

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



Baccalaureate Service

Friday, May 13, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Pre-Service Concert

5:30 P.M.

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
SUSAN S. GOODE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
5817 WESLEYAN DRIVE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23455



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.



Wesleyan Vox Vera

PRE-SERVICE CONCERT

5:30 P.M.

Dr. Bryson Mortensen

Music Director

SINGERS

Jacob Barnett '22	Robert Nolin '24
Maya Davis '22	Landon Rockwell '25
Rachel DeMay '22	Brooke Underwood '24
Rebecca Gardner '22	Lindsay White '22
Sophia Kaminaris '23	Andre Wiggins '22
Jack Mowatt '23	

Pre-Service Concert will include:

In My Life, arranged by Roger Emerson
Run to You, arranged by Kirby Shaw
Dare You to Move, arranged by Rebecca Gardner
That Lonesome Road, arranged by Deen E. Entsminger
When the Earth Stands Still, by Don Macdonald
Look for That Silver Lining, arranged by Bryson Mortensen
Over the Rainbow, arranged by Roger Emerson
Imagine, arranged by Roger Emerson
Stand By Me, arranged by Anne Raugh and Deke Sharon

PROCESSIONAL *(in order)*

ACOLYTE – Lindsay White '22

BIBLE – Isabel Laxton '22

CRUCIFER – Landry Moffo '22

Kimberley Hammer, *Vice President for Advancement/Special Assistant to the President*

Dr. Keith Moore, *Vice President for Campus Life and Operational Management*

Dr. Susan Larkin, *Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Mary Ryberg, *Vice President for Finance*

Heather Campbell '04, *Vice President for Enrollment*

Lori L. Harris '94, *Executive Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations*

Marie Porter, *Director of Student Ministries*

Rev. Beth Givens, *Pastor of Haygood United Methodist Church*

Dr. Scott D. Miller, *President of the University*



Baccalaureate Service

ORDER OF WORSHIP

6:00 P.M.

The service will proceed without announcement.

Processional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *(All stand to sing)*

George Stone, *Piano*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Op'ning 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, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring 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.

Words by Henry J. Van Dyke; Music by Ludwig van Beethoven

Invocation

Rev. Beth Givens

Words of Welcome

Dr. Scott D. Miller

Scripture Reading

Brooke Erickson '22

Psalm 139: 1-4, 13-18, 23-24 *New International Version*

(All read the **bold**)

You have searched me, Lord, and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down;

You are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue You, Lord, know it completely.

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them. Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with You.

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Scripture Reading

James Harrod '22

The Words of Jesus from Matthew 18: 1-4, 10-14 *New Revised Standard Version*

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

Student Reflection

Erin Highsmith '22

Presentation of President's Leadership Award

Dr. Miller

Anthem

Wesleyan Vox Vera

The Road Home BY STEPHEN PAULUS

Scripture Reading

Emily Geis '22

The Words of Jesus from John 4: 7-12 *New Revised Standard Version*

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Introduction of the Speaker

Dr. Miller

Baccalaureate Sermon

Love Is All We Need To Know

Rev. Givens

Presentation of The Wesley Award

Dr. Miller

Hymn: Amazing Grace *(All stand to sing)*

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
I have already come
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me 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 first begun

Words by John Newton; Traditional Appalachian Tune

**Greetings from the Office of
Alumni Relations**

Lori L. Harris '94

Presentation of the Tassels

**Dr. Miller
Dr. Larkin
Ms. Harris**

Benediction

Marie Porter

*Recessional Hymn: **Be Thou My Vision** (All stand to sing)*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words by Mary E. Byrne; Music by Carlton R. Young

*Postlude: **To God be the Glory***
ARRANGED BY MARK HAYES

George Stone



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 14, 2022

10:00 A.M.

University Commons

Rain location: TowneBank Arena, Jane P. Batten Student Center

ARMY ROTC COMMISSIONING CEREMONY

12:00 P.M.

Godwin Hall Lawn

Rain location: Hofheimer Library

For more information, visit vwu.edu/commencement

