



Commencement Worship Service

Friday, May 8, 2026

4:00 p.m.

North Park Covenant Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Carolyn Hamlin (1659–95)
"Allegro brillante" Marianne von Martin (1744–1812)
"Three Tone Pieces: Op. 22, #1" Niels W. Gade (1817–90)
Sharon R. Peterson, University Organist

Processional

Please stand.

"Trumpet Tune" Eleanor Whitsett (1931–2026)
Sharon R. Peterson, organ

Welcome

Mary K. Surridge, President

An Invitation to Worship

President Surridge

Leader: Tonight is a gift from God. Gathered on the eve of a milestone, we offer to God what we have to give—ourselves and the stirrings of our hearts and minds. Let us hear tonight what God will speak,

People: For God will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn in their hearts to God.

Leader: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that God's glory may dwell in our land.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

People: The Lord will give what is good.

Leader: O Lord, open our eyes,

People: That we may see the beauty of goodness.

Leader: O Lord, open our ears,

People: That we may hear the truth.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: That we may show forth your praise.

Together: Amen

Hymn of Praise

Please stand.

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" (see page five) Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

Invocation

Rev. Tony Zamblé, Director of University Ministries

Choral Anthem

Please be seated.

"Carry the Light" Andy Beck
University Choir
Tierra Whetstone MMP '27, conductor
Sharon R. Peterson, piano

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The Old Testament Lesson

Micah 6:6-8
Jared Niemen, Master of Divinity

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

A Responsive Reading

Psalms 36:5-10
Jaclyn Joy Little, Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Conflict Transformation Studies

Leader: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Together: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Hymn of Trust

Please stand.

"Lead Me, Guide Me" (see page six) Doris Akers (1923-95)
Dr. Thomas Jefferson, Director of Music Student
Persistence and Success, piano

The Second Lesson

1 John (4:7-12)
Sandra Viktoria Emilia Frid, Master of Business Administration (with Distinction)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

Please stand.

Matthew 5:13-16
De'Ajah Morris, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Baccalaureate Address

Please be seated.

Introduction by President SurrIDGE
Rev. Dr. Terence Z. Gadsden, Campus Pastor and Athletic Chaplain

Choral Anthem

"My God Is an Awesome God" Keith Hampton (b. 1957)
Tierra Whetstone MMP '27, conductor
Dr. Thomas Jefferson, Director of Music Student
Persistence and Success, piano

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Hymn of Blessing

Please stand.

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (see page seven)
Sharon R. Peterson, University Organist

Lina Sandell (1832–1903)

Blessing

Numbers 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Ami Shimizu - Japanese

Gabriel Bermejo - Spanish

Elina Sandlund - Swedish

Dontae Walker - English

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Rev. Tony Zamblé

Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
University Choir
Tierra Whetstone MMP '27, conductor

Peter Lutkin (1858–1931)

Recessional

Please be seated.

"Trumpet Tune in C"
Sharon R. Peterson, University Organist

Leon Nelson (b.1942)

A special thanks to North Park Covenant Church for their valued partnership.

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 ¡San-to! ¡San-to! ¡San - to! [la glo]-ria de tu nom - bre
 5 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea.
 though the eye of sin - ful flesh thy glo - ry may not see.
 Ve - mos en tus o - bras en cie - lo, tie - [rra y] mar;
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly, there is none be - side thee
 ¡San-to! ¡San-to! ¡San - to! [te a]-do - ro re - ve - ren - te,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 Dios en tres per - so - nas, [ben-di]-ta Tri - ni - dad.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r



2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,



3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.



be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.



I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.



I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.



Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Children of the Heavenly Father

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The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staves.

1 Chil- dren of the heav'n- ly Fa- ther safe- ly in his bos- om gath- er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour- ish, in his ho- ly courts they flour- ish;
3 Nei- ther life nor death shall ev- er from the Lord his chil- dren sev- er;
4 Praise the Lord in joy- ful num- bers, your Pro- tect- or nev- er slum- bers;
5 Though he giv- eth or he tak- eth, God his chil- dren ne'er for- sak- eth;

nest- ling bird nor star in heav- en such a ref- uge e'er was giv- en.
from all e- vil things he spares them, in his might- y arms he bears them.
un- to them his grace he show- eth, and their sor- rows all he know- eth.
at the will of your De- fend- er ev- 'ry foe- man must sur- ren- der.
his the lov- ing pur- pose sole- ly to pre- serve them pure and ho- ly.

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