

## SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

# NINETY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Baccalaureate Service

Friday Evening, the Fourteenth of May, Two Thousand and Ten Eight O'Clock in the Evening

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 The Imperial Brass

Olympic Fanfare Fisher Tull

Three Pieces Ludwig Maurer

THE PROCESSIONAL The Imperial Brass

Grand March from Aida Giuseppe Verdi

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

WORDS OF WELCOME R. Gerald Turner

President of the University

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Judith H. Henneberger

Associate Chaplain and Minister to the University

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,

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.

HYMN TO JOY Led by Rosharra J'Nae Francis

Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance

Praise the Source of faith and learning Who has sparked and stoked the mind with a passion for discerning how the world 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

Betty McHone

Coordinator of Religious Life, Candidate for degree of Masters in Counseling

LESSON FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 2:1-11

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON
"Your Greatest Need for a Life that Flourishes"

Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Rankin Senior Chaplain and Minister to the University

(Moments of Silence)

Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Arts in Corporate Communications & Public Affairs

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 Love and God of Power

Hymn to Joy

Led by Kathryn Montgomery Reiswig Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance

God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

We are not the first to be, banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we whene'er we share that devotion anywhere. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if its thy will, keeping free our spirits still.

God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

#### THE BLESSING AND RESPONSE

Associate Chaplain Henneberger

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 blessing 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

Bailey Holyfield President of the Class of 2010

Following her remarks, the President of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to the Class of 2011, represented by Kayley Nelson.

Kenneth Malcolmson Alumni Relations Chair

CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Thomas B. Fomby Chief Marshal

VARSITY

Led by Rosharra J'Nae Francis, Kathryn Montgomery Reiswig

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 the guests fill the walkways, the stage party will lead the Rotunda Recessional.

Marshals will organize the candidates' march.

THE RECESSIONAL
Selections from The Dansereye

The Imperial Brass

Tielman Susato

#### REV. DR. STEPHEN W. RANKIN

The Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Rankin, Senior Chaplain and Minister to the University at Southern Methodist University, is a native of Kansas. He graduated from Saint Paul School of Theology in 1986 after spending three years in Italy serving an expatriate congregation. Dr. Rankin went on to complete a Master of Theology Degree, followed by a Doctor of Philosophy from the Joint Program in Religious Studies at Northwestern University and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Dr. Rankin is recognized as an innovative leader in United Methodist campus ministry. Since 1995, Dr. Rankin has worked in higher education, both as professor and as campus minister. His ongoing scholarly interests focus on fresh applications of Wesleyan theology with Christian formation, particularly as it relates to college students and the development of young leaders. From this research have come a number of book chapters and articles for both scholarly and church-related publications.

#### MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Presiding: Dr. R. Gerald Turner, President of the University

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Rankin, Senior Chaplain and Minister to the University

Liturgist: Dr. Judith H. Henneberger, Associate Chaplain and Minister to the University

Lector: Betty McHone, Coordinator of Religious Life,

Candidate for degree of Master's in Counseling

Reader: Christene G. Dino, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Arts in Corporate

Communications & Public Affairs

Musicians: The Imperial Brass

Precentors: Rosharra J'Nae Francis, Kathryn Montgomery Reiswig

Candidates for degree of Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance

### GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal Bradley Kent Carter, Chief Marshal Emeritus

Thomas Osang, Procession Marshal

Robert Van Kemper, Platform Marshal

Nathan Balke, Christine E. Buchanan, Patricia Harrington-Delaney,

Deborah L. Diffily, Jeffery L. Kennington, Olga Lopez-Valero

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