



## 2013 BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 5 | 10 a.m. | Richardson Performing Arts Center

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude..... Ms. Amy Haist  
*“Lift High the Cross” - Nicholson/Behnke*

Welcome ..... Rev. Ashlee Alley, *Campus Minister*

\*The Call to Worship ..... Dr. W. Richard Merriman, Jr., *President*

Leader: Come and worship the Lord. Come and celebrate the goodness of God.

**People: God’s mercies are new every morning. We come this morning to celebrate.**

Leader: Looking back, we see difficulty and success, joy and sorrow, pain and health.

**People: We pursue the prize of life, forgetting what is behind us and reaching forward to what is ahead.**

Leader: O God, great is your faithfulness, giving us strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

**People: Living God, we seek your grace to will and to do what you have prepared us to do. As we take this next step of life, may we find our joy and fullness in you.**

\*Song of Praise ..... Senior Worship Team  
*“Praise is Rising” - Brenton Brown & Paul Baloche*

\*Song of Praise ..... Senior Worship Team  
*Everlasting God” - Brenton Brown & Ken Riley*

\*Prayer of Invocation ..... Tiffany Rea

Scripture ..... Dr. Dawn Pleas-Bailey, *Vice President for Student Life*  
*Lamentations 3:21-25, Philippians 3:12-14*

Leader: The word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Words of Witness..... Ms. Hannah Podschun

Words of Witness..... Mr. Stanley Nelson

Special Music ..... Senior Ensemble

Words of Witness..... Ms. Rutendo Jokomo

Words of Witness..... Mr. Derreck Carter-House

Charge ..... Rev. Alley

\*Closing Hymn ..... Senior Ensemble  
*“Great is Thy Faithfulness” - Chisolm/Runyan*

\*Benediction..... Rev. Alley

Postlude ..... Ms. Haist  
*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” - Paul Manz*

**\*Please Stand**

# SONGS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

## Praise is Rising

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You – We turn to You  
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You – We long for You

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
In Your presence all our fears are washed away – Washed away  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You – We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom broken lives are made new – You make us new

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In Your presence all our fears are washed away – Washed away  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus

'Cause when we see You we find strength to face the day  
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Washed away  
(REPEAT)

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We welcome You here, Lord Jesus  
(REPEAT)

## Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
Wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
(REPEAT)

Our God, You reign forever  
Our hope, our strong deliverer  
You are the Everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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(REPEAT)

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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 has been Thou forever wilt be

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

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

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All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

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

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