

Baccalaureate Service

Friday, May 17, 2019
Cordier Auditorium



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*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude Choral Prelude on “Lobe Den Derren” Alan Chambers, Organ
(Praise to the Lord, the Almighty) - James Plethel (b. 1936)

Welcome and Prayer Bekah Houff, University Pastor

Call to Worship Zoe Vorndran '19, John Paul Secrest '19

Zoe: We stand at a crossroads,
John Paul: a crossroads of what was and what is to come.
All: Guide our feet into the next steps of our journey.
Zoe: Inspire our hearts to service.
John Paul: Embolden us to love.
**All: Encourage us to use our varying gifts to work toward justice
and peace,**
Zoe & John Paul: so that we might live in harmony with one another.
Zoe: We gather this evening with joy.
John Paul: We gather this evening with hope.
All: We gather this evening to celebrate and remember.
Zoe & John Paul: Let us continue in gratitude together.

***Opening Hymn** “Come, thou fount”

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let the grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

God, we ask you, help us daily, better to display thy light.
To our neighbors, to the poorest, to the blind who long for sight.
Show us how to love the stranger, lead us to each aching need.
O God, fill us, make us worthy, in our word and in our deed.

Text: Robert Robinson (vv. 1-2), Anonymous (v.3); Music: American folk melody, Public Domain

Scripture	Proverbs 4:10-13, 23-26	Christopher Ryan Hohman '19
Reflections on the Journey: Student		Nolan McBride '19
Reflections on the Journey: Faculty		Heather Schilling '90 Professor of Education
Choral Anthem	“O Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord”	A Cappella Choir Debra Lynn, Conductor Pamela Haynes, Piano by Emma Lou Diemer
Scripture	Romans 12:2-18	Alexander McBride '19 Zane Yon '19
Reflections on the Journey: Student		Madalyn Minehart '19
Reflections on the Journey: Staff		Michael Dixon Director of Intercultural Services
Senior Anthem	“I Find My Feet Have Further Goals”	Debra Lynn, Conductor Pamela Haynes, Piano Lila VanLue '79 Hammer, Clarinet

I could not prove the Years had feet –
 Yet confident they run
 Am I, from symptoms that are past
 And Series that are done –

I find my feet have further Goals –
 I smile upon the Aims
 That felt so ample – Yesterday –
 Today's – have vaster claims –

I do not doubt the self I was
 Was competent to me –
 But something awkward in the fit –
 Proves that – outgrown – I see –

Music by Debra Lynn, text by Emily Dickinson

Closing Words

David McFadden '82, President

***Closing Hymn** “Will you let me be your servant”

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on the journey, we are trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

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***Blessing**

Samuel Tetteh-Quarshie '19

Postlude

Glad Tidings - Thomas Chesterton

Alan Chambers, Organ