

*The Commencement Service
of Columbia Theological Seminary*



Saturday, May 22, 2021

10:00 a.m.

An Online Celebration of the

2021 Graduating Class

THE COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

Prelude

Rylan André Harris

Welcome

Leanne Van Dyk

Call to Worship

La Ronda D. Barnes, Becca Leland,
Julianna R. C. Whitson

Blessed be God,
who creates out of divine imagination,
who shapes beauty out of chaos,
breathes life into dust,
delights in designing difference
and embodies in every one of us
the image of our Maker.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed be God,
who gives each person a purpose,
equipping us with energy and wisdom;
who refuses to discriminate,
affirming sacred worth,
identifying hidden potential,
recognizing the gifts that each one brings.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed be God,
who satisfies our needs in parched places,
making our communities like watered gardens;
who rebuilds foundations,
guiding our steps for generations;
who calls us outside of ourselves
to be repairers of the breach
and restorers of streets to live in.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed be the Maker,
the Redeemer and the Spirit
in our lives and our worship.

Amen.

Hymn

“Sing a New Church”

Commencement Singers

*Summoned by the God who made us
rich in our diversity
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity.*

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.*

*Radiant risen from the water,
robed in holiness and light,
Ev’ry person in God’s image,
Ev’ry person, God’s delight.*

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.*

*Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised,
sprung from seed of what has been.*

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.*

*Bring the hopes of every nation;
bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
let it sound through time and space.*

*Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new Church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.*

*Draw together at one table,
all the human family;
shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free.*

Prayer for Illumination

William Yoo

Scripture Reading

John 5:1-9

William Yoo

Sermon

“Do You Want to Be Healed?”

Kwok Pui Lan

Sung Response

“Your Spirit”

Commencement Singers

Conferring of Degrees

Jane Fahey

assisted by Brandon T. Maxwell and

Jeffery L. Tribble, Sr.

Announcement of Honors

Love L. Sechrest

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Melinda A. McGarrah Sharp

Blessing and Charge to Graduates

Caitlin Reeves Greenamyre

for the Staff of Columbia Seminary,

Faculty of Columbia Seminary

Hymn

“Glory To God, Whose Goodness

Shines on Me”

Commencement Singers

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines o me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning,

is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Benediction

Leanne Van Dyk

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Rylan André Harris, Interim Director of Chapel Music

CTS Commencement Singers

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Becca Leland, MDiv and MAPT Student

Julianna Rebecca Chen Whitson,

MDiv Student

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Enrollment & Student Affairs and Dean of

Students

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Ministry and Associate Dean for Advanced

Professional Ministries

Caitlin Reeves Greenamyre, Archivist and Staff

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Members of the Faculty

KWOK PUI LAN BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Kwok Pui Lan rejoined the Candler faculty as Dean's Professor of Systematic Theology in 2020. She previously served as Distinguished Visiting Professor of Theology for the 2017-

2018 and 2018- 2019 academic years, and

was named Faculty Person of the Year by the

student body both years. Dr. Kwok is the

former William F. Cole Professor of Christian

Theology and Spirituality at Episcopal Divinity

School. She has also taught at the Chinese

University of Hong Kong, Auburn Theological

Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, and

Yale Divinity School.

Dr. Kwok's research focuses on Asian feminist

theology and postcolonial theology. She has

written or edited twenty-one books in English

and Chinese, including *The Hong Kong Protests*

and Political Theology (Rowman and Littlefield,

2021); *Occupy Religion: Theology of the*

Multitude (Rowman and Littlefield, 2012, with

Joerg Rieger); *Postcolonial Imagination and*

Feminist Theology (Westminster John Knox,

2005); *Introducing Asian Feminist Theology*

(Sheffield Academic Press, 2000);

Discovering the Bible in the Non-Biblical World

(Orbis Books, 1995); and *Chinese Women and*

Christianity, 1860-1927 (Scholars Press, 1992).

Her current research focuses on the practice

of postcolonial theology.

SERVICE NOTES

Call to Worship adapted from *A Wee Worship*

Book. By Graham Maule, John L. Bell, and the

Wild Goose Resource Group. 5th edition. Wild

Goose Publications. 2015.

"Sing a New Church." Text by Dolores Dufner.

OCP Publications. 1991.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession written

by Melinda A. McGarrah Sharp with wisdom

from Simone Weil and Toni Cade Bambara.

"Your Spirit." By Tasha Cobbs Leonard. *Heart.*

Passion. Pursuit. feat. Kierra Sheard, Motown

Gospel (EGS). 2017.

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Kim, Carlene Knights, Ashley Lewis, Brandon

Maxwell, Martha Moore-Keish, David Oyali,

Cassandra Silverman, Jin-Sol Tark, Jeffrey

Tribble, Byunghun Yoon.

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Edward Meniffee (piano/organ), Jerome

Stephens (bass guitar).

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Life, and Rylan André Harris, Interim Director

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GRADUATES of the CLASS OF 2021

Doctor of Educational Ministry

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Atlanta, Georgia

Faith Builders: Empowering Parents, Youth

Leaders, and Mentors to Disciple Youth for

Lasting Faith

1st Reader: Kathy Dawson

2nd Reader: William Yoo

BA, Luther Rice University

MACS, Luther Rice University

MATS, Liberty University Baptist Theological

Seminary

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Seoul, South Korea

Ecological Education for Christian Children

Who Will Lead the Next Generation

1st Reader: Kathy Dawson

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BA, Hanshin University

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MTS, McCormick Theological Seminary

Doctor of Ministry

Betty Lyn Angelini

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CONFLUENCE: An Adaptive Change Merging Camp and Conference and Emerging Adult Ministries

1st Reader: Haruko Nawata Ward

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BS, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

MDiv, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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Switching Stories: Scripture and Conversion in Adult Formation

1st Reader: Martha Moore-Keish

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Tallahassee, Florida

Planning for the Future: A Healthy Framework for a Financial Endowment in Congregational Ministry

1st Reader: Mark Douglas

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Guideposts in the Desert: How Benedictine Spirituality with a Focus on Set Hours of Prayer Can Revitalize the Spiritual Practices of Members of a Reformed Congregation within the Presbyterian Tradition in the Twenty-first Century

1st Reader: Martha Moore-Keish

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Be Still and Know: Youth and the Struggle to Reclaim Sabbath

1st Reader: William P. Brown

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BA, Clemson University

MDiv, Columbia Theological Seminary

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Suwanee, Georgia

Satisfying Eucharist for Spiritual Hunger: From Julian of Norwich and Teresa of Avila to United Methodist Clergywomen in Parish Ministry

1st Reader: Haruko Nawata Ward

2nd Reader: William P. Brown

BS, Auburn University at Montgomery

MBA, Samford University

MDiv, Candler School of Theology Master of Divinity

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Gadsden, Alabama

An Exploration of the Preparedness of African Americans in Southern Region Hospices Who Are Facing Death

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2nd Reader: Marvin Simmers

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A Pastoral Approach to Preaching Difficult Texts

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The Socio-religious and Emotional Lived Experiences of Jamaican Immigrants in Miami, Florida, USA: A Case for a Pastoral Care Model

1st Reader: Oral Thomas

2nd Reader: Marvin Simmers

BA, University of the West Indies

DipMin, United Theological College of the West Indies

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Louisville, Kentucky

Beginning in Sin and Ending Rather Odd: An Appreciative Inquiry Case Study of the Effectiveness of the Synod of Living Waters in Supporting Mission and Ministry in the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky

1st Reader: Mark Douglas

2nd Reader: Charles A. Wiley

AB, Davidson College

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Early Faith: How Children (K-2) Learn about the Gospel Using Interactive Tools that Engage Their Faith

1st Reader: Kathy Dawson

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Place Forming Pastor: Imagination and Congregational Exegesis as Pastoral Spirituality

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BA, Davidson College

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Christian Worship and the Communal Practice of Sports: A Relationship for the Perspective of Families of First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg, Virginia

1st Reader: Rebecca F. Spurrier

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James Fowler's Faith Development Theory: Implications for Shaping Faith Formation of Millennials

1st Reader: Oral Thomas

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Rhetorical Analysis of Isaiah 11:1-9: Comparing Metaphors in Ancient Near East Literature

1st Reader: William P. Brown

2nd Reader: Mark Douglas

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Kellen Isaac Brooks
Westland, Michigan
*A Rubric for the Ongoing Development of Music
in African American Pentecostal Churches*
1st Reader: Rebecca F. Spurrier
2nd Reader: Mark Douglas
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MDiv, Ashland Theological Seminary

Young Min Choi
Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
*How Time, Space, and Matter Function in a
Digitally Mediated Worship*
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FELLOWSHIPS, PRIZES, AND AWARDS

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship

This fellowship was established in 1983 by the Rev. and Mrs. Harvard A. Anderson of Orlando, Florida. This fellowship is awarded to the graduate determined by the faculty to have the greatest potential for future academic achievement.

Columbia Graduate Fellowships

The Columbia Graduate Fellowships were initiated by the class of 1941.

Emma Gaillard Boyce Graduate Fellowship

This fellowship was established by the Rev. David Gaillard Boyce, an alumnus of the seminary, in honor of his mother. It is awarded to a graduating senior or clergyperson who enrolls in a graduate program of music and/or worship.

Fannie Jordan Bryan Fellowships

These fellowships were established through a generous legacy left to Columbia by the late Mrs. Fannie Jordan Bryan of Columbia, South Carolina.

Anna Church Whitner Fellowships

These fellowships are given periodically from a legacy left to the seminary in 1928 by the late William C. Whitner of Rock Hill, South Carolina, in memory of his mother.

James T. and Celeste M. Boyd Book Fund

Award Eligibility: Basic Degree (MDiv, MAPT, MA(TS)) Graduating Students A cash award given each year to a basic degrees graduating student who in the judgment of the faculty would be a good steward of a theological library, and has demonstrated a desire through studies to build a personal theological library.

Robert H. Ramey Christian Leadership Award

Eligibility: MDiv Graduating Students

A cash award to be used for books and/or continuing education that is given to a graduating MDiv senior who shows promise of providing outstanding leadership to the church. The recipient would have demonstrated unusual leadership qualities at Columbia, as well as spiritual depth and integrity.

Wilds Book Prize

Eligibility: MDiv Graduating Students

A cash award given to the graduating student selected by the faculty for the highest distinction in academic work over the entire seminary program in the Master of Divinity degree program.

William Dudley Fund Award

Eligibility: MDiv Graduating Students

Award(s) to graduating MDiv seniors who have evidenced achievement, interest, and commitment in evangelism and church growth, to be used within a five-year period for costs associated with continuing education or graduate study in evangelism and church growth at Columbia Theological Seminary.

Faculty members may nominate persons to the Basic Degrees Committee who will nominate two persons for recommendation to the faculty.

Abdullah Awards

Eligibility: All Degree Students

These awards of two types are made available each year by the late Rev. Gabriel Abdullah, an alumnus of the seminary. The first cash prize is for the best paper setting forth a plan for the teaching of Bible in the public schools; and the second is for the best paper designing a program for the development of moral and spiritual values.

Julia Abdullah Award

Eligibility: All Degree Students

This award is made available each year by the late Rev. Gabriel Abdullah, an alumnus of the seminary. The cash prize is for the best paper on the subject, "How to make the church school hour the most interesting hour of the week."

Paul T. Fuhrmann Book Prize in Church History

Eligibility: Basic Degree (MDiv, MAPT, MA(TS)) Students

A cash award made annually to the basic degrees student who has shown the most outstanding achievement in church history.

A judging committee of professors of church history nominates a person to the faculty for election.

Ludwig Richard Max Dewitz Old Testament Studies Award

Eligibility: Basic Degree (MDiv, MAPT, MA(TS)) Students

A cash award given to a basic degree student who prepared the best Old Testament exegesis during the academic year. A judging committee of professors of Old Testament nominates a person to the faculty for election.

Harold J. Riddle Memorial Book Award

Eligibility: Graduating Students

A cash award given to a graduating student, selected by the faculty in consultation with the pastoral care faculty, who shows the highest distinction in the field of pastoral care, especially in the area of terminally ill patients.

John Nelsen Award: The Bible and the Missional Church

Eligibility: DMin or DEdMin Graduating Students

This cash award is for the best Doctor of Ministry or Doctor of Educational Ministry project focusing on scripture in aiding the transformation of the student's congregation into a missional church. The award is given by Dan Winn, Jr. in honor of his friend and counselor, John Nelsen, MDiv, DMin, Princeton Theological Seminary and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, who for 25 years has devoted his ministry to challenging, sustaining, and transforming congregations. The missional church has been his primary focus for several years.

George and Sally Telford Award

Eligibility: DMin Graduating Students

This cash award recognizes each year an outstanding graduate in the Doctor of Ministry program. The award is presented to the graduating DMin student who shows exceptional ability for congregational leadership with an emphasis on social justice issues and vision for the church.

Florie S. Johnson Award

Eligibility: Graduating Basic Degree (MDiv, MAPT, MA(TS)) Students

This cash award was established by the family of Florie S. Johnson in memory of their mother, who was a devoted teacher committed to lay ministry through the Church of Jesus Christ. The award is given to a graduating basic degree student who presents the best paper setting forth a plan for pastoral care to the aging, and who shows promise of providing such ministry in a parish setting.

William Rivers Waddey Award

Eligibility: MDiv Graduating Students

A cash award established by Walter and Cecilia Waddey in memory of their son, William, who was an active and vital part of the youth program and ministry at Peachtree Presbyterian Church. The fund is to support an award given to a graduating MDiv student who possesses extraordinary gifts for youth ministry and an intent to pursue such a call in the church.

Buechner Award in Preaching

Eligibility: Basic Degree (MDiv, MAPT, MA(TS)) Graduating Students

A cash award presented annually to the basic degrees graduating student who has done outstanding work in chapel leadership and preaching courses throughout their entire seminary program. Nominations are made by faculty members in homiletics and worship to the Basic Degrees Committee.

Buechner Award in Writing

Eligibility: Graduating Students

A cash award presented annually to the graduating student from any degree program who exemplifies care and craft in the skill of communicating the gospel in the written word, in both course assignments and in public and pastoral ministry settings throughout their entire seminary program. Nominations are made by faculty members and/or the Director of the Center for Academic Literacy to the Basic Degrees Committee.