



SPRING 2023 COMMENCEMENT EVENT

Building Resilience Within Ourselves

Baccalaureate Service

MONDAY
22ND MAY 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
FREDERICK STREET
NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS

This event is part of the official celebrations of the 50th
anniversary of Bahamian independence.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

Professor Paul Jones, piano

Associate Professor Mr. Christian Justilien, flugabone

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Moderator, Ms. Keithra Toote

BA Spanish, President, Class Council

NATIONAL ANTHEM

March On, Bahamaland! (Timothy Gibson/arr. Ezekiel Thompson '19)

UB Concert Choir

Professor Paul Jones, Director

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.

PRAYER

Mr. Alvaro Bonilla-Chinchilla

Assistant Professor, Chair, School of Communication & Creative Art

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is our God”

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper He, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God’s truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

MUSICAL SELECTION: 23rd Psalm

Ignited

REMARKS

Dr. Erik Rolland

President and CEO, University of The Bahamas

Dr. Maria Oriakhi

Vice President, Academic Affairs, University of The Bahamas

STUDENT REFLECTIONS

Ms. Darranique Stuart

AA Law and Criminal Justice

Ms. Aaliyah Holmes

BSc Nursing

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE

Mr. John Darville

BA Public Administration '17

BIBLE READING

I Thessalonians 5:16-18 and 23-24

Mr. Edwin Waldron Jr.

AA Law & Criminal Justice

16 Rejoice always,

17 pray without ceasing,

18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. For all His judgments were before me; And as for His statutes, I did not depart from them.

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

MUSICAL SELECTION

When the Road Seems Rough (E. Clement Bethel)

UB Concert Choir

Ms. Destiny Knowles '23, *conductor*

Professor Paul Jones, *director/piano*

MESSAGE

Rev. William Higgs

Pastor, Trinity Methodist Church

STUDENT SOLO TRIBUTE TO THE CLASS OF 2023

Ms. Rachel Cooper

BBA Marketing

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

“’Tis So Sweet”

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus,
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

I’m so glad I learned to trust Him
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end. (Refrain)

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace. (Refrain)

ALMA MATER

(Music & words by Christian Justilien)

Led by UB Concert Choir: Please stand.

We’ve come to build together a dream for this great land, Like
palm trees tall upon this landfall called Bahamaland. 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.

Please remain standing for the benediction.

BENEDICTION

Rev. William Higgs

RECESSIONAL

Professor Paul Jones, *piano*

Associate Professor Christian Justilien, *lugabone*

Baccalaureate Service Committee Members

Dr. Berthamae Walker

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Dr. Thalia Micklewhite

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Library Associate I, Harry C. Moore Library & Information Centre

Dr. Llewelyn Curling

Professor, School of Mathematics, Physics & Technology

Dr. Paul Jones

Associate Professor of Music & Head, Department of Performing Arts,
School of Communication & Creative Arts

Mr. Ashley Knowles

Director, Greek Life & Student Leadership

