

UNIVERSITY *of* DUBUQUE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
COMMENCEMENT SERVICE



MAY THE FIRST
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE
9:30 A.M.

The ORDER of EXERCISES

Processional

Mr. Derek Grant, *Bagpiper*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey F. Bullock

President of the University

Call to Worship

Dr. Nicholas Elder

Assistant Professor of New Testament

- Leader: You know what time it is, how it is now the moment to wake from sleep.
People: **For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first became believers.**
Leader: The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light
People: **Let us live honorably as in the day, and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.**

Opening Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Dr. Elder

Opening Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale, and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Mark 1: 9-13

Rev. Eric Hoey

Pastor of Presbyterian Church of Henderson, Kentucky

Commencement Address

"Navigating the Ups and Downs of Ministry"

Rev. Hoey

AWARDING of DEGREES *in* COURSE

Acknowledgment of Award Recipients

Rev. Dr. Annette Huizenga

Dean of the Seminary

Associate Professor of New Testament

Board of Trustees Recognition

Dr. Joseph A. Chlapaty

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Rev. Dr. Huizenga

Awarding of Degrees

President Bullock

Conferring of Hoods and Presentation of the Lindsay Crosses

Rev. Dr. Beth McCaw

Associate Professor of Ministry

Prayer for the Graduates

O Lord, uphold these graduates by your Holy Spirit.
Daily increase in them your gifts of grace, that they may be
faithful in service to you, both now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Rev. Dr. Elmer M. Colyer

Professor of Systematic Theology

Stanley Professor of Wesley Studies

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Benediction

President Bullock

Recessional

Mr. Grant, Bagpiper

MAY 2021 COMMENCEMENT

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FOR COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Rhett Downing | Pocatello, ID |
| Donald Kellner | Oil City, PA |
| Jonathan Kimball | Rolla, MO |
| Paul Koch | Bourbonnais, IL |
| Stacey White Nelson | Decatur, AL |

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

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| Kjirstin Marilyn Almos | Chicago, IL |
| Robert L. Burt III | Massillon, OH |
| Andrew Dutton | Garden City, NY |
| Amy J. McGriff | New Sharon, IA |
| Linda Cobb Ott | Seattle, WA |
| Samuel Sasu* | Moreno Valley, CA |
| Zoë Anastasia Wright | Pickerington, OH |

MASTER OF ARTS IN MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

(The title of the student's master's project is listed below his name.)

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| Mark Sterling Himel | Naperville, IL |
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Faithful Ministry in a Divided Nation

MASTER OF DIVINITY

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| Amber Dawn Balista* | Cortland, OH |
| Dwayne Leslie Brown** | Wingate, NC |
| Marcy Bunnell Carl | Georgetown, SC |
| Robin Clossman-Wright** | Pickerington, OH |
| Dana Marie Cox | Chana, IL |
| Emily Ann Frandsen | Birmingham, AL |
| Malissa Ann Garcia | Odessa, FL |
| LaWanda Michelle Harris | Little Rock, AR |
| Alex Jonathan Jerve | La Crosse, WI |
| Michael B. Kindred** | Illinois City, IL |
| Robert Michael Lanphere | Manly, IA |
| Lih-Wen Lee | Tainan, Taiwan |
| Joshua McKenna** | Knoxville, IA |
| Holly L. Miller | Strasburg, PA |
| Randall Stuart Miller | Kansas City, MO |
| Trevor Patrick Oetting | Monmouth, IL |
| Kellen Roggenbuck | Jefferson, WI |
| Elizabeth Joann Swan-Guzman | Geneseo, IL |
| Michelle Lynn Worzbyt* | Indiana, PA |
| Kevin Joseph Wright | Shreveport, LA |

* December 2020 Graduate

** *nunc pro tunc*

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

(The title of the student's doctoral project is listed below his/her name.)

Austin Gabriel Ashenbrenner Redmond, WA

Leading the People of God into the Neighborhood: Shifting our Imaginations to Consider God's Agency in the Ordinary

Rebecca P. Chaffee Grand Island, NY

Re-centered: An Intergenerational Ministry Model for Congregational Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families

Christopher Doyle Wharton, NJ

Responding Faithfully to Generation X – Why Generation X Rejected the Church en Masse, What it Means to the Future of the Church and What We Can Do About It

Christopher Otto Erde Quincy, FL

Standing with the Most Vulnerable: Examining Immigration Policy with a PC(USA) Congregation

Craig C. Ferguson Johnston, IA

Blending Spirits: Joint Congregational Resource Team

Patricia Dawson Hammond Brandon, SD

Leadership in a Changing Context: Rediscovering Our Faith

Kelsey Ann Ingalls Newport, OR

Awakening to the Agency of God: Habits and Practices

Michelle Phillip Junkin Edmond, OK

A Fuller Palette of Praise: Exploring God's Gift of the Creative Arts to Renew Engagement in Worship, Congregational Life, and Mission

Eunice Toms McGarrahan Colorado Springs, CO

Flesh of His Flesh and Bone of His Bone: Question 76 of the Heidelberg Catechism and the Embodied Presence of Christ in Culture

David R. Schultz Aledo, IL

Being With: Moving from a Paradigm of "Doing For" to a Paradigm of "Being With"

Michael W. Smith Mineral City, OH

Grandparenting for Faith: Mine, Yours, and Ours

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Rev. Eric Hoey

"Navigating the Ups and Downs of Ministry"



Rev. Hoey was born and raised in Southern California. After completing seminary at Talbot School of Theology, he served two growing PC(USA) congregations for 15 years until he moved to Kentucky. For eight years, he had been in Louisville serving in the Presbyterian Mission Agency as the director for Evangelism and Church Growth. He has been serving a small Presbyterian congregation in Henderson, Kentucky, for the past four years.

In his presbytery Rev. Hoey serves as the Church Development Committee Chair. In the community he sits on the Rotary board, the Library Trustee board, Volunteer Information Center board, and the Henderson Christian Community Outreach board. Rev. Hoey has been serving on the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Council of Advisors since 2013. He loves living and serving in a small community.

He has been married for over 30 years to Cynthia and has four adult children. In his free time he enjoys cooking, cycling, roasting his own coffee, and making beer.

SEMINARY AWARDS

Stratemeier Prize in Bible

Awarded to the student who, in judgment of the Biblical Division faculty, has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in the study of the Bible. Gifts to the endowment were made in memory of Dr. K.J. Stratemeier, professor of New Testament in the seminary (1940-1952) and patriarch of a family that had several college and seminary graduates. Dr. Stratemeier graduated from the seminary in 1916, and his wife, Gertrude, was one of the first women to graduate from the college, also in 1916.

Mackenzie Brister

The Joseph Mihelic Scripture Reading Prize

This reading contest was established out of the conviction that scripture reading plays a vital part in the worship of God, and that it should therefore be read with clarity, conviction, and reverence in order that hearers may know they are listening to the Word of God. Participation in the reading contest is open to all enrolled students and consists of two parts – a preliminary reading, from which finalists are chosen, and a final reading at which time the judges select first, second, and third prize winners.

First: Rebecca Lister

Second: Jessica Lewis

Third: Sarah Cornell

The Herbert E. Sr. and June E. Manning Prize for Public Worship

Awarded to the seminary student who demonstrates outstanding proficiency in the conduct of public worship. It results from the endowment gifts made by family and friends in memory of Herb Sr. and June Manning. Herb was a seminary graduate who served as the UDTS dean of students from 1948 to 1950, a pastor, and as a Presbyterian Church denomination staff.

Genevieve Beauchamp

Danielle Postma

The VanDerZyl Preaching Prize

Awarded annually to a Master of Divinity graduating senior who, in the judgment of the homiletics faculty, has demonstrated the ability to relate faithfully a scriptural text to the contemporary situation and who shows the greatest potential to excel in a preaching ministry. It was funded by endowment gifts from Roger and Beverly VanDerZyl, elders at Third Presbyterian Church in Dubuque.

Emily Frandsen

The Baird Prize for Preaching

Awarded to a Master of Divinity student who, in the judgment of the homiletics faculty, has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in preaching. This endowment was created to honor the retirement of Dr. John Baird, professor of homiletics and ministry from 1976 to 1994.

Rebecca Lister

SEMINARY AWARDS

Eugene and Winifred Davis Middler Award for Promise in Pastoral Ministry

Awarded annually to a middler student who plans to enter the pastoral ministry and who, in the judgment of the faculty and professional staff, shows promise in this calling. It was established by Mrs. Nancy Wallace in honor of her parents.

Samuel LaMere

The Donald G. Bloesch Theology Endowed Award

Awarded annually to the graduating senior who, in the judgment of the history/theology division faculty, has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in the study of theology. It was begun by a graduating seminary student, Ken Haines, in 1997 to honor Dr. Donald G. Bloesch, professor of theology from 1957 to 1992.

LaWanda Harris

The John Wesley Prize

Awarded to a United Methodist student who has demonstrated scholarly excellence in church history and theology courses, as determined by faculty in that division. It results from endowment gifts made by seminary faculty and staff.

Michael Craig

The Plato E. Sargent Achievement Prize

Awarded to the junior and middler students who have achieved the highest academic standing in their respective classes during the academic year in which the award is made. The endowment came from the estate gift of Mr. Plato E. Sargent, a dedicated church elder and attorney.

Junior: Jessica Means

Middler: Katherine Conner and Mackenzie Brister

The C. Howard Wallace Endowed Award for Excellence in Old Testament Studies

This award is presented to a graduating senior who plans to do graduate work in biblical studies and/or travel in biblical lands. It was made possible by Mrs. Charlene Wallace in honor of her son Howard's teaching and service to the church. Dr. C. Howard Wallace was a professor of Biblical theology from 1959 to 1996.

Zachariah Bloom

The Hoyt Hickman Award for Outstanding Liturgical Scholarship and Practice

Awarded to a senior student who, in the judgment of the selection committee, has given evidence of a high quality of scholarship in the study of liturgy and is an effective leader of Christian Worship. The award is made possible by The Order of St. Luke, a religious order affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

Trevor Oetting

SEMINARY AWARDS

The Henry E. and VeNita E. Fawcett Award in Pastoral Ministry

This award is given to the outstanding graduating senior who has demonstrated skills and personal commitment in pastoral ministry. The attributes that have been noted for the recipient of this award are as follows: skill in and a personal commitment to pastoral ministry, demonstrated potential in preaching, skill in personal relationships, a record indicating discipline and dedication to study, promise for major contributions to the life of the church and to the larger community, and a sense of humor. Henry and VeNita Fawcett have contributed to this endowment. Dr. Fawcett served as pastor to students, director of the Native American Program, and professor of ministry from 1986 to 2003.

LaWanda Harris

The Barbara Watson Smith Presbyterian Bible Content Award

The Barbara Watson Smith Presbyterian Bible Content Award is granted to the PC(USA) student earning the highest passing score on the denomination's Bible Content Exam. Barbara Watson Smith was born in Zanesville, Ohio. A graduate of Muskingham College, she was for years an active member and treasurer of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For many years, Barbara also operated Faith Bookstore as an outreach to the Highland Park, East Liberty, and Shadyside neighborhoods of Pittsburgh. A strong believer in the authority and inspiration of Scripture, she lived in prayerful and hopeful anticipation of the return of Christ and his coming kingdom. The award endowed in her name by her daughter Victoria Slemmons and Professor Timothy Slemmons is funded to the glory of God and in grateful memory of Barbara's life, love, faith, witness, and service to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amy Cerniglia

The Newbigin Prize

Lesslie Newbigin (1909-1998) was a British missionary bishop in India, theologian, and ecumenical statesman who played a seminal role in calling the West to recognize its own culture as a critical and challenging missionary context. The Newbigin Prize is awarded to a graduating Master of Arts in Mission and Discipleship or Master of Divinity student who, in the judgement of the mission faculty, shows great promise to help the Christian church engage the pressing challenge of missionary engagement with the Western context through demonstrated gifts for contemporary cultural exegesis and leadership in innovative and faithful forms of contextualized Christian witness and community.

Dana Cox

MISSION *and* VALUES

The University of Dubuque is a private university offering undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary degrees, and other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person. The University is comprised of individuals from the region, our nation, and the world.

As a community, the University practices its Christian commitments by educating students, pursuing excellence in scholarship, challenging students to live lives of worth and purpose, and preparing students for service to the church and the world.

Therefore, the University of Dubuque is committed to:

- A hospitable Christian environment which respects other faith traditions;
- Relationships which encourage intellectual, spiritual, and moral development;
- Excellence in academic inquiry and professional preparation;
- A diverse and equitable community where Christian love is practiced;
- Stewardship of all God's human and natural resources;
- Zeal for life long learning and service.

A Community after God's Heart:
Shaped by Faith in One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
We seek to follow Jesus,
Walk in the Spirit,
Join God's Mission.

We are a Christian seminary dedicated for forming God's people for Servant leadership in ministry and mission:

- Gathering in gratitude and faithfulness, to be reformed according to the Word of God.
- Growing in the Church's biblical faith in the Triune God.
- Excelling in theological education and scholarship.
- Living as faithful stewards of God's Gifts.
- Engaging the changing needs of the Church and World.

