
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Spring 2022



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Grace Community Gospel Chapel

Palmetto Village

Nassau, The Bahamas

“We Survived; Now We Thrive. Succeeding Against the Odds”

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRESIDING

Pastor Lyall Bethel

PRELUDE

Mr. Christian Justilien, flugelhorn – Associate Professor of Music

Dr. Dion Cunningham, piano – Assistant Professor of Music / Education

MODERATOR

Mr. Devonté Hanna (Class of 2022)

PROCESSIONAL

Trumpet Tune (G. F. Handel)

Please stand for the singing of the National Anthem.

NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

(Timothy Gibson, composer).

Led by Joel Sweeting (Baritone class of 2021) and Destiny Knowles (Soprano, class of 2022)

UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

(Christian Justilien, 2016). Please stand.

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Jesus, the Savior 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.

4. 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

Mr. Darwin Toussaint, Director, Campus Life

Please be seated.

WELCOME & REMARKS

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(Mr. Lynden Rolle, LLB)

Isaiah 65:17-23

¹⁷ For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

¹⁸ But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

¹⁹ And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

²⁰ There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

MUSICAL SELECTION

(Destiny Knowles and Joel Sweeting)

“Launch Out” (Alvin Slaughter)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ms. Breyon Rolle (BA Culinary Arts & Tourism Studies)

Revelation 3:7-8, 10 – 13

⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

⁸ I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Verses 10-13

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

¹¹ Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man takes thy crown.

¹² Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

¹³ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

MUSICAL SELECTION

Joel Sweeting & Destiny Knowles

“My Tribute (To God Be The Glory)” (Andrae Crouch)

MESSAGE

Pastor Lyall Bethel

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER WITH RESPONSIVE

Leader 1: Mr. Lyden Knowles (LLB)	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 their leaders. We offer a special prayer for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for an end to the current war between them both. Provide healing, shelter and protection for all families impacted.
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Congregational Response:	Direct our nation, the church and all governments of the world in the ways of righteousness, justice, and truth, that peace and stability may prevail.
Leader 2: Ms. Breyon Rolle (CALM)	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.
Congregational 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 1: Lynden Knowles	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 2022 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.
Congregational 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 2: Breyon Rolle	We pray for all the departments, schools, 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.
Congregational 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 1: Lynden Knowles	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 2022, for our parents, families and friends who have provided guidance direction and support, as well as counselled and empowered us to fulfill our academic dreams, ambitions and responsibilities.
Congregational 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 2: Breyon Rolle	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 favour, Your mercy, Your grace and Your forgiveness of our sins, so that we may show forth Your excellence today and forevermore.
Congregational 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 and continue to do for us.
Leaders 1 & 2 Lynden Knowles & Breyon Rolle	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, and Integrity.
Response all:	Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

1. 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.

Refrain:

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

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

Please remain standing for the closing prayer and dismissal.

CLOSING PRAYER AND DISMISSAL

Pastor Lyall Bethel

RECESSIONAL

Te Deum (M.A. Charpentier)

(Mr. Christian Justilien, flugelhorn; Dr. Dion Cunningham, piano)

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