

### Blessing of the Graduates

Baccalaureate is a service of worship on the occasion of graduation. Today we reflect with the Class of 2023, giving thanks for their journey at Carroll University and offering prayers for their future. The service includes a special prayer of blessing for our graduates.

Baccalaureate draws on Carroll University's Christian tradition and Presbyterian heritage, as well as the diverse religious and cultural traditions of our graduates. Members of the Class of 2023 are the primary speakers and have assisted in selecting prayers and readings from their own religious traditions. The banners display Carroll's crest and the cross of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Christian denomination with which Carroll is affiliated.

Graduates, their families and all members of the Carroll community are invited to participate today in ways that best honor their own faith traditions and spiritual practices.

All are welcome.

#### **Baccalaureate**

Friday, May 12, 2023 | 3 p.m. Auditorium, Shattuck Music Center

Please silence all electronic devices during the Baccalaureate ceremony.

#### **Prelude**

#### Introit

"Our God, our Help in Ages Past"......Isaac Watts Phillip Steenbekkers, Class of 2023

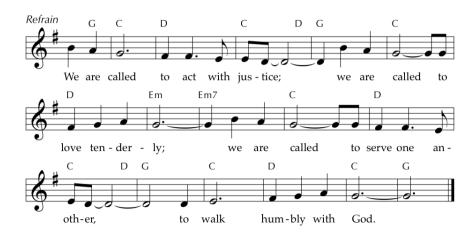
#### Welcome

the Rev. Elizabeth McCord, chaplain & director of spiritual life the Rev. Anna Langholz, resident chaplain

#### Please rise as you are able.

#### **Processional**





# **Land Acknowledgment**

the Revs. McCord and Langholz

We humbly recognize all tribal elders, both past and present, and respectfully honor them by acknowledging their stewardship through time immemorial on these ancestral homelands on which Carroll University resides.

Carroll University was created in 1846 and is located within the traditional homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Menominee Nations, as acknowledged by their creation stories.

The University recognizes that the land on which we gather is territory ceded in the September 26, 1833, Treaty of Chicago and is the ancestral homelands of the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Potawatomie Indians.

This land was a crossroads for many Tribal Nations and their people to access cultural resources, and many of their ancestors remain on this land.

We recognize the eleven sovereign Tribal Nations who reside in now what is known as the State of Wisconsin. These Nations are:

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin
- Oneida Nation
- Forest County Potawatomi
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- St. Croix Chippewa
- Sokaogon Chippewa (Mole Lake), and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Carroll University will strive to honor its duty to care for this land and to share in stewardship with all Sovereign Tribal Nations who recognize this land as theirs.

# **Opening Prayer**

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# **Song of Praise**

Rhonda Kwiecien, lead collaborative artist

# **Prayer**

Kyla Bunkley, Class of 2023

### Reading

# **Song of Reflection**

#### Prayer

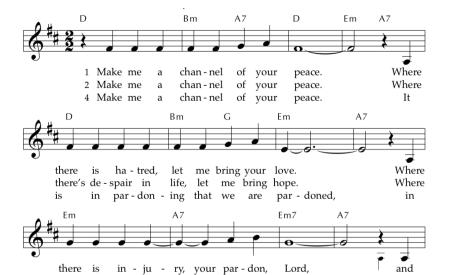
Paige Preston, Class of 2023

# Reading

"When Giving Is All We Have".....by Alberto Rios Alvaro Rodriguez, coordinator of intercultural engagement, Class of 2023

### **Hymn of Response**

"Make Me a Channel of your Peace"......by Scbastion Temple





# **Student Reflection**

Kirah Collins, Class of 2023

#### **Anthem**

"When Dreams Take Flight"......Rollo Dilworth Carroll University Choirs with Samantha De Guire, conductor

# Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3.......Jewish tradition
Dr. Lee Lee, assistant professor of animal behavior

#### **Pastoral Reflection**

the Rev. McCord

# **Blessing of the Graduates**

the Revs. McCord and Langholz Phillip Steenbekkers

Please rise as you are able for the closing hymn and remain standing through the benediction and recessional.

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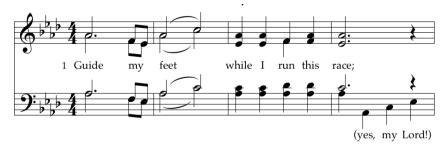
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#### **Closing Hymn**

"Guide my Feet".......African American Spiritual









2 Hold my hand ...

5 Search my heart ...

# **Charge & Benediction**

the Revs. McCord and Langholz

#### **Sung Benediction**

"God Be with You"	Jeremiah Eames Rankir
Phillip Steenbekkers	

### Recessional

"Fiat Lux"	Theodore Duboi
Rhonda Kwiecien, university organist	

Please remain standing as the worship leaders recess.

Graduates will be dismissed one row at a time.

Guests may then depart to meet their graduates outside.

# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Thanks to the members of the Class of 2023 who assisted in creating Baccalaureate:

- Kyla Bunkley, liturgical leader
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- Abdullah Gaw, provided quotes from the Islamic tradition
- Blake Johnson, scripture reader, student ministry team
- Paige Preston, liturgical leader, student ministry team
- Rachel Perez, procession lead, student ministry team
- Phillip Steenbekkers, cantor, student ministry team

Thanks to our faculty leaders Dr. Grutzmann, Dr. Lee and Ms. Kwiecien. Special thanks to alumnae Claire Kia for her compositions and lead on guitar.

Thanks to the Carroll University Choirs (\* indicates Class of 2023):

Spencer Anderson Clayton Huber Circe Sanchez Jason Becker Mary Kepplinger Riveron Kelsev Lily Berger Aavya Alexander Salomón Ruiz Amelia Braatz Dylan Klang Bryn Scheid Layton Carls Inge Kozinski Peter Schneider Logan Krenz Braden Schrock Adam Chandler Sage Shemak Miranda Cogan Rebecca Krieser Samantha De Guire Jadyn Splittgerber Laurence Mahnke Brady Dunnun Angelina Maly Mikayla Testolin Peter Garza Tyler McMullen Jadyn Thiel Laurie Gaillard Bridgette Neal Alicia Van Dale\* RJ Olson Stephanie Xiong Liz Gonnering Ashley Gray Katelyn Petersen Isabel Wallen Kyra Hietpas\* Isaac Plasil Sam Hinckle Matthew Rowe Madeline Hirata\* Damian Russell

# CARROLL UNIVERSITY ETHOS

At Carroll University, we are partners in creating a community that embraces respect, integrity and stewardship. The quality of our life together is central to our mission of excellence in teaching, learning and service.

# Respect

We will honor the dignity and worth of each member of our diverse community by building relationships of trust. We will be civil and kind as we engage one another in our work.

#### **Integrity**

We will offer our best selves and trust that others will do the same through honesty, fairness and strength of character.

### Stewardship

We will cultivate and care for our human, natural and material resources with gratitude, responsibility and accountability.

"Knowledge is the root of all good whereas ignorance is the root of all evil."

-the Prophet Mohammad

