

VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



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
Aleighta Johnson	Jennifer Vega
Robert Jones	Lindsay White
Lars Neel	Andre Wiggins

