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DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL YORK CHAPEL  
A Service of Word and Commissioning  
Thursday, February 26, 2004  
Ten after ten o'clock in the Morning

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**PRELUDE**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader:* Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

*People:* That he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.

**\* HYMN**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

UMH 548

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

Lord God, in this world where goodness and evil continue to clash with each other, instill in us, and in all your people, discernment to see what is right, faith to believe what is right, and courage to do what is right. Keep us aware of the subtlety of sin, and preserve us: body, mind and soul, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Stages on the Way, Iona Community, Wild Goose Worship Group*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 34:29-35

**ANTHEM**

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Alice Parker

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

II Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2

**HOMILY**

**COMMISSIONING OF PERSONS FOR SHORT TERM MISSION SERVICE**

*Leader:* All who take upon themselves the name of Christ are called into ministries of love and service by the example of Christ. As these members of our community begin their work among the people of Costa Rica, New Mexico, Honduras, Haiti, Ecuador and Peru, we pray the blessings of God and this community upon their endeavors.

*Congregation:* We recognize you as ambassadors of this community in ministry with the people of the world, and we dedicate you to service in the name of Jesus Christ. Through our prayers we will be united with you in your work. May God richly bless your labors.

*Leader:* Together, let us affirm our belief in the responsibilities of Christian Service:

**We believe in God, creator of the World;**

**And in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts.**

**We commit ourselves to the rights and dignity of all persons**

**And to the improvement of the quality of life.**

**We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world**

**And to the rule of justice and law among all nations.**

**We believe in the present and final triumph**

**Of God's Word in human affairs,**

**And gladly accept our commission**

To manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD

THE LAYING-ON OF HANDS

\* HYMN

"This is My Song"

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SENDING-FORTH WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

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Preacher: Lindsey Cole, *Senior MDiv*

Liturgist and Lector: Rev. Craig Kocher, *Associate Dean of Duke Chapel*

The Divinity School Choir, directed by Dr. Sue T Klausmeyer

Organist and Pianist: Dr David Arcus, *Chapel and Divinity School Organist*

Prayer Leaders: Brian Edmonds, Lisa Schubert, Chris Brady, Clark Rivinoja, Abby Kocher, and Lissa Smith

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**Please be in prayer for members of our community who will be serving on mission teams during Spring Break:** Haiti – Christopher Aho, Andrew Anderson, Ronda Cole, Mark Deane, Anne Householder, Cathy Hoyle, Lisa Schubert, Patrick Thompson, Julie Wilburn-Peeler, Will Zant; Honduras – Rey Aponte, Shaun Carroll, Brad Davies, Emily Davis, Abby Kocher, Craig Kocher, Mark Graves, George Ragsdale; Costa Rica – Brian Alberti, Adrienne Denson, Brian Edmonds, Dan Rhodes, Molly Tyson; Peru (2 teams) – John Utz, Sarah Smith, Clark Rivinoja, Elise Erikson-Barrett, Rydell Harrison, Will Faircloth; Ecuador (with a team from Vanderbilt) – Lissa Smith; New Mexico – Chris Brady, Jeff Jaynes

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choral Vespers today at 5:15 in Duke Chapel

Morning Prayer is held each weekday morning in York Chapel at 8:20am.

Friday Service in the Revivalist Traditions Tomorrow, February 27, at 2:30 pm in York Chapel. Cheryl Brown, preaching.

Service of Word and Table Wednesday, March 3, at 10:10 am. Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, preacher and celebrant.