



EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE  
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

FRIDAY EVENING  
THE SIXTEENTH OF MAY  
TWO THOUSAND AND THREE  
AT EIGHT O'CLOCK  
MCFARLIN MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

## CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO BACCALAUREATE

Lorn L. Howard, Professor *Emeritus* of Electrical Engineering, Chief Marshal, *Emeritus*  
Fondren Science Tower, 7:30 p.m.

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### THE PRELUDE

*Cathédrales*

Louis Vierne

#### THE PROCESSIONAL

*Grand Chœur Dialogué*

Eugène Gigot

*The congregation rises when the procession reaches the doors of the auditorium.*

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

President R. Gerald Turner

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

University Chaplain William M. Finnin, Jr.

Isaiah 43: 1b-2, 5-7

Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

**I have called you by name, you are mine.**

When you pass through the waters I will be with you;

**and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;**

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

**and the flame shall not consume you. ...**

Fear not, for I am with you;

**I will bring your offspring from the east,**

**and from the west I will gather you;**

I will say to the north, Give up,

and to the south, Do not withhold;

**bring my sons from afar**

**and my daughters from the end of the earth,**

every one who is called by my name,

**whom I created for my glory,**

**whom I formed and made.**

#### HYMN

*Praise the Source of Faith and Learning*

Hymn to Joy

Praise the Source of faith and learning Who has sparked and stoked the mind  
With a passion for discerning how the work has been designed.

Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey  
Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art  
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.  
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound  
Where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought  
Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.  
May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed  
Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow  
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow.  
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,  
Till they join as one returning, praise and thanks to you, their Source.

## PRAYERS FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

### LESSONS FROM SACRED TEXTS

Professor Jaime Clark-Soles

Psalm 16:5-11

The LORD is my chosen portion  
and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen  
for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage

I bless the LORD who gives me  
counsel;  
in the night also my heart  
instructs me.

I keep the LORD always before  
me;  
because he is at my right  
hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and  
my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.  
For you do not give me up to  
She'ol,  
or let your faithful one see the  
Pit.

You show me the path of  
life.

In Your presence there is  
fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Rachel Waiters

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Arranged by Margaret Bonds

### INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

President Turner

### THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. William B. Lawrence

"In Search of Level Green"

*(Moments of Silence)*

### RESPONSIVE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Chaplain Finnin

Holy God, You have called us to be diligent teachers and eager learners  
in all that we do, both in this community and in Your larger world. Now send  
us forth into that world as Your willing servants.

**Give us the strength lightly to bear our joys and sorrows.  
Give us the strength to make our love fruitful in service.  
Give us the strength never to disown the poor or bend our  
knees before insolent might.**

**Give us the strength to raise our minds high above earthly trifles.  
And give us the strength to surrender our strength to Your  
will with love. Amen.**

Hindu Prayer

HYMN

*God of All Ages*

Trumpet Fanfare

God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

THE BLESSING AND RESPONSE

Chaplain Finnin

The time has come to go forth.

Senior Class: **We go in thanksgiving for all we have learned.**

This is a bittersweet moment.

Senior Class: **We rejoice in our growth and in bonds of friendship,  
even as we bid farewell.**

This is a moment of anticipation.

Senior Class: **We look forward with excitement, eager to embrace  
all that which awaits us.**

Go now in peace and hope; and may blessings accompany you always. Amen.

*Please stay in place for the Rotunda Recessional, which will follow immediately.*



## THE ROTUNDA RECESSIONAL

*One of the University's most symbolic traditions is Rotunda Passage, which includes both a processional and recessional. Many of tonight's candidates for graduation began their lives at SMU by processing through the Rotunda of Dallas Hall to Opening Convocation in this auditorium, symbolizing their entrance to SMU. Tonight, all candidates will recess through the Rotunda as a symbolic departure from campus and out into their future as the newest members of the SMU alumni family. Alumni who are parents of graduating seniors are serving as marshals for tonight's recessional. They will help line the path between McFarlin Auditorium and Dallas Hall for the recessional participants.*

### REMARKS

Scott Krouse  
President of the Class of 2003

*Following his remarks, the president of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to Brit Moen, President of the Class of 2004.*

Robert H. Clark  
President of the Alumni Association

### CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Bradley Kent Carter  
Chief Marshal

### VARSIITY

Oh we see the Varsity,  
Varsity, Varsity,  
As she towers o'er the hill  
Over there.  
And our hearts are filled with joy,  
SMU, SMU,  
Alma Mater we'll be true  
Forever!

*Following "Varsity," all candidates will remain standing. As soon as the stage party is organized in a central aisle, ushers will help guests assemble on both sides of the diagonal walk to Dallas Hall. As this is being accomplished, the stage party will lead the Rotunda Recessional. Marshals will organize the candidates' march.*

### THE RECESSIONAL

*Toccata from Symphonie V for Organ*

C.M. Widor

*Reception following Rotunda Recessional.*

## WILLIAM B. LAWRENCE

Bringing more than three decades of experience in theological scholarship and local church leadership, William B. Lawrence joined Perkins School of Theology as dean and professor of American church history in August 2002. He previously served as associate dean for development and church relations at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta.

“Thirty-three years ago I was ordained as a deacon with specific authorization to serve,” Dr. Lawrence has said. “Three years later, when I was ordained elder, no one stripped me of my deacon’s orders. . . . I am permanently a deacon, accountable to the church and to God for service to others.”

Dr. Lawrence earned a Bachelor’s degree with distinction from Duke University in 1968, his Master of Divinity *cum laude* from Union Theological Seminary in New York in 1971, and his Ph.D. with distinction in homiletics and historical theology from Drew University in 1984.

Known for his writing and research in homiletics and the history and doctrine of The United Methodist Church, Dr. Lawrence has participated in a five-year study of United Methodism and American Culture funded by the Lilly Endowment. He co-edited several volumes for Abingdon Press and wrote *Sundays in New York: Pulpit Theology at the Crest of the Protestant Mainstream, 1930-1955* for Scarecrow Press (1996).

Dr. Lawrence served as senior minister at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church – the National United Methodist Church – in Washington, D.C., from 1998 to 2001, and was a Wesley Distinguished Faculty in the Theology and Practice of Ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary for 2000-01. He taught from 1993 to 1998 at Duke Divinity School as a professor of the practice of Christian ministry and was the associate director of the J.M. Ormond Center for Research, Planning and Development.

Dr. Lawrence served from 1990 to 1993 as district superintendent of the Wyoming Annual (regional) Conference of the United Methodist Church, located in southern New York and northeastern Pennsylvania. He served the previous 21 years as a pastor in United Methodist churches in New York and Pennsylvania.

### MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding:	R. Gerald Turner President of the University
Preaching:	The Reverend Dr. William B. Lawrence Dean of Perkins School of Theology
Liturgists:	The Reverend Dr. William M. Finnin, Jr. Chaplain and Minister to the University
Lector:	Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles Assistant Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology
Organist:	Richard Andrew Haigh Master of Music, Organ Performance, 2003
Precentor:	Dr. Jasper Neel Dean of Dedman College and Vice Provost of the University
Soloist:	Rachel Waiters Master of Music, Vocal Performance, 2003