



CARROLL UNIVERSITY
BACCALAUREATE



FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

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Blessing of the Graduates

Baccalaureate is a service of worship on the occasion of graduation. Today we reflect with the Class of 2025, 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 2025 are the primary speakers and have assisted in selecting prayers and readings from their own 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.

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Friday, May 9, 2025 | 3 p.m.

Auditorium, Shattuck Music Center

Please silence all electronic devices during the Baccalaureate ceremony.

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Prelude

*"Voices Raised to You We Offer"Jeffrey Blersch
Rhonda Kwiecien, lead collaborator/pianist/organist*

Please rise as you are able and remain standing.

Processional Hymn

*Procession led by Ms. Mercer Phlegar, '24, student ministry team
"In the Midst of New Dimensions"Julian B. Rush*



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions,
2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple,
3. As we stand a world di - vid - ed
4. We are man and we are wo - man,
5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions



in the face of chang - ing ways, who will lead the
war - ring fac - tions and de - spair, who will lift the
by our own self - seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your
all per - sua - sions, old and young, each a gift in
cause us to with - draw in pain, may your blaz - ing



pil - grim peo - ples wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
ol - ive branch - es? Who will light the flame of care?
glo - bal vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
phoe - nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain



God of rain - bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,



we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er,



now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Pastoral Greeting

The Rev. Elias J. Henry, 2024-25 chaplain resident

Land Acknowledgment

The Rev. Henry

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 Potawatomi 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 11 sovereign Tribal Nations who reside in what is now 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

The Rev. Henry

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The Carroll University Hymn

“Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past”Isaac Watts



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:

2. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

3. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream, dies at the op'ning day.

4. O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guard while life shall last, and our eternal Home!

Please be seated

President's Welcome

Dr. Cindy Gnadinger, president, Carroll University

Prayer of Gratitude

Ms. Madeline Aquino, '25, CUBayan vice president

Reflection on Psalm 68

Ms. Ashlyn Surratt, '25, biology supplemental instruction leader

Choral Response

“For God so Loved the World”.....John Stainer

Prayer for the Gift of Time

Ms. Aquino

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Ms. Anna Clare Miller, '25, coordinator of Fellowship of Carroll Athletes
Ms. Mary Beth Buhmann, '25, fellow for worship leadership

Anthem

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace".....John Rutter

Prayer for Courage

Ms. Aquino, '25

Isaiah 43 (excerpts)

Ms. Gaia Crippa, international student orientation mentor.....in Italian
Mr. Kevin Whittmon, football captainin English

Pastoral Reflection and Blessing of the Graduates

The Rev. Elizabeth E.P. McCord, chaplain and director of Spiritual Life
The Rev. Anna Langholz, staff chaplain

Please rise as you are able and remain standing through the recessional

Closing Hymn

"Go my Children with my Blessing" Jaroslav J. Vajda



"Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.

"Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.

Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-

Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort



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stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

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Charge to the Graduates from Hebrews 11

Mr. Damon Loker, '25, football captain

Benediction

The Rev. Langholz

Recessional

*“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”Charles V. Stanford/
arranged by Matt Limbaugh*

***The Platform Party and Graduates will recess first.
Please meet your graduate in the lobby after the recessional***

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to the members of the Class of 2025, the Carroll University Choirs, faculty, staff, administrators and volunteers who brought this year’s Baccalaureate to life, including Caroline Vanevenhoven, university event planner, and the many university teams working behind the scenes.

We are grateful for the musical leadership of Dr. Jeremiah Cawley, director of choral music, along with the Carroll University Choirs and Ms. Rhonda Kwiecien, lead collaborative pianist/organist.

Thank you to Jenn Youngblood, Class of 2003, for developing Carroll University’s Land Acknowledgement.

The Carroll University Office of Spiritual Life is overseen by the Rev. Elizabeth McCord, chaplain and director of spiritual life, in collaboration with our chaplain residents and student ministry team. We are especially grateful for the leadership of current chaplain resident the Rev. Elias Henry and the Rev. Anna Langholz, as well as the 2024-25 student ministry team.

Carroll University is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through our covenant with the Synod of the Lakes and Prairies, and we are grateful for the many forms of support provided by the Presbytery of Milwaukee and its congregations.

2025 CONCERT CHOIR PERSONNEL

Soprano

Grace Banwart '27

Amelia Braatz '26

Elizabeth Cahill '25

Maisie Cleveland '27

Olivia England '28

Mary Kepplinger '25

Trinity Kohls '28

Allie M. Kratochvil '28

Lily J Mireau '28

Anna Nimmer '25

Kelly Parker '27

Sarah Stromley '26

Lilah J. Wiesner '28

Sydney Rose Zarske '28

Alto

Ava Coppo '27

Talia Crisco '28

Ashley Hernon '25

Anastasia Elise Johnson '28

Inge Kozinski '26

Marianna Leventhal '27

Julia Limas '25

Emily Metcalf '25

Aavya Michelle '28

Nina Norelli '28
Alexa Pola '28

Kelsey Salomón Ruiz '26

Lucia Stempniewski '28

Sophie Wiegel '28

Kelsie L. Wilson '26

Tenor

Jason Becker '26

Ben Broll '28

Brady Dunnum '26

Sergio Flores '25

Peter Garza III '25

Kaiwalya Kaneta '28

Laurence Mahnke '26

Lake Schwartz '27

Gavin Wulf '27

Bass

Jaiden Cardinal '28

Adam Chandler '25

Aaron Haas '28

Chris Kaiser '28

Scotland K. Nicholson '27

Nate Passig '27

Caleb Reynolds '28

AJ Theus '28

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.



