
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Spring 2019



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

Monday, 20th May 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Bahamas Harvest Church East

Prince Charles Drive

Nassau, The Bahamas

“Never give up: the pathway to success begins with me”

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRESIDING:

Pastor Mario Moxey

PRELUDE

Mr. Christian Justilien, *flugelhorn*

Assistant Professor, Music

Dr. Paul Jones, *piano*

Associate Professor, Music/HOD, Department of Visual & Performing Arts

PROCESSIONAL:

Trumpet Tune (G. F. Handel)

(Please stand for the singing the National Anthem, then join in the Alma Mater and Opening Hymn)

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

(Timothy Gibson)

Arr. By Ezekiel Thompson '19 (AA, Music)

UB Concert Choir, Dr. Paul Jones, Director

ALMA MATER

Christian Justilien (2016)

We've come to build together a dream for this great land
Like palm trees tall upon this landfall called Bahama land
The future is before us like endless sea and sand
We'll chart a course with alma mater proudly we will stand.

A beacon for these islands embraced in shallow seas,
UB will lift our spirits high for all the world to see.
With hands and hearts together we'll be a guiding light,
We'll live to praise our alma mater 'neath the clear blue skies.
We'll live to raise our alma mater's banner waving high.

OPENING HYMN:

Rejoice The Lord Is King

(Darwall)

Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.
Jesus, the Saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love:
When He had purged our stains
He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Please remain standing for the Invocation.

INVOCATION:

Dr. Christopher Curry, *Associate Professor, History*

Please be seated.

WELCOME & REMARKS:

Dr. Rodney D. Smith, *President, University of The Bahamas*

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Joshua 1:1-9

New Living Translation (NLT)

Stanley Northe, *B.Ed., Secondary Certification: Biology*

¹ After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said,

² "Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.

³ I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you

⁴ from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.'

⁵ No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you.

⁶ "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them.

⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do.

⁸ Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

⁹ This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

MUSICAL SELECTION:

When the Road Seems Rough
(E. Clement Bethel)

**Ezekiel D. Thompson, AA, Music,
Conductor**
**UB Concert Choir, Dr. Paul Jones,
Director**

Dr. Paul Jones, piano

NEW TESTAMENT READING:

Hebrews 12:1-7

New Living Translation (NLT)

**Samantha Saunders, BBA, Human
Resource Management**

God's Discipline Proves His Love

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy

awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

⁴ After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.

⁵ And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline and don't give up when he corrects you.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."

⁷ As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?

¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

MUSICAL SELECTION:

Walk Together, Children
(Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan)

**UB Concert Choir, Dr. Paul Jones,
Director**

MESSAGE:

Pastor Mario Moxey

RESPONSORIAL PRAYER (remain seated)

Led by: Dominique Smith, BBA, Accounting and Tennille Bain, LLB

Response: Congregation

Leader: Our Heavenly Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, has promised to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray faithfully for our country, for all nations of the world and for all institutions of learning. We ask thus Your blessings, O LORD, on the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, on all those who govern and lead our nation, on the Church and all its leaders, and on all peoples and institutions in all the nations of the world.

Response: *Direct this nation, the church and all nations of the world in the ways of righteousness, justice and truth, that peace and stability may prevail.*

Leader: With Jesus Christ as our Great High Priest, who lives forever and ever and intercedes eternally on our behalf, we hold up to Your tender mercy the leaders of all educational institutions and all those who are in positions of public trust, authority and leadership, that they may fulfill their high calling with humility, fairness and grace.

Response: *Give wisdom to all who are in positions of public trust, authority and leadership, that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of Your people everywhere.*

Leader: We pray for the unfailing guidance of Your Holy Spirit on those who teach, as well as those who learn from their teachings. We ask Your blessings, particularly at this time, on the graduating class of 2019 of the University of The Bahamas, the instructors and all the other students of the University of The Bahamas. Enable them by Your grace to accept the demands of scholarship, the privilege of schooling and the responsibility of education.

Response: *Enlighten with Your Spirit all places of education and learning. In our schools, and especially the University of The Bahamas, may true knowledge, sound wisdom and godly discipline ever be found.*

Leader: We pray for all the departments, faculties and organizations within the University of The Bahamas, that their work may edify the people of this land and bear faithful witness to the University's purpose, its mission and vision.

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Response: *Give us the courage and willingness to utilize our resources and talents rightly in the service of others and do it all to Your honor and glory.*

Leader: We thank you heavenly Father for your kindness, love and generosity and the life you have given us. For the gift of learning, for the class of 2019, for their parents, family and friends who have provided guidance, direction and support as well as counselled and empowered them to fulfill their academic dreams, ambitions and responsibilities, we especially thank you.

Response: *Strengthen the bonds of family to carry forward the work of You, our True Master Teacher; thank You for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts; unite us in Your truth and enfold us in Your love that through us Your glory may be revealed to the world.*

Leader: For ourselves and all who confess the Name and Word of Jesus Christ, we humbly beseech You, who has called us out of the darkness into Your marvelous light, for Your favor, Your mercy, Your grace and Your forgiveness of our sins, so that we may show forth Your excellence today and forevermore.

Response: *That our pursuits and the advancement of our skills may ever be in the service of that true humanity which is created in Your image, the image of God, please accept, O LORD, our thanks and praise for all You have done for us and continue to do for us.*

Leader: Enable us, O LORD, to be worthy of Your presence, and to glorify Your name and enhance the reputation of the University of The Bahamas as we continue in the pursuit of Knowledge, Truth, Integrity and Excellence.

Response: *Amen.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER (All):

Merciful God, we commend to You ourselves and all those who need Your help and correction. Where there is hatred, let us give love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for in giving we receive, in pardoning, we are pardoned; and, in dying, we are born into eternal life. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain:
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet
sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Please remain standing for the Closing Prayer and Dismissal.

CLOSING PRAYER AND DISMISSAL:

Pastor Mario Moxey

RECESSIONAL:

Te Deum (*M.A. Charpentier*)

Mr. Christian Justilien, flugelhorn, Dr. Paul Jones, piano

Committee Members

Cheryl Carey
Renee' Chase
Sybilean Clarke Knowles

Llewelyn Curling
Shirley Curtis
Thalia Micklewhite

Glenelle Scantlebury
Ruth Sumner
Berthamae Walker

