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## Goodson Chapel, Duke Divinity School

SERVICE OF THE WORD  
Thursday October 25, 2007  
Ten o'clock in the Morning

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### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!**

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

**People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN, UMH No. 598

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, in a world of change you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may persistently seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive, we may see truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:27-34

#### ANTHEM

*Jesu dulcis memoria*

Attributed to Tomás Luis de Victoria

*Jesus, how sweet the very thought, giving true joy to the heart: but sweeter than honey and all else is his presence.*

#### EPISTLE LESSON

2 Timothy 4:1-5

#### \*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

#### SERMON

#### A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

Grant, almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear us, O God. (sung response, UMH No. 490)**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear us, O God.**

Give us all the reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear us, O God.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear us, O God.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear us, O God.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear us, O God.**

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN, UMH No. 463

Lord, Speak to Me

CANONBURY

\*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

\*Please stand as you are able.

*Today's Call to Worship is from the United Methodist Book of Worship No. 451*

*Opening Prayer is from United Methodist Book of Worship No. 510.*

*Litany for the church and for the world is from United Methodist Book of Worship No. 495.*

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher* The Reverend Dr. James C. Howell, Visiting Lecturer and Senior Minister, Myers Park United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC

*Lector* Sarah Howell, Trinity '09

*Organist & Pianist*: Dr. David Arcus, Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist

*Choir* Duke Divinity School Choir

*Choir Director* Dr Allan Friedman, Assistant Conductor and Administrative Coordinator of Chapel Music

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week in Goodson Chapel:

**The Friday Service:** Rev Chris Brady, ThD candidate, preaching; Music led by Duke Divinity School Praise Team.

### **We welcome our visitors today:**

Ruth Mercer, NC; Scott Claasen, CA, Miranda Harrison-Quillin, FL; Brian Layman, TX, Paul Harrington, KY

**Special Psalms Service:** On Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> the Divinity School Choir will be presenting a music service dedicated to the Psalms. The choir will sing settings by Brazilian, Jewish, American, and English composers. The service will be augmented by the chanting of Psalms and hymns based on Psalm texts.

**"Music of the Heart" Concert of Sacred Song:** In celebration of the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth, Duke Divinity School is hosting renowned musicians, Dr. S.T. Kimbrough and Rev Timothy Kimbrough, in a concert of sacred song, "Music of the Heart", on Thursday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Goodson Chapel.

**Interested in serving in worship?** Please contact Dana Trent at [dtrent@div.duke.edu](mailto:dtrent@div.duke.edu) to be a liturgist, lector, or communion server.