North Park Theological Seminary

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION
AND CONSECRATION SERVICE

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2013

7:00 PM

COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION

ORDER OF SERVICE

David W. Kersten, Dean of the Seminary,
North Park Theological Seminary, Presiding

PRELUDE

"Suite Gothique," (Gothic Suite) Op. 25 — *Léon Boellmann*

I. Introduction—Choral
II. Menuet Gothique (Gothic Menuet)
III. Prière à Notre-Dame (Prayer to Our Mother)
IV. Toccata

Please Stand

PROCESSIONAL

"Trumpet Tune in C Major" — *David N. Johnson*

Remain Standing

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

David W. Kersten

HYMN 10

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" — *Walter Chalmers Smith*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Please Be Seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

David W. Kersten
Psalm 67 (page 813)

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Please refrain from flash photography during the service.

Sung Response:
Through all the world let every nation sing to God, the King!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
And guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Sung Response:
Through all the world let every nation sing to God, the King!

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Sung Response:
Through all the world let every nation sing to God, the King!

The First Reading
Acts 17:22–34
Kimberly Thomas, Partners in Ministry Leader

Please Stand

The Second Reading
John 14:15–21
Philip J. Anderson, Professor of Church History, North Park Theological Seminary

Remain Standing

HYMN 66

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" *John Calvin*

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst under-go for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the life by which alone we live
and all our substance and our strength receive;
comfort us by thy faith and by thy pow'r
nor daunt our hearts when comes the trying hour.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
thou hast no harshness and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
Our faith is built upon thy promise free;
come, give us peace, make us so strong and sure,
that we may conqu'rors be and ills endure.

Please Be Seated

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics,
North Park Theological Seminary

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

"To What End?"
Dr. Carol Norén, Wesley W. Nelson Professor of Homiletics,
North Park Theological Seminary

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Sing Praises" — *Marshall Carpenter*
North Park Theological Seminary Gospel Choir
Brandi S. Sanders, Director

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

Stephen J. Chester, Acting Academic Dean, North Park Theological Seminary

Field Awards	
History	Mark Tao and Andrew Meyer
Theology	Bradford Frost
Ministry	Michael Thomas
Bible	Erik Borggren
Preaching Award	Michael Altena and Alice Hauge
Community Service Award	Timothy Bowyer
Christian Formation Award	Valeri Tao and Julie Musselman Portillo
Youth Ministry Award	Adam London
Greek Language Award	Markus Nikannen
Hebrew Language Award	Jessie Chambers

PRESENTATION OF THE AHNFELDT MEDALLION

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES

David L. Parkyn, President, North Park University

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND ORIENTATION CERTIFICATES

David W. Kersten
Stephen J. Chester

CONSECRATION SERVICE

THE PRAYERS

Of Thanksgiving
Alicia Vela, Master of Divinity Student, Member of the Graduating Class

Of Intercession
Kerry Herdegen, Master of Divinity/Master of Management Student

Of Consecration
Linda Requilez, Master of Divinity Student

The Lord's Prayer (sins)
The Congregation

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Expect the Great" *Jonathan Nelson*
North Park Theologicial Seminary Gospel Choir
Brandi S. Sanders, Director

CHARGE

Gary B. Walter, President, Evangelical Covenant Church

BENEDICTION

David W. Kersten

Please Stand

RECESSIONAL HYMN 680

"Lift High the Cross" *George W. Kitchin*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God" *J.S. Bach/Fox*

Banner Bearer: Kelly Perez, outgoing Student Association Vice President
Crucifer: David Chambers, outgoing Student Association President
Marshal: Paul Koptak, Professor of Communication and Biblical Interpretation
Organ and Piano: Sharon Rich Peterson, North Park Theological Seminary Organist
Head Usher: Ericka Elion

Immediately following the service you are invited to a reception in Hamming Hall in honor of the graduates.

SEMINARY CLASS OF 1963

Robert J. Carlson
Robert W. Cholke *
Norman T. Collins
Lewis M. Crawford
Dan Danielson
Herbert M. Freedholm
Keith C. Fullerton *
Robert L. Huse
David W. Johnson
G.Timothy Johnson
Jeremy T. Johnson
Charles G. Meyer
Lewis I. Moon
Lowell G. Nordling
Delmar E. Peterson *
Rollin A. Swanson
Paul Wang
Wayne C. Weld

* Deceased

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Erick Walter Abramson, Dec. +
Bethany Covenant Church, Richfield, Minnesota
B.A., University of Minnesota

Michael Lynn Altena, *High Honors,* Dec.
Loop Christian Reformed Church, Chicago, Illinois
M.A., Calvin Theological Seminary, B.A. Dordt College

Peter Jay Anderson
Excelsior Covenant Church, Excelsior, Minnesota
B.A., North Park University

Erik Bradley Borggren, *High Honors,* Dec.
Lincoln Square Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.S., United States Military Academy, West Point

Timothy Stephen Bowyer, *High Honors*
Grace Chicago Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., Southern Wesleyan University

Jenna Marie Brand, *Honors* *
First Covenant Church, St. Paul, Minnesota
B.A., North Park University

Nicholas Paul Bruckner, *High Honors,* Dec. +
Unalakleet Covenant Church, Unalakleet, Alaska
Studies, Duke Divinity School
B.A., North Park University

Britta Christine Burger
Deer Grove Covenant Church, Palatine, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

Paul Steven Burger, *High Honors*
Deer Grove Covenant Church, Palatine, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

Adam S. Butler, *Honors*
Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.S., John Brown University

Sten William Carlson, *Honors*
Batavia Covenant Church, Batavia, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

David Richard Chambers, *High Honors*
Wheaton Agape Fellowship, Wheaton, Illinois
B.A., Wheaton College

Timothy Ronald Ciccone
Crossroads Evangelical Covenant Church, Forest Lake, Minnesota
B.S., Northwestern Bible College
Certificate, Covenant Bible College, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada

Williadean Crear
Ravenswood Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., Southeastern Bible College
A.A., University of Alabama at Birmingham

David Charles Diller
Naperville Covenant Church, Naperville, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

Bradford Bernhard Frost *
Castle Oaks Covenant Church, Castle Rock, Colorado
B.A., Colorado State University

Ileana Garcia-Soto +
Certificate in Justice Ministries
Green Timbers Covenant Church, Surrey, British Columbia, Canada
B.A., Universidad de Puerto Rico

Mark Aaron Habluetzel, *Honors*
Hope Covenant Church, El Dorado, Kansas
B.A., North Park University

Alice Hague, *High Honors* *
Immanuel International Church, Stockholm, Sweden
MSc, University of Glamorgan
BSc, University of York

Tyler Brian Johnson, *High Honors*
Evangelical Covenant Church of Clay Center, Clay Center, Kansas
B.S., Fort Hays State University
B.S., Kansas State University

Catherine Annette Kaminski, *High Honors* *
Ceresco Covenant Church, Ceresco, Nebraska
B.S., Boston University

Darlene Renee Kelley, Dec.
River City Community Church, Chicago, Illinois
M.A., Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary
Certificate in Urban Ministries, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary

Kathryn Renee Kolmodin
Calvary Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio
B.A., Hope College

Stephen Dennis Linde, *Honors*
Christ Our Hope Church, Fort Collins, Colorado
B.A., North Park University

Adam Thomas London, *Honors,* Dec. +
Unalakleet Evangelical Covenant Church, Unalakleet, Alaska
B.A., North Park University

Melissa Marie Millis, *High Honors,* Dec. +
Evangelical Covenant Church, Lafayette, Indiana
B.S., Purdue University

Nathanael Foxe Putnam, *High Honors*
Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, Greensboro, North Carolina
B.A., University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

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Earl Joven Ravago
Berean Bible Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois
M.A.,Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
B.A., Maranatha Baptist Bible College

Gregory Andrew Reiner, *Honors*
Sojourner Covenant Church, Evanston, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

Leslie Xavier Sanders
New Community Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., Chicago State University

Todd Jonathan Spieker, *Honors*
Living Hope Covenant Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado
B.A., North Park University

Rebekah Claire Strobel, *High Honors* *
McMinnville Covenant Church, McMinnville. Oregon
B.A., Azusa Pacific University

Adam Edward Sauer, Dec. +
Grace Covenant Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
B.A., University of Central Oklahoma

Joel Baxter Swenson, *Honors*
Resurrection Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., Nyack College

Mark J. Tao, *Honors,* Dec.
River City Community Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., Wheaton College

Michael Dennell Thomas
New Community Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

Alicia Michelle Vela
Christ Community Covenant Church, Arvada, Colorado
B.A., University of Colorado

Benjamin David Zabel, *Honors* *
First Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan
B.A., North Park University

MASTER OF DIVINITY/MASTER OF NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION

Jorden James Meyers, Dec.
Forest Park Covenant Church, Muskegon, Michigan
B.A., North Park University

Christopher James Wall, *Honors*
Certificate in Camping Ministry
Ravenswood Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Jessie Cutlar Best Chambers, *High Honors* *
Alliance Bible Fellowship, Boone, North Carolina
B.A., Appalachian State University

Evelmyn Ivens
Primera Iglesia del Pacto Evangēlico, Bell Gardens, California
B.A., California State University, Los Angeles

Andrew John Meyer, *Honors*
North Park Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

Kellynne Lee Meyers, *High Honors*
Forest Park Covenant Church, Muskegon, Michigan
B.A., North Park University

Catherine Buckley Werner, *Honors*
Rice Creek Covenant Church, Lino Lakes, Minnesota
B.A., St. Olaf College

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES/ MASTER OF MANAGEMENT

Amber Renee Nelson, *High Honors*
Certificate in Intercultural Studies
Saint Paul's Church by-the-Lake, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., State University of New York College at Geneseo

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Daniel Scott Bruggeman, Dec. +
Batavia Covenant Church, Batavia, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

Beth Ann Hill, *Honors*
Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Villa Park, Illinois
B.A., Concordia University

Cheri Marie Lane, *High Honors,* Dec. +
Decorah Covenant Church, Decorah, Iowa
B.A., Illinois State University

Julie Musselman Portillo, *High Honors*
Certificate in Intercultural Studies
Evangelical Covenant Church, Princeton, Illinois
B.A., North Park University

Samuel Stratton Randall
Excelsior Covenant Church, Excelsior, Minnesota
B.A., North Park University

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION/ MASTER OF MANAGMENT

Valeri Chow Tao, *High Honors*
River City Community Church, Chicago, Illinois
B.A., Wheaton College

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Julia Larscheid Styles, *High Honors*
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M.I.P.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison
B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY/ MASTER OF NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION

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A NOTE REGARDING ACADEMIC REGALIA

Today's academic costume is a legacy of the Middle Ages. In that period, the loose-fitting and rather cumbersome academic gowns, which today are merely decorative, served a useful purpose—keeping warm in the drafty and unheated stone buildings of the medieval university. Academic hoods were equally useful for keeping the head warm. But then, as now, clothing served not only practical purposes, but was also a way to define status. When the practical uses of academic garb were superseded by central heating, the symbolic use remained.

Most academic gowns in the United States today are black. The unadorned bachelor's gown is the simplest in design. The master's gown is somewhat more ample, with a peculiar half-sleeve. The doctoral gown is yet more generous of cut and distinguished by velvet facing and three velvet chevrons on the sleeve. The velvet may be black, or it may reflect the color of the wearer's degree. You will notice, however, that some faculty are more colorfully attired. These more splendid gowns have traditionally denoted degrees from European universities, where each institution prescribes its own regalia. In recent years, however, American institutions have increasingly departed from the somber black and adopted their own more colorful garb for doctoral degrees.

Academic hoods reflect both the wearer's degree by the size of the hood and the color of the velvet trim, and the institution from which the degree was earned. At North Park, hoods are worn by both graduates and faculty. The degree colors commonly found at North Park are:

White	Arts and Letters
Gold	Science
Apricot	Nursing
Pink	Music
Scarlet	Theology or Divinity
Peacock Blue	Community Development
Drab	Business Administration or Management
Light Blue	Education
Dark Blue	Philosophy
Purple	Law
Green	Medicine
Brown	Fine Arts

The hood linings carry the colors of the school at which the degree was earned.

For the graduates, the color is also reflected in the tassels. Some graduates are distinguished by gold cords worn around the neck. These are honor cords. One pair denotes honors (cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4-point scale), and two pair denotes high honors (3.75).

The medallion traditionally worn by the President of the University contains the seal of North Park University and is the symbol of the presidential office. The Celtic Cross worn by the President and Dean of the Seminary was presented to him at his installation as a symbol of his office.

The order of precedence in academic processions generally places those of highest rank toward the rear. In order of procession, the degree recipients enter first, led by the marshal, banner bearer, and crucifer, followed in order by the orientation students, faculty, administrators, and board members, and finally the platform party. The opposite order prevails for the recessional.

These centuries old customs reflected in today's ceremonies remind us that while "commencement" points to the future, that which is now "commencing," it is also a culmination. Our resources for dealing with either the present or future are necessarily drawn from the accumulated store of wisdom that belongs to the ages and is by each generation discovered and reworked anew.