

Sixtieth COMMENCEMENT



Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Saturday, May 21, 2022
11 a.m.
Dickinson Courtyard

ORDER OF EVENTS

Prelude		The Classic Brass Quintet
* Processional	“Trumpet Voluntary”	Clarke
Welcome and Invocation		President Jay Rundell
* Hymn	“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” <i>Verse 1</i>	See program
Greeting		Board of Trustees Chair Cyndy Garn
Introduction of the Speaker		President Rundell
Address	“God With Us”	Grace Imathiu
* Hymn	“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” <i>Verse 2</i>	
Conferring of Degrees on the Class of 2022		President Rundell and Acting Dean Yvonne Zimmerman
* Hymn	“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” <i>Verse 3</i>	
Presentation of Diplomas		President Rundell and Dean Valerie Bridgeman
* Hymn	“Praise the Source of Faith and Learning” <i>Verse 4</i>	
Closing Comments and Benediction		President Rundell
* Recessional	“Rondeaux”	Moure

* *Please stand as you are willing and able.*

THE CLASS OF 2022

The following list of graduates is tentative. Degrees are conferred only to those candidates who have successfully completed all requirements.

Concentrations and specializations are noted under individual graduates' names.

† *Identifies graduates receiving dual degrees.*

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Doctor of Ministry

Lucas Virgil Lindon

Leadership for Transformational Change

Project: Belonging at the End of the Aberrant Time: Adaptive Leadership as Discernment for the Church

Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries

Pastoral Care and Counseling Track

Brynda Fleming

Master of Arts in Practical Theology

Alycia Gaye Boyer-Orcena †

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Master of Arts in Social Justice

Joel Call

Michael Premo

Martha K. Imbamba

Mark D. Reed

Danielle Jones

Timothy Vansant

Hank Osmundson

Master of Divinity

Greg A. Bush

Marcella Velandia Ciccotelli

Brian Lee Daugherty

Twanna Taleashae Gause

*Black Church and African
Diaspora Studies
Chaplaincy*

Katilin Glover

Ecology and Justice

Sunhwa Hopgood

Michelle Lynne Miefert

*Black Church and African
Diaspora Studies
Chaplaincy*

Rebecca Erin Milne

Damon Princeton Penn Nabrit

*Black Church and African
Diaspora Studies
Ecology and Justice*

Alycia Gaye Boyer-Orcena †
Spirituality

Antonia Grace Rancurello

*Interreligious Contexts
Unitarian Universalist Studies*

Elizabeth Speidel

*Chaplaincy
Ecology and Justice*

Gwendolyn Bridgeman Thomas

Paula M. Vergowven

Hannah Grace Wickizer

Timothy Wood

Ecology and Justice

Ashley Marie Wynn

All are invited to a reception in Dunn Dining Hall following the ceremony.

SENIOR AWARDS

Announced at Closing Convocation May 10, 2022

Baccalaureate Speaker	Katilin Glover
Fellowship Seminarian Award	Twanna Taleashae Gause
Gindlesperger Bible Award	Ashley Marie Wynn
Hoyt Hickman Award	Sunhwa Hopgood
Pastoral Counseling Service and Achievement Award	Brynda Fleming
Servant Leader Award	Damon Princeton Penn Nabrit
C. Everett and Mary Milburn Tilson Social Justice Grant	Elizabeth Speidel
David Wilcox Leadership Award	Gwendolyn Bridgeman Thomas
Ronald L. Williams Book Prize in Theology and Ethics	Elizabeth Speidel

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

Faculty Marshal: Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Assistant Professor
of Theology, Ecology and Race

Student Marshals: Mackalyn Figgins and Gregory Menssen

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Rev. Grace Imathiu is senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois. A 1987 Master of Divinity graduate of MTSO, she has pastored congregations from Green Bay, Wisconsin, to Nairobi, Kenya. She is a founding member of Kenya Methodist University.

Rev. Imathiu has preached in Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Togo, Liberia, Denmark, Australia, Malaysia, Brazil and throughout the United States. Long an ally and activist for the LGBTQI community, she uses sermons as tools of justice at the intersection of religion, race, sexuality and gender.

PRAISE THE SOURCE OF FAITH AND LEARNING

Praise the source of faith and learning
that has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning
how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing
from the wonders we survey
keep our faith forever growing
and renew our need to pray:

God of wisdom, we acknowledge
that our science and our art
and the breadth of human knowledge
only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation
lies a depth we cannot sound
where your purpose for creation
and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder
of believing that our thought
has displaced the grounds for wonder
which the ancient prophets taught.
May our learning curb the error
which unthinking faith can breed
lest we justify some terror
with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river
fight each other's undertow
till converging they deliver
one coherent steady flow,
blend, O God, our faith and learning
till they carve a single course,
till they join as one, returning
praise and thanks to you, their Source.

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