

The Eighty-Ninth Opening Convocation

DUKE
DIVINITY
SCHOOL



11:25 a.m.
Tuesday, August 25, 2015
Page Auditorium, Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Order of Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D major, BWV 532

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

GREETING AND WELCOME

*OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*OPENING PROCESSION

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

**Holy God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to our lives.
Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that as we hear
your word in our midst, our hearts and minds may be opened to deeper
obedience and fuller knowledge of life with you, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4–13

*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:37–40

HOMILY

“Perfect Love”

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

RECOGNITION AND DEDICATION

Blessing of New Faculty and Staff
Welcome to the Entering Class

PRAYERS

Intercessory Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING PROCESSION

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

*POSTLUDE

Marche Héroïque

Herbert Brewer
(1865–1928)

**Please stand as you are able.*

LEADERS OF WORSHIP

ELLEN F. DAVIS, *Presiding Minister and Preacher*
Interim Dean of the Divinity School and Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished
Professor of Bible and Practical Theology

MEGHAN F. BENSON, *Presiding Minister*
Chaplain of the Divinity School

STEPHEN CHAPMAN, *Faculty Marshal*
Associate Professor of Old Testament

SUSANNAH LONG, *Lector*
Co-Coordinator of Divinity Student Council 2015–16

ABBY CARTER, *Lector*
Co-Coordinator of Divinity Student Council 2015–16

CHRISTOPHER JACOBSON, *Organist*
Duke Chapel Organist and Divinity School Organist

REPRESENTING THE SENIOR CLASS

MICHAEL LAVOIE, *Crucifer*
ROBERT BEICHNER, *Bible Bearer*

New Endowment Funds and Major Program Resources

*Fiscal Year 2014–15
(Gifts and Commitments of \$100,000 or greater)*

ENDOWMENTS

The Barnabas Scholarship Fund was established by an anonymous couple with gratitude for lifelong associations with Duke University and to support ministerial education for future generations of pastors and scholars in the church.

The Sally Glenn Bates Scholarship Fund was established by Sally Bates (Divinity '95) of Raleigh, N.C., who retired as chaplain of the Divinity School in 2015, with deep appreciation for a splendid education, unique opportunities for service, and enduring friendships enjoyed over many years, and to encourage and support excellence in ministerial education for leadership in the church.

The Carolina Alumni Divinity Scholarship Fund was established by Lowry and Susan Caudill of Durham, N.C., to support future generations of graduates of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill enrolled at Duke Divinity School who aspire to serve as pastors and scholars in the church. Priority will be given to those who intend to serve the United Methodist Church.

The Hawkins Family Scholarship Fund was established by W. Thornton Hawkins (Divinity '54) and his wife, Evelyn D. Hawkins, of Asheville, N.C., and their daughters, Patrice Hawkins Sigmon (Trinity '76) of Greensboro, N.C., and Catherine Hawkins Hoffman (Trinity '78) of Denver, Colo., with gratitude for the education and lasting friendships that generations of the family, including son-in-law, Allen R. Sigmon (Trinity '76), and daughter, niece, and granddaughter, the late Lauren Patrice Sigmon (Trinity '07), have enjoyed through Duke University, and also to encourage and support excellence for the church. Preference will be given to graduates of Trinity College or the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University, students interested in ministries involving care for the environment, or those preparing for parish ministry in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Sarah Cole Jordan and Robert B. Jordan III Scholarship Fund was established by the Mount Gilead, N.C., couple with deep appreciation for the experiences shared over the years with their many friends in ministry, and to encourage and support education for future generations of church leaders.

The J. Keith Kennedy Scholarship Fund was established by J. Keith Kennedy (Trinity '70, Divinity '74) of Falls Church, Va., with gratitude for the preparation and opportunities for service afforded by Duke University and the Divinity School.

The Sally B. and Wallace H. Kirby Scholarship Fund was established by Wallace Kirby (Divinity '54) of Asheville, N.C., with gratitude for the wonderful education, opportunities for service, and lasting friendships the family has enjoyed through Duke University over many decades, and especially to support ministerial education in the Divinity School that helps faithfully and effectively lead the church.

The Marcy Trust Bob Bushong Scholarship Fund was established by The Susan H. and Wilbur H. Marcy Trust to honor Robert B. Bushong (Divinity '81) with heartfelt appreciation for his leadership as senior pastor and minister of preaching at the First United Methodist Church of Winter Park, Fla.

The Irene and William McCutchen Associate/Assistant Professorship was established by William W. McCutchen (Pratt '62) and his wife, Irene L. McCutchen (Women's College '62), of Westport, Conn. The McCutchen professor also will serve as the director of the Center for Reconciliation, or its successor, at Duke Divinity School by continuing and expanding the center's work in inspiring, forming, and supporting communities to live as ambassadors of reconciliation, while engaging in other issues that impact the diverse Christian communities worldwide.

The McMullen Family Scholarship Fund was established by John H. McMullen (Divinity '70) and his wife, Fara S. McMullen, of Austin, Texas, with deep appreciation for the preparation that the Divinity School provides for a life of service. Preference will be given to students from Texas.

The Royce and Jane Reynolds Professorship was established by the Greensboro, N.C., couple in the spirit of the mission of the United Methodist Church of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." The professorship supports a faculty member of the Divinity School who is an excellent scholar in the field of evangelism.

The Elizabeth Stutts Rogers and Ralph P. Rogers Jr. Scholarship Fund was established by Lib Rogers (Woman's College '47) and her husband, Ralph Rogers (Trinity '45), of Durham, N.C., with deep appreciation for lifelong associations with Duke University and the United Methodist Church, and to support ministerial education for the church.

The M. O. Stephenson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established through the estate of the late Marion O. Stephenson (Trinity '32, Divinity '39), with gratitude for his faithful life and ministry serving as a pastor and spiritual leader in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church for more than six decades, and to support ministerial education.

The Allen D. Verhey Scholarship Fund was established by his wife, Phyllis J. Verhey, of Durham, N.C., and friends to remember and give thanks for the life of the late Allen D. Verhey, who was the Robert E. Cushman Professor of Christian Theology at Duke Divinity School, a faithful mentor, gifted teacher, and generous friend.

The Claude and Betty Jean Young Scholarship Fund was established by H. Claude Young Jr. (Trinity '51, Divinity '54) and his wife, Betty Jean Young, of Pittsboro, N.C., with deep appreciation for the education and lasting friendships that their family enjoyed through Duke University, and to encourage and support excellence in ministerial education in the Divinity School for the church.

The Mary R. Zavada Memorial Scholarship in Catholic and Ecumenical Studies Fund was established by John M. Zavada Jr. of Arlington, Va., in loving memory of his sister, Mary R. Zavada, in the spirit of advancing ecumenism and independent thinking among Christian traditions. Preference will be given to female students of any faith and ethnic background in the Doctor of Theology program at the Divinity School pursuing Catholic or ecumenical studies.

MAJOR PROGRAM RESOURCES

The Divinity Annual Fund received record contributions of \$766,291 from Duke Divinity School graduates and friends from across the nation and around the world, with the contributions helping significantly with student financial aid.

The Duke Endowment in Charlotte, N.C., continued its generous annual grants to underwrite Divinity School programs for field education, continuing education, the Thriving Rural Communities initiative, and Hispanic Ministries.

The Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis, Ind., provided continued funding for Leadership Education at Duke Divinity programs.

The Ministerial Education Fund of the United Methodist Church provided essential unrestricted dollars for student financial aid, faculty support, and other core mission programs of the Divinity School.