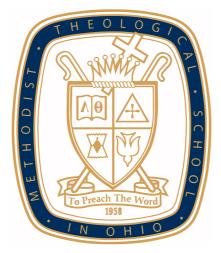
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Prelude		6 Feet Beat		
Call to Worship	"God of Cosmos and Quarks"	Gwen Thomas		
	nos and quarks, bows and roly-polies, cricity and enzymes—			
All: you created the earth and proclaimed it good.				
One: The galaxies and planets are known to you, yet also the hairs on our heads. You cradle all things in the palm of your hand, supporting us with love.				
All: We magnify your name for our creation and for the blessings of this life.				
One: Sustain in us a spirit of awe for how you continue to be present in the world and help us to act with love for all that you have created.				
All: Amen.				
Land Acknowledge	ment	Elizabeth Speidel		
Welcome	Ja	y Rundell, president		
Song	"Gather Us In"			
Scripture	Luke 9:1-6	Hank Osmundson		

Sermon

"Embracing the Genuine"

Song of Response

"For Everyone Born"

Presentation of Class Gift/Offering

Alycia Orcena

Charge to the Graduates

"May God Bless You with a Restless Discomfort"

Reader: May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

Graduates: We receive this blessing.

Reader: May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

Graduates: We receive this blessing.

Reader: May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

Graduates: We receive this blessing.

Reader: May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

Graduates: We receive this blessing.

Reader: And the blessing of God...our Creator, Jesus Christ the incarnate Word who is our [sibling] and Saviour, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, be with you and remain with you, this day and forevermore.

Graduates: We receive this blessing.

All: AMEN.		
Closing Song	"For Everyone Born"	Insert
Benediction		Kati Glover
Postlude		6 Feet Beat

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"Gather Us In," The Faith We Sing, Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2000.

"For Everyone Born," Hope Publishing, 1998.

For Everyone Born

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray MUSIC: Colin Gibson

For everyone born a place at the table For everyone born clean water and bread A shelter a space a safe place for growing For everyone born a star overhead

Chorus

And God will delight when we are creators Of justice and joy compassion and peace Yes God will delight when we are creators Of justice justice and joy

For woman and man a place at the table Revising the roles deciding the share With wisdom and grace dividing the power For woman and man a system that's fair

Chorus

For young and for old a place at the table A voice to be heard a part in the song The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled For young and for old the right to belong

Chorus

For just and unjust a place at the table Abuser abused with need to forgive In anger in hurt a mindset of mercy For just and unjust a new way to live

Chorus

For everyone born a place at the table To live without fear and simply to be To work to speak out to witness and worship For everyone born the right to be free

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Gather Us In

WORDS AND MUSIC: Marty Haugen

Here in this place new light is streaming Now is the darkness vanished away See in this space our fears and our dreamings Brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in the Blind and the lame; call to us now and we shall awaken we shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young our lives are a mystry We are the old who yearn for your face We have been sung throughout all of histry Called to be light to the whole human race

Gather us in the rich and the haughty, gather us in the Proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so lowly Give us the courage to enter the song

Here we will take the wine and the water Here we will take the bread of new birth Here you shall call your sons and your daughters Call us anew to be salt for the earth

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the Bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining Not in some heaven, light years away but Here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the Kingdom, now is the day

Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and Make us your own; gather us in all peoples together Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.