Baccalaureate Service

Friday, May 7, 2021
7:00 P.M.

Virtual Event

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ABOUT THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

With roots in the universities of medieval Europe, the baccalaureate service and sermon have long been associated with the commencement exercises of colleges and universities. The term *baccalaureate* is derived from two Latin words: *bacca*, meaning berry, and *laures*, which means laurel, and may refer to a crown of laurel with which a newly graduated Bachelor was crowned.

This prelude to Commencement is a service of worship in celebration of and thanksgiving for lives dedicated to learning and wisdom.
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Order of Worship

Opening Prayer
Marie Porter
University Chaplain

Words of Welcome
Dr. Scott D. Miller
President of the University

Introduction of Student Speaker
Jason Seward ’05
Associate Vice President for Campus Life and Operational Management

Student Reflection
Ashley Roehrman ’21

Presentation of Student Leadership Award
Dr. Miller

“The Prayer of St. Patrick”
Virginia Wesleyan Vox Vera
Composed by Serena Smith ’21

Scripture Reading
Justin Robins ’21

Introduction of the Speaker
Dr. Miller

Baccalaureate Sermon
Dr. David R. Black
President-Emeritus of Lakeland University and Eastern University
Presentation of Dr. Black for Doctoral Degree (honoris causa)
Dr. Deirdre Gonsalves-Jackson
Dean of Virginia Wesleyan University Global Campus

Presentations of The Wesley Award
Dr. Miller

Greetings from the Office of Alumni Relations
Lori L. Harris ’94
Associate Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of Alumni Relations

Once a Marlin, Always a Marlin
Sabrina Jones ’21

Benediction
Dr. Craig Wansink
Professor of Religious Studies
Joan P. and Macon F. Brock, Jr. Director of the Robert Nusbaum Center

Virginia Wesleyan Vox Vera

Dr. Bryson Mortensen
Conductor
Associate Professor of Music and Chair of Fine and Performing Arts

SINGERS

Jacob Barnett  Thomas Reinhold
Rachel DeMay  Jackson Simmons
Rebecca Gardner  Serena Smith
Aleigha Johnson  Jennifer Vega
Robert Jones  Lindsay White
Lars Neel  Andre Wiggins