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Prelude & Land Acknowledgement

Welcome

Jay Rundell, President

Scripture Reading

Psalm 30:4-5, 11-12

Sheryl Pryor, MASJ
Kenneth Lancaster, MTS

Call to Worship

Abigail Adams, M.Div.; Kayla Grehl, M.Div.
Hae Seon Lee, MTS

One: We enter now into a place of awareness of your presence,
not because we have arrived, but because we are still becoming.

All: Transform us, O God. We welcome the movement of your Spirit.

One: We come carrying what we have built—the years, the questions,
the things we had to leave behind.

All: Transform us, O God. We welcome the movement of your Spirit.

One: We come knowing the world is waiting for the parts of us
that have been touched by your river of transformation.

All: Transform us, O God. We welcome the movement of your Spirit.

One: There is a general who almost missed his healing because the river was
too ordinary; an apostle who put down everything and called it gain; and a
psalmist who survived the night and could not keep silent about the
morning.

All: Transform us, O God. We welcome the movement of your Spirit.

One: We stand here in your presence, marked by the journey – still living into the
fullness of our becoming. The night has revealed its certain darkness, yet the
morning reveals its new mercies.

All: Transform us, O God. We welcome the movement of your Spirit.

One: And so, we continue to wade in the river. We offer our lives in worship as we
take our place in your story of transformation for the world.

Song of Gathering “Take My Life (I Am Yours)” Ensemble
Tatenda Juma, M.Div.
Shema Roberts, MASJ, MTS

Scripture Reading 2 Kings 5:1-14 Shannon Pitorak, MASJ
Jennifer Sayers, MAPT
Jolennnda Cole, MASJ
Kristen Herbst, M.Div., MTS
Kathryn Stephens, MASJ

Sung Response “I am yours, completely yours...”

Scripture Reading Galatians 6:7-10 Jackie Richardson, M.Div.

Sung Response “I will offer all I am...”

Scripture Reading Luke 10:16-20 Jennifer Noricks, MAPT
Ronicesha Wearren, MASJ, M.Div.

Sung Response “I will offer all I am...”

Message “Before You Were Capable” Kelly Collins
MTS, M.Div.

Song of Response “I Offer My Life” Ensemble

Ritual – Cording of the Graduates M. Fulgence Nyengele
Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling in the L.A. Beeghly Chair
Director, Doctor of Ministry Program

Timothy L. Van Meter
Associate Professor in the Alford Chair
of Christian Education and Youth Ministry
Coordinator of Ecological Initiatives

Song of Ritual “A Great Work” Ensemble

Blessing of the Graduates Lisa Allen-Mclaurin
Acting Dean
Professor of Worship, Music and Spirituality

Benediction Kelly Collins

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