Fantasy in C Minor, BWV 562

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685–1750)

CARILLON

*\*All who are able may stand.*

## PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

*This morning we give thanks in the University for the Duke School of Nursing. We celebrate its commitment to excellence in nursing sciences, clinical care and research, and its desire to touch lives and offer transforming care to those suffering from illness and disease.*

*In Durham, we remember those who are developing innovative practices for environmentally friendly buildings and energy sustainability.*

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## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding Ministers	The Rev. Meghan Benson The Rev. Brad Troxell
Preacher	The Rev. Sarah Howell <i>Associate Minister at Centenary United Methodist Church, Winston-Salem Trinity '09, Divinity '12</i>
Lectors	Ms. Ira Mueller <i>Member, Congregation at Duke Chapel</i> Mr. Nate Jones <i>Trinity '09, Divinity '12, Th.D. Candidate '17, Member of Chapel Choir</i>
Guest Organist	Ms. Jane Lynch
Guest Choir	Providence High School Chamber Singers Ms. Teresa Setzer, director
Ministers of Anointing	The Rev. Dr. Carol Gregg The Rev. Brad Troxell Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp
Head Ushers	Dr. James Ferguson and Mr. Rick Wilfong
Carillonneur	Mr. J. Samuel Hammond

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## ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER

Today we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Sarah Howell as the Chapel's guest preacher. The Rev. Howell is Associate Minister at Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, NC, where she focuses on missions and worship, particularly Roots Revival, a midweek service grounded in Americana/roots-based music. Sarah is a native North Carolinian from a family of Methodist preachers (and a few Southern Baptists). Sarah is a double Dukie (Trinity '09, Divinity '12). In her time at Duke, she was active in the Chapel PathWays program, the Wesley Fellowship, and the Vespers Ensemble. She was commissioned as a provisional elder in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2012. Sarah lives on the Southside of Winston-Salem, where she is connected with Anthony's Plot, an intentional Christian community working in the Sunnyside neighborhood and with the city's homeless and immigrant populations. When not at work Sarah is hiking, gardening, cooking, cycling, making music, and enjoying her front porch with her pit bull rescue dog, Crash.

## CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY'S OFFERING**—All of today's cash offerings and undesignated checks will be used to underwrite the costs for undergraduate students going on the Chapel's Spring Break mission trips. Duke Chapel PathWays provides mission trip opportunities for students who are interested in spending their Spring Break in service and reflection. Most recently, Chapel staff led student trips to Costa Rica and Kentucky.

**ABOUT TODAY'S GUEST MUSICIANS**—The Providence High School Honors Chamber Singers, from Charlotte, NC, is an advanced choir of 40 voices. They have received numerous awards for their singing at state, regional, and national conventions and competitions. They were named Grand Champion in the 2011 Heritage Festivals Competition of Gold in New York City. They have performed in prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Biltmore House, National Cathedral, and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

**LABYRINTH**—On Tuesday, March 17, visitors are invited to walk the Labyrinth in Duke Chapel, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Labyrinth, a forty-foot circle containing a winding path, is an ancient spiritual tradition in many faiths. The Labyrinth is self-guided, and takes 30 minutes to an hour to complete. The Chapel is co-sponsoring this event with the Congregation at Duke Chapel.

**JAZZ VESPERS**—A Jazz Vespers will take place at Duke Chapel at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, March 17. This service will be a collaboration between Duke Chapel and the Duke Jazz Program, and will merge the two traditions, vespers and blues, offering a contemporary expression during the season of Lent. All are welcome to attend.

**CHORAL EVENSONG VESPERS**—A service of Choral Evensong will be offered on Thursday, March 19, at 5:15 p.m. as part of the weekly Vespers service. All are welcome to attend.

**PATHWAYS PORCH CONVERSATION**—On Sunday, March 22, at 2:00 p.m., the Rev. Bruce Puckett will host the second PathWays Porch Conversation at the PathWays House (713 Kent Street). The conversation will be on the topic "Owning and operating a business—an example by two Christians" featuring Congregation members, Rick King and Whitney Schwab, owners of New Leaf Landscaping. Light refreshments will be provided.

**ORGAN RECITAL**—Next Sunday, March 22, at 5:00 p.m., University Organist Robert Parkins will present the final program in the Organ Recital Series before the Chapel closes for one year. "Three Centuries of German Organ Music," performed on the Flentrop organ, will include works by Pachelbel, J. S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Rheinberger, Brahms, Reger, and others. Admission is free and all are welcome.

**WHAT TO SAY WHEN SOMEONE IS DYING**—On Tuesday, March 24, at 12:30 p.m., Duke Chapel will host a panel discussion to explore death and dying from personal, practical, and theological perspectives in the Chapel. The panelists include Jennifer Gentry, Nursing; Raymond Barfield, Pediatrics and Divinity School; Karla FC Holloway, English, Law, and African American Studies; and Richard Lischer, Divinity School. Dean Luke Powery will moderate.

## CHAPEL STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

After nine years as the Director of Worship at Duke Chapel, the Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer Benson will be leaving Duke Chapel to take the position of Chaplain at Duke Divinity School, beginning July 1. Meghan has been a part of Duke Chapel for over a decade, both as a member of the Congregation and as an employee. She has served this community faithfully as pastor, preacher, and mentor. In her new role as Chaplain she will provide spiritual support to the Divinity School community through pastoral care, spiritual formation of students and staff, and facilitation of corporate worship. Although this is a loss for the Chapel, we are grateful for her years of ministry and trust God's leading in this new vocational opportunity. Meghan's final Sunday will be June 14.



**THE CONGREGATION AT DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL**  
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*The following Congregation opportunities are open to all.*

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—All Sunday morning classes meet in the lowest level of Duke Divinity School from 9:45–10:45 a.m. New participants are welcome at any time. Classes include:

- *Wee Praise* for infants through children age 3 with parents or caregivers in 0014 Westbrook
- *Godly Play* for 4-year olds through 5th graders in 0050 Langford
- *Youth Sunday School* for youth in 6th–12th grades in 0013 Westbrook
- *Adult Bible Study* focused on the theme of worship in 0011 Westbrook
- *Adult Forum*: Next Sunday, G. Paul Carr, will present “I Marched with King in Selma” in 0012 Westbrook.

**BACK PEW COLLECTION**—Donation of bedding and other supplies for the Durham Crisis Response Center may be placed in the back pew this morning.

**LENTEN LUNCH TODAY**—Please plan to stay after worship today for a simple Lenten lunch of soup, bread, cheese, and fruit. At the lunch new members of the Congregation will be introduced and friends from Reality Ministries will sell handmade soaps and candles. All are welcome to a time of fellowship.

**SATURDAY SERVICE PROJECT**—This Saturday, March 21, volunteers are needed to paint and refresh a room at Durham Crisis Response Center shelter from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon. We also need volunteers to donate paint, brushes, and rollers, and to lend paint trays and roller handles. If you would like to volunteer and/or are able to provide supplies, please contact Brad at [brad.troxell@duke.edu](mailto:brad.troxell@duke.edu). Volunteers will meet at the Pathways House, 713 Kent St, at 9:00 a.m. then carpool to the shelter.

## DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

*Duke Chapel is a Christian church of an unusually interdenominational character, with a tradition of stirring music, preaching, and liturgy. It is also a grand building, suitable for hosting major events in the life of the University and its members; it further acts as a moderator for the diversity of religious identity and expression on campus. 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 assistance 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 would like to receive the weekly eNews from the Congregation or have any questions, please email [congregation@duke.edu](mailto:congregation@duke.edu) or call 919-684-3917.*

## STAFF OF DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL

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