



*Eastern University
Baccalaureate Service*

Friday, May 7th, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

*Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
and via Livestream*

Prelude

*Academic Processional

*Hymn.....“Crown Him with Many Crowns” by Bridges/Elvey
Led by Morgan Thomas (2020) and Robert Fisher (2021)

Welcome.....Joseph B. Modica
University Chaplain

*Invocation.....Shelita L. Jackson
Lecturer of Social Work

Scripture Reading (*see back of program*)Christa Lee-Chuvala
*Assistant Professor, College of Business and Leadership
& Faculty Chair, Leadership Fellows Program*

Musical Selection.....“*I Will Lift Mine Eyes*” by Jake Runestad
Directed by Andrew Puntel, Music Faculty

Reflections.....Cara-Ann Stone, *BS Entrepreneurial Studies & Business Management (Class of 2020)*
Douglas B. Kramer, *BS, Exercise Science (Class of 2021)*

Greetings.....Ronald A. Matthews
President

*Community Prayer.....Jackie Irving
Vice Provost for Student Development

Special Music.....“Annunciation (III – The Blessing)” by Kevin Siegfried
*2020/2021 Turning Point Members
Directed by Andrew Puntel*

Introduction of Speaker.....Kenton L. Sparks
Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

Baccalaureate Address.....”Show & Tell”Kimberlee (K-lee) A. Johnson
*Assistant Professor, Palmer Theological Seminary & College
Director, Prison Education Program*

*Hymn.....“Great is Thy Faithfulness” by Chisolm/Runyan
(Duet) Brian Eltman (2020) and Olivia Ruth (2021)

Prayer of Dedication.....Joseph B. Modica
University Chaplain

Lighting of Candles.....“Jesus is the Light of the World”
Written, composed & sung by Ronald A. Matthews

*Benediction.....Heewon Chang
Professor & Chair, PhD in Organizational Leadership

*Academic Recessional

*Postlude, John Silva – Organ

Crown Him With Many Crowns

1. *Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Thru all eternity.*
2. *Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side-
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.*
3. *Crown Him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.*
4. *Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days
Adored and magnified.*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. *Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

Refrain:

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have
needed Thy hand hath provided--Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2. *Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, Join with
all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Scripture Reading

New Revised Standard Version

1 Timothy 4:6-16 If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed.⁷ Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness,⁸ for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.⁹ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance.¹⁰ For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.¹¹ These are the things you must insist on and teach.¹² Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.¹³ Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching.¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders.¹⁵ Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.¹⁶ Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The baccalaureate service originated with an English statute of 1432 that required every degree candidate at the University of Oxford (England) to deliver a sermon in Latin. British practice was continued in colonial America, and baccalaureate services have since become an integral part of commencement exercises, marking the completion of an educational program, just as opening convocation marks the beginning. The first baccalaureate address at Emory College was delivered in Oxford, Georgia, by Bishop William Capers in 1940 (<http://oxford.emory.edu/>).

Eastern University's first *Baccalaureate* service was held in the spring of 1959 in the gymnasium on the St. Davids campus.

Many thanks to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church for allowing us to hold this special service in their sanctuary since 2001.