



NINETIETH ANNUAL CONVOCATION
THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

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

CARILLON CONCERT AND CALL TO BACCALAUREATE

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PRELUDE

Pagan

Herbert Howells

THE PROCESSIONAL

Crown Imperial

William Walton

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.

INVOCATION

Chaplain Finnin

PRAYERS FOR THE ILLUMINATION OF SCRIPTURE

Barbara W. Kincaid

LESSONS FROM SACRED TEXTS

Philippians 4: 8-9

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

VOCAL SOLO

Callie Wahl

Shall We Gather at the River

Aaron Copland

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

The Reverend Dr. Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr.

(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 the Ages

National Hymn

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 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

Andrew Baker
President of the Class of 2005

Following his remarks, the president of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to a representative of the Class of 2006.

Kelly Compton
Alumni Board Chair

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

Improvisation in A minor, opus 150/7

Camille Saint-Saëns

Following the Rotunda Recessional, please join us for a reception in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center hosted by President and Mrs. Turner and the Office of Alumni Relations.

RHYMES H. MONCURE, JR.

Dr. Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr. became the United Methodist bishop of the Dallas Area, North Texas Conference, in July 2004. He was elected bishop in 2000 and first served as resident bishop of the Nebraska Area. He received the Master of Divinity degree from St. Paul School of Theology and the Doctor of Ministry from Carolina University School of Theology. Through 30 years of parish ministry, his appointments included urban and suburban congregations and diverse racial settings.

Dr. Moncure was director of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries from 1988 to 1996 and served as director with the General Commission on Christian Unity. He has taught in Schools of Mission for the Women's Division and been on the faculty to train new district superintendents and council directors. His other leadership positions have included district superintendent of the St. Louis South District, director of Congregational Development for the Missouri East Conference, and executive director for Urban Ministries in the Kansas East Conference. He has been a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences since 1984. Dr. Moncure received the Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Paul School of Theology in 1998 and the 1999 Solidarity Award from the Missouri East Conference. A current member of the Southern Methodist University Board of Trustees, he previously served on the boards of Nebraska Wesleyan University and St. Paul School of Theology and as a director of the General Council on Ministries and the University Senate.

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding:	Dr. R. Gerald Turner President of the University
Preaching:	The Reverend Dr. Rhymes H. Moncure, Jr. Bishop, Dallas Area, The United Methodist Church
Liturgist:	The Reverend Dr. William M. Finnin, Jr. Chaplain and Minister to the University
Lector:	Barbara W. Kincaid Lecturer in Business Law, Cox School of Business
Organist:	Dr. Larry Palmer Professor of Harpsichord and Organ and University Organist
Precentor:	Dr. Jasper Neel Dean of Dedman College and Vice Provost of the University
Soloist:	Callie Wahl Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance
French Horn Ensemble:	SMU French Horn Ensemble