

## SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

# NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The Baccalaureate Service

Friday Evening, the Thirteenth of May, Two Thousand and Eleven 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

Canzona Bergamasca

Bach Contrapunctus I

Gabrieli Canzona No. 2

Simple Gifts

Die Bankelsangerlieder

THE PROCESSIONAL The Imperial Brass

Trumpet Voluntary

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 Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Rankin

Chaplain and Minister to the University

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

That your way be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us let all the ends of the earth revere him.

INVOCATION Chaplain Rankin

Нуми то Јоу

Led by Budi Taniwan

Graduate student, Perkins School of Theology, Minister of Music and Liturgy University Worship

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

Assistant Chaplain and Coordinator of Religious Life

LESSON FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-28

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER

President Turner

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Rev. Mark Craig

Senior Minister, Highland Park United Methodist Church

(Moments of Silence)

"The Choices We Make"

Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

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 Budi Taniwan

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

Chaplain Rankin

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

Hayley Nelson President of the Class of 2011

Following her remarks, the President of the Senior Class will pass the lantern that signifies continuity to the Class of 2012, represented by Alexis Espanet.

Kenneth Malcolmson '74 Alumni Board Chair, 2009-2011

CALL TO THE RECESSIONAL

Thomas B. Fomby Chief Marshal

VARSITY

Led by Katrina Renée Galka Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance

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 The Imperial Brass

Trumpet Tune

#### REVEREND MARK CRAIG

Reverend Mark Craig has been the senior minister of Highland Park United Methodist Church since 1995. Prior to this appointment, he was founding minister at Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas, where he served as senior minister for 15 years. He serves on SMU's board of trustees, and is a member of the Academic Policy, Planning & Management and the Buildings and Grounds Committees. Craig earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Austin College followed by a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School. He was awarded a graduate fellowship at St. Michael's in Dumfries, Scotland, in 1972-73, and was ordained as an elder in The United Methodist Church's Central Texas Conference in 1973. Reverend Craig and his wife, Dr. Sandra Craig, reside in Dallas and have two sons and one daughter.

#### MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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

Preaching: Rev. Mark Craig, Senior Minister, Highland Park United Methodist Church

Lector: Betty McHone, Assistant Chaplain and Coordinator of Religious Life

Reader: Linwood Fields, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Musicians: The Imperial Brass

Vocalist: Budi Taniwan, Graduate Student, Perkins School of Theology,

Minister of Music and Liturgy University Worship

Precentor: Katrina Renée Galka, Candidate for degree of Bachelor of Music, Voice Performance

### GUILD OF MARSHALS

Thomas B. Fomby, Chief Marshal Thomas Osang, Procession Marshal Robert Van Kemper, Platform Marshal

Nathan Balke, Christine E. Buchanan, Deborah L. Diffily, Jeffery L. Kennington, Olga Lopez-Valero, David Sedman