
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Spring 2022



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS | NORTH

Monday, May 30, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Kingdom Worship Centre International
Freeport, Grand Bahama
The Bahamas

“We Survived, Now We Thrive: Succeeding Against the Odds”

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRESIDING

Rev'd Whitney Bain, *Associate Minister, Kingdom Worship Centre*

PRELUDE

Kingdom Worship Centre Music Ministry

PROCESSIONAL

Olympic Spirit

(Please stand and remain standing for the singing of the National Anthem, Alma Mater, and Opening Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness".)

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS: MARCH ON BAHAMALAND

Timothy Gibson, 1973

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;
March on to glory your bright banners waving high.
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing!
Pledge to excel through love and unity.

Pressing onward, march together to a common loftier goal;
Steady sunward, tho' the weather hide the wide and treacherous shoal.

Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland,
'Til the road you've trod lead unto your God, March On, Bahamaland

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.

INVOCATION

Carlton Butler, *Candidate for Graduation, ABA Computer Information Systems*
(Please remain standing for the Invocation)

REMARKS

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deborah Estimable, *Candidate for Graduation, Biology with minor in Chemistry*

Psalm 92:12-15 (ESV)

¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

¹³ They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,

¹⁵ to declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

OPENING HYMN

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Cassidy Purcell, *Candidate for Graduation, BBA Accounting*

James 1: 2-12 (ESV)

² Count it all joy, my brothers,^[b] when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass^[c] he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Kingdom Worship Centre Music Ministry

MESSAGE

Bishop Kermit Saunders, *Sr. Pastor, Kingdom Worship Centre*

RESPONSORIAL PRAYER

(Remain seated)

Led by: Ekwe Hanna, *Candidate for Graduation, ASC, Engineering and*
Danae Cunningham, *Candidate for Graduation, BEd Primary Certification,*
(General)

Leader 1 Almighty God, King of kings and Lord of lords, you have promised to hear the prayers of your people who pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for our country, our Governor General, our Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, Parliamentarians, Senators and all who are called to positions of public trust and authority in our land.

Response Inspire all who are called to positions of public trust and authority in our country that they may guide us wisely and well, and promote peace and prosperity in our land. Govern their hearts in Thy fear, and guide their understanding to do those things that are acceptable to you.

Leader 2 Almighty and everlasting God, you have taught us to make prayers and supplications. We pray for your Church, for all Bishops, Pastors, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists and Teachers who lead your people and expound your will to others.

Response Bless and inspire all Ministers of the Gospel that they may proclaim the truth of your Holy Word. Bless their efforts so that your kingdom may be enlarged through the preaching of the everlasting Gospel. May their witness be faithful and our worship sincere so as to bring glory to your name.

- Leader 1** We pray for your continued blessing and guidance upon all schools and institutions of higher learning. We ask your blessings particularly at this time on University of The Bahamas, its President, Dr. Rodney D. Smith, all of its administrators, faculty, staff and students.
- Response** **Let your Holy Spirit, O God, rest upon all who administer, serve and teach at University of The Bahamas. Enable all who minister to the needs of students to teach both by word and example so that all students may reverence truth, desire goodness, delight in beauty and be outstanding citizens of our community.**
- Leader 2** God our Heavenly Father, your love is everlasting and your blessings are without number. We thank you for all the successes of the students graduating at this time. We thank you for how you have developed their minds, challenged them towards excellence, and enabled them to persevere.
- Response** **We thank you, our Heavenly Father, for our parents, spouses and professors, University staff members, administrators and all who have worked diligently to create a loving and caring environment for learning. Bless them for their efforts. Help and guide us in all of our endeavors.**
- Leaders** God our Father, we pray for the youth of our nation who are growing up in an unstable and confusing world. We pray for those who lack guidance and motivation and those who pursue selfish and unworthy goals, that they may seize the opportunities of a good education.
- Response** **Heavenly Father, your Son, Jesus Christ, shared the life of an earthly home. Bless the homes and families of our nation. Give to parents a true sense of responsibility in the care and training of their children that our youth may grow up to become responsible citizens of our country.**

All Merciful God, we commend ourselves to you for we 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.

CLOSING HYMN

To God Be The Glory

Source: Christian Worship: Hymnal #627

(Please remain standing for the singing of the closing hymn.)

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!*

2. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

CLOSING PRAYER AND DISMISSAL

Bishop Kermit Saunders, Sr. Pastor, Kingdom Worship Centre

(Please remain standing for the closing prayer and dismissal.)

RECESSIONAL

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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