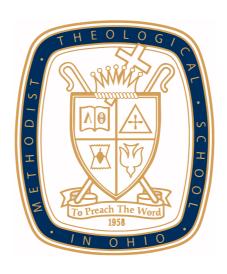
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Prelude

Welcome Jay Rundell, president

Song of Gathering "Be Now My Vision" See screens

InvocationLaura Ann Bergman, M.Div.
Kate Bouldin, M.Div.

Carla Miner, M.Div.

Blessed are you, Eternal God of the universe: We acknowledge you, we welcome you, and we thank you for you have brought us to this moment, this time, and this place:

this moment of crossing and convergence — this time of ending and beginning — this place of closing and opening.

Grant us, we pray, your comfort this evening and in the midst of transition.

Receive our grief over loss of friends, colleagues and relationships; our fear of change and of an uncertain future; and our doubts of our own abilities and divine calling.

May they be overshadowed by: the potential for new relationships, the courage for new challenges, and the hope for new direction. Grant us we pray, your wisdom and your courage in the choices we are making and in the paths we are pursuing.

Grant us we pray, your peace — the personal peace which passes all understanding and overwhelms our hearts, and the corporate peace that comes only amidst the building of just relationships with one another and with all of your creation.

Loving God, creator of all that is and was and will be, in this moment, may we recognize and experience your transforming presence among us. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Dean Cole, M.Div.

One: A word of life and comfort for a people in need.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

Mackalyn Figgins, M.Div.

Song of Response

"I Offer My Life"

See screens

Ritual — Cording of the Graduates

Christopher Carter, associate professor of theology, ecology and race

> Lisa Allen-McLaurin, professor of worship, music and spirituality

Song of Ritual

"A Great Work"

Juliyah Brevard Tatenda Juma Tori Lambert, M.Div. Jaylon Tasby

Blessing of the Graduates

Valerie Bridgeman, dean and vice president for academic affairs

Benediction

Mackalyn Figgins, M.Div.

BE NOW MY VISION Words by Mary E. Myrne and Eleanor H. Hull

I OFFER MY LIFE

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A GREAT WORK

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