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- Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We welcome you to this hour of worship at Duke University chapel, especially on this joyous occasion of the installation of the minister to the university, the Reverend Dr. William H. Willimon. We extend warm greetings to all of those present, especially to friends and relatives of the Willimon family who are our special guests today. Our preacher for today is our beloved bishop in residence, Bishop Kenneth Goodson. He is no stranger to most of us, having given some 47 years of service to United Methodist Ministry, here in the southeastern jurisdiction. It is a great joy to welcome Bishop Goodson once again to this pulpit. And just a reminder, of the monthly service of holy communion to be held in the memorial chapel immediately following the postlude today. All are invited to participate. The public is also invited to attend a carol on recital played by Jay Samuel Hammond at 1:30 this afternoon, followed by a two o'clock recital on the Flentrop organ played by Monica Umstaedt Rossman. And now let us join our hearts and minds in a moment of silent communion with God. ♪ Blessed be our God ♪ ♪ and Father ♪ ♪ of our Lord ♪ ♪ Jesus Christ ♪ ♪ Which according ♪ ♪ to his abundant ♪ ♪ mercy ♪ ♪ Hath begotten us ♪ ♪ again unto ♪ ♪ a lively hope ♪ ♪ By the resurrection ♪ ♪ of Jesus Christ ♪ ♪ from the dead ♪ (worship music) ♪ The church's one foundation ♪ ♪ Is Jesus Christ her Lord ♪ ♪ She is his new creation ♪ ♪ By water and the word ♪ ♪ From heaven he came and sought her ♪ ♪ To be his holy bride ♪ ♪ With his own blood he bought her ♪ ♪ And for her life he died ♪ (worship music) ♪ Elect from every nation ♪ ♪ Yet one o'er all the Earth ♪ ♪ Her charter of salvation ♪ ♪ One Lord, one faith, one birth ♪ ♪ One holy name she blesses ♪ ♪ Partakes one holy food ♪ ♪ And to one hope she presses ♪ ♪ With every grace endued ♪ (worship music) ♪ Mid toil and tribulation ♪ ♪ And tumult of her war ♪ ♪ She waits the consummation ♪ ♪ Of peace forevermore ♪ ♪ 'Til with the vision glorious ♪ ♪ Her longing eyes are blessed ♪ ♪ And the church victorious ♪ ♪ Shall be the church at rest ♪ (worship music) ♪ Yet she on Earth hath union ♪ ♪ With the three in one ♪ ♪ And mystic sweet communion ♪ ♪ With those whose rest is won ♪ ♪ Oh happy ones and holy ♪ ♪ Lord, give us grace that we ♪ ♪ Like them, the meek and lowly ♪ ♪ In love may dwell with thee ♪

- We pray to you, Lord Christ,

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the holy church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For all members of the church, particularly these in this university that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth and may thirst after righteousness, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For William, chosen minister in your church, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- That he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your church, and glorify your name, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For his family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For all who fear and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the mission of the church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the Earth, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the gospel, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the peace of the world that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer, for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer.

- For all who have died in the communion of your church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that with all the saints they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, oh Lord.

- Lord, hear our prayer, amen

- hear our prayer, amen. (organ music) ♪ Glory be to our creator ♪ ♪ Praise to our redeemer, Lord ♪ ♪ Glory be to our sustainer ♪ ♪ Ever thee and ever one ♪ ♪ As it was in the beginning ♪ ♪ Now and evermore shall be ♪

- You may be seated. Let us pray together for illumination, let us pray. Oh Lord, through the ages your prophets have spoken the truth to us, enliven now the reading and preaching of your word, so that we might hear what you say to us today, amen. The first lesson for this morning is taken from the Old Testament book of the prophet Joshua, chapter one, verses seven through nine. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law, which Moses, my servant, commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. Have I not commanded you, be strong and of good courage, be not frightened, neither be dismayed. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Here ends the reading of the first lesson.

(organ music) ♪ The statutes of our Lord are just ♪ ♪ And rejoice the heart ♪ ♪ The law of the Lord is perfect, ♪ ♪ It renews the soul ♪ ♪ The role of the Lord is sure, ♪ ♪ It makes wise the simple ♪ ♪ The statutes of the Lord are just ♪ ♪ And rejoice the heart ♪ ♪ The commandment of the Lord shines pure ♪ ♪ It brightens the eyes ♪ ♪ The statutes of our Lord are just ♪ ♪ And rejoice the heart ♪ ♪ The fear of the Lord is holy ♪ ♪ Enduring forever ♪ ♪ The decrees of the Lord are true ♪ ♪ And all of them righteous ♪ ♪ They are more precious than gold ♪ ♪ More than abundant pure gold ♪ ♪ The word of the Lord is sweeter than honey ♪ ♪ Than honey fresh from the comb ♪ ♪ The statutes of the Lord are just ♪ ♪ And rejoice the heart. ♪ ♪ The life of your servant is guided ♪ ♪ In keeping them there is great reward ♪ ♪ Who can know of my offenses ♪ ♪ Wash me from my secret wrongdoing ♪ ♪ God of hosts, keep your servant from foolish pride ♪ ♪ That it not rule over me ♪ ♪ Then shall I be whole ♪ ♪ and innocent of all my transgressions ♪ ♪ The statutes of the Lord are just ♪ ♪ And rejoice the heart ♪ ♪ Let the words of my mouth ♪ ♪ The thoughts of my heart ♪ ♪ Find favor before you ♪ ♪ Oh Lord, my redeemer and rock ♪ ♪ The statutes of the Lord are just ♪ ♪ And rejoice the heart ♪

- Hear now this reading from the holy gospel according to Saint Luke, which for this day has taken from the 10th chapter, verses one through 11. After this, the Lord appointed 70 others, and sent them on ahead of him two by two into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way, behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, peace be to this house, and if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him, but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it, and say to them, the kingdom of God has come near to you. But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near. Thus endeth the reading of this holy gospel. May God's blessing be unto us, that we may rightly hear and understand his holy word, amen. (organ music) ♪ Who shall separate us ♪ ♪ from the love of Christ ♪ ♪ Who shall separate us ♪ ♪ from the love of Christ ♪ ♪ Shall tribulation, or distress ♪ ♪ Or persecution, ♪ ♪ or famine, or nakedness ♪ ♪ Or peril, or sword ♪ ♪ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors ♪ ♪ Through him that loved us ♪ ♪ Who shall separate us ♪ ♪ from the love of Christ ♪ ♪ For I am persuaded that neither death, ♪ ♪ Nor life, nor angels, nor principalities ♪ ♪ Nor powers, nor things present ♪ ♪ Nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, ♪ ♪ Nor any other creature ♪ ♪ Shall be able to separate us from the love of God ♪ ♪ Which is in Christ Jesus our Lord ♪ ♪ Who shall separate us ♪ ♪ from the love of Christ ♪ ♪ Who shall separate us ♪ ♪ from the love of Christ ♪

- The epistle lesson for this morning is from Ephesians chapter three, verses one through nine. For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you gentiles, assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the