



Baccalaureate Service 2023

Sunday, May 7 | 10:50 a.m.
Grace United Methodist Church

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— SERVICE —

Prelude Dr. James Leland
“We Now Pray to the Holy Spirit” by J. G. Walthe

Welcome Pastor Charles McKinzie, *Grace UMC*
Molly McConnell, *Southwestern College*
Dr. Elizabeth Frombgen, *Southwestern College*

*** The Call to Worship** Daegiona Wilson, *Class of 2023*

Leader: You are the light of the world.

People: You cannot be hidden.

Leader: Let your light shine.

People: Lux Esto; be the light.

All: Amen.

*** Song of Praise** *“From Now On”*, Southwestern College Worship Outreach
Lyrics printed on back cover

*** Prayer** Ashley Soderlund, *Class of 2023*

*** Song of Praise** *“The Blessing”*, Southwestern College Worship Outreach
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*** Scripture: Psalm 18:28, Matthew 5:14-16** Garrett Heersche, *Class of 2023*

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Children’s Time Lydia Bumgarner, *Class of 2023*

Reflections of Light Dalton Ward, *Class of 2023*

Special Music *“Beautiful Savior”*, Grace UMC Choir

Reflections of Light Odyssey Mann, *Class of 2023*

Confession and Pardon Pastor McKinzie

**All: All-merciful, tender God, you have given birth to our world,
conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes.**

**We come as your children, reflecting the full spectrum of your creation, aware of
our aggression and anger, our drive to dominate and manipulate others.**

**We ask you to forgive us, and by the gentle touch of your Spirit help us to find a
renewed sense of compassion, that we may truly live as your people in service to
all.**

Leader: Hear this good news! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ YOU are forgiven. Glory to God. AMEN.

** Please stand as able*

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Offertory

*Doxology UM Hymnal #94

Holy Communion Pastor McKinzie

UMC Hymnal pgs. 15-16

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...as we pray the prayer Jesus taught his Disciples to pray, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Charge Pastor McKinzie

*Closing Hymn Dr. Leland

UMC Hymnal #92, "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vss. 1-4)

Benediction Pastor McKinzie

Postlude Dr. Leland

"How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou" by Marcel Dupré



From Now On

Verse 1

I saw the sun begin to dim
And felt that winter wind blow cold
A man learns who is there for him
When the glitter fades and the walls
won't hold
'Cause from then, rubble
What remains
Can only be what's true
If all was lost
There's more I gained
'Cause it led me back
To you

Chorus

From now on
These eyes will not be blinded by the
lights
From now on
What's waited 'til tomorrow starts
tonight
Tonight
Let this promise in me start
Like an anthem in my heart
From now on
From now on

The Blessing

Verse 1

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Verse 2

I drank champagne with kings and
queens
The politicians praised my name
But those are someone else's dreams
The pitfalls of the man I became
For years and years
I chased their cheers
The crazy speed of always needing
more
But when I stop
And see you here
I remember who all this was for

Bridge

And we will come back home
And we will come back home
Home, again! *x4*
And we will come back home
And we will come back home
Home, again! *x2*

Bridge

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family and your children
And their children, and their children
x2

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you
In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you

