

UNIVERSITY *of* DUBUQUE
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
COMMENCEMENT SERVICE



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9:30 A.M.

John and Alice Butler Hall

Heritage Center

Dubuque, Iowa

The ORDER of EXERCISES

Prelude

Ken Kilian Brass Quartet

Processional*

Derek Grant, *Bagpiper*

Charles Barland, DMA, *University Organist and Professor of Music*

Danielle Postma (MDiv'23), *Student Marshal, Moderator of the Student Association*

Mackenzie Brister (MDiv'23), *Crucifer, Treasurer of the Student Association*

Welcome*

Rev. Jeffrey F. Bullock, PhD

President of the University

Call to Worship*

Rev. Timothy Slemmons, PhD

Professor of Homiletics and Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: O come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: **Let us come with thanksgiving.**

Opening Prayer*

Professor Slemmons

Hymn*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Henry van Dyke Jr.

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.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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.

** Please stand if you are able*

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker

Mark D. Ward, PhD

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:6-8

Rev. Gary S. Eller, PhD

*President of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation, Retired
Omaha, Nebraska*

Commencement Address

"Ministry in Turbulent Times"

Rev. Eller

Recognition of Retiring Faculty

Vice President Ward

Acknowledgment of Award Recipients

Rev. Annette Huizenga, PhD

Dean of the Seminary and Associate Professor of New Testament

Board of Trustees Recognition

Joseph A. Chlapaty, DHL

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees

Dean Huizenga

Awarding of Degrees

President Bullock

Conferring of Hoods

Rev. Bradley Longfield, PhD

Professor of Church History

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

Charge to Graduates

Rev. Christopher James, PhD

Associate Professor of Evangelism and Missional Christianity

Closing Prayer

Mary Emily Duba, PhD

Chair of the Department of Theology and Assistant Professor of Theology

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.

Hymn*

Amazing Grace
John Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, we have already come;
'Tis grace has brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Benediction*

President Bullock

Recessional

Ken Kilian Brass Quartet

Platform Party

Rev. Jeffrey F. Bullock, PhD, *President of the University*
Joseph A. Chlapaty, DHL, *Chairman, Board of Trustees*
Mary Emily Duba, PhD, *Chair of the Department of Theology and Assistant Professor of Theology*
Rev. Gary S. Eller, PhD, *President of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation, Retired*
Rev. Annette Huizenga, PhD, *Dean of the Seminary and Associate Professor of New Testament*
Rev. Christopher James, PhD, *Associate Professor of Evangelism and Missional Christianity*
Rev. Bradley Longfield, PhD, *Professor of Church History*
Rev. Timothy Slemmons, PhD, *Professor of Homiletics and Worship*
Mark D. Ward, PhD, *Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty*

*Immediately following the service, you are cordially invited to a reception in
Steffens Hall in the Charles and Romona Myers Center.*

** Please stand if you are able*

APRIL 2022 COMMENCEMENT

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP FOR COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

David R. Brackett
deNay Porter Kirkpatrick
Sara Wildoner Maus

Port Washington, NY
Vestavia Hills, AL
Wilmington, OH

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Susan Ellen Goebel
Eleanor Keep Harle**
Eric Anton Kreuter
Heather Libich
Chris Cameron Oliver**

Glencoe, MN
Redfield, SD
Yorktown Heights, NY
Ada, MI
Spruce Creek, PA

MASTER OF ARTS IN MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

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

Aigerim Begalieva
Ministry Among Minority International Populations in the Midwest

Balykchy, Kyrgyzstan

Shayla Butler*
Faithful Christian Ministry in Action: Meeting the Needs of LGBTQIA and Youth

Somonauk, IL

Kristina Obom Malderelli
Engagement in Online Discipleship Ministry

North Potomac, MD

* December 2021 Graduate

** *nunc pro tunc*

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Rev. Gary S. Eller, PhD
*Recently Retired President of the
Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation
Omaha, Nebraska*

"Ministry in Turbulent Times"



Gary Eller was born and raised in North Carolina. After completing his master of divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary, he earned a doctor of philosophy at Vanderbilt University. He has served congregations in Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, West Virginia, and Nebraska. From 2007 to 2022, he was president of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation in Omaha, Nebraska.

He remains an author, consultant, clergy coach, and theological educator at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Creighton University, and the University of Nebraska Omaha. He served on the UDTs Council of Advisors for 12 years.

Gary and his wife, Sharon, have two grandsons in Omaha. They enjoy music, travel, reading, the performing arts, and films.

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 to 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.

Jessica Means

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. All enrolled students are welcome to participate by offering their best reading of the assigned text, from which readings preaching and worship faculty will select first, second, and third prize winners.

First: Sarah Cornell

Second: Amy Cerniglia

Third: Kennedy (Jo) Wiersema

The Bastian Endowed Award

Awarded annually to a graduating senior who has achieved the highest academic standing during the academic year in which the award is made. This award was established by Rev. Dr. Dwight Bastian, former UDTS Council of Advisor member, in honor and memory of his parents, Ralph C. and Alice K. (Wall) Bastian.

Zachariah Bloom

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, as a pastor, and as a Presbyterian Church denomination staff.

Kate Meyrick

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.

Terri Cornwell

SEMINARY AWARDS

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.

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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 Nancy Wallace in honor of her parents.

Karolee Larson

The Donald G. Bloesch Theology Endowed Award

Awarded annually to the graduating senior who, in the judgment of the history and 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.

Zachariah Bloom

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 Plato E. Sargent, a dedicated church elder and attorney.

Junior: Lorna Blackford

Middler: Rebecca Lister

The Thomas F. Torrance Award

Thomas F. Torrance (1913 to 2007) was born to missionary parents in Chengdu, China, and is widely recognized as the greatest theologian in the English-speaking world in the second half of the 20th century. In 1978, Torrance received the Templeton Foundation Prize for Progress in Religion for his contributions to the dialogue between theology and natural science. The award is presented to a master of divinity middler student who, in the judgment of the history and theology faculty, has demonstrated scholarly excellence in theology.

Lynn Miller

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 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.

Mackenzie Brister

SEMINARY AWARDS

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.

Zachariah Bloom

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

This award is given to the outstanding graduating seniors who have demonstrated skills and personal commitment in pastoral ministry. The attributes that have been noted for the recipients 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.

Zachariah Bloom

Lynn Miller

The Barbara Watson Smith Presbyterian Bible Content Award

The Barbara Watson Smith Presbyterian Bible Content Award is granted to the PCUSA student earning the highest passing score on the denomination's Bible Content Exam. Barbara Smith was a strong believer in the authority and inspiration of Scripture, and 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.

Karolee Larson

The Newbigin Prize

Lesslie Newbigin (1909 to 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.

Michael Craig

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary was founded in 1852 by Adrian Van Vliet in order to provide pastors for the settlers pouring into the Midwest during the latter half of the 19th century. In 1870 the seminary, then known as the German Theological School of the Northwest, was accepted by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church as an official institution. Undergraduate studies were eventually added to provide a more solid foundation for ministerial studies. The reorganized institution was granted a charter as the Dubuque Presbyterian German College and Seminary in 1911. In 1920, a new charter was issued, renaming the school the University of Dubuque.

In the recent past, the seminary has initiated a number of programs and agreements to serve the church. In 1964, the seminary joined Wartburg Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Aquinas Institute of the Roman Catholic Church in an unprecedented threefold seminary consortium. This arrangement lasted until 1981 when Aquinas Institute moved to St. Louis, Missouri. The consortium with Wartburg remains. In the 1970s, the seminary initiated the Native American Program to train pastoral leaders for Native American communities across the nation. In 1998, the seminary began distance education of ruling elders for the Presbyterian Church and is now accredited to offer the master of divinity and master of arts in mission and discipleship primarily online.

The faculty, staff, and administration are committed to maintaining the tradition of the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary of providing strong preparation for Christian leadership. Through teaching and scholarship in the classic theological disciplines, the faculty prepares women and men for faithful and effective service to Christ and the church.

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The tradition of the academic procession and academic apparel goes back to the 14th century and the early days of the old European universities, when gowns and hoods were first required. Although European institutions continue to show great diversity in their specifications on academic apparel, current practices in the United States follow the code established by the American Council on Education.

Academic apparel indicates the most advanced degree held by the wearer. Gowns for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees are distinguished by the variation in sleeve length; the hoods for these degrees, by their length, and by the width of the edging. The color of the edging of the hood indicates the subject of the degree (e.g. white for arts, scarlet for theology) and colors of the lining of the hood indicate the institution from which the degree was received; thus from the University of Dubuque the colors are blue and white. Apparel for the doctoral degree is distinguished by the panels on the sides of the hood, the gold tassel on the cap, and the velvet trimming on the gown.

THE BAGPIPES

Bagpipes are a symbol of Scotland and the Presbyterian roots of the University; they represent the spiritual freedom we have received through Jesus Christ.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

MISSION *and* VALUES

The University of Dubuque is a small, private university affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) offering undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary programs. The University is comprised of individuals from the region, the 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 lifelong learning and service.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY MISSION STATEMENT

A Community after God's Heart:
Shaped by Faith in the 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 to 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.