

FEAST OF BEGINNINGS

Service of Word and Table

Perkins School of Theology
August 26, 2015 11:30 A.M.

Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary and Faculty Processional

Fugue in C major BWV 547 (2)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*Hymn 660 (UMH) *God Is Here* ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Call to Worship William Bryan, III

This is a day of new beginnings!

**New friends, new classes,
new challenges await us.**

This is a day of new beginnings!

God is with us; we step out in faith.

This is a day of new beginnings!

Glory to God on high!



*Sung Response *Gloria a Dios* (Glory to God) Peru
Please sing responsorially upon cue from cantor.

*Opening Prayer (in unison) William Bryan, III

**Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Installation of Student Leaders for 2015-2016

President: Myron E. Rhodes, Jr. Vice-President: Corrie Hermans

Secretary: Heather Moore Treasurer: Cassidy Wohlfarth

These leaders will come forward, stand and face the congregation.

*Other representatives and officers of student organizations
and Perkins student workers are invited to stand where they are.*

Tracy Anne Allred (Director of Student Services):

You have been called by God and chosen by the student body
for leadership at Perkins School of Theology.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation
and challenge you to offer your best to God,
to this community, and to our ministry in this place.
Live a life in Christ and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we install the student leaders of Perkins School of Theology for the coming
academic year.

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in this community in the coming year?

I will.

Will you so live that you enable this community to be a people of compassion and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the task for which you have been
chosen?

I will.

Dean Lawrence:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants

Who have been given particular ministries in this place.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of Christ,

Who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share Christ's ministry and consecration,

That they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work. Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge

That through them your purposes are accomplished;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Addressing the Perkins community)

Members of the community of Perkins School of Theology,

rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.

Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them in the responsibilities

to which they have been called,

giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

We will.

Welcome to the Perkins Community

Myron E. Rhodes, Jr.

Scripture Lesson

Amos 7:10-17

Jack Levison

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "The Limits of the Non-Prophet Organization" Dean William B. Lawrence

Prayers of the People

Evelyn Parker

Preparation *Prayer* (1975) Lloyd Pfautsch (1921-2003)
Founder of the MSM Program, Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities (1958-1992)
Sacred Music Ensemble

Have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon our efforts
That we before Thee in love and in faith,
Righteousness and humility, may follow Thee
With self denial, steadfastness, and courage
And meet Thee in the silence.

Give us a pure heart that we may see Thee,
A humble heart that we may hear Thee,
A heart of love that we may serve Thee
A heart of faith that we may live Thee.

Thou whom I do not know

But whose I am.

Thou whom I do not comprehend

But who has dedicated me to my fate. Thou . . .

Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961) from *Markings* (1964)

Prayers

Sung Response after the cantor:

Have mercy upon us.

Service of the Table

*Passing the Peace

Procession of the Sacrament *O Taste and See* (1987) Carlton R. Young (b. 1926)
Sacred Music Ensemble Professor of Sacred Music
Director, M.S.M. Program, 1964-1975

O taste and see the goodness of the LORD.

Blessed are they who trust in God.

Psalm 34:8

Great Thanksgiving (*UMH*, pp. 9-11) Iona Community Musical Setting
Sing with the choir as directed by the cantor for musical responses.
Presiders: William B. Lawrence and Priscilla Pope-Levison

The Lord's Prayer (intoned)

*Receiving the Bread and Cup

Music during Communion *Let Us Break Bread Together* (*UMH* 618)
Donté Ford, M.S.M. Candidate, Leader

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Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

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***Hymn 87 (UMH)** *What Gift Can We Bring* (1980) ANNIVERSARY SONG
 Text and Music by Jane Marshall (b. 1924), B.M. '45; M.M. '68
 Adjunct Professor of Choral Conducting (1979-1986)

***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary and Faculty Processional Max Reger (1873-1916)
 Chorale Prelude "Exult, Earth, and Heaven, Rejoice Greatly" op. 67 no. 15
 The congregation will please be seated for the faculty processional and the closing voluntary.

*Please stand as you are able.

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Worship Leaders

- Elder/Preacher: William B. Lawrence, Dean, Perkins School of Theology
- Liturgists: Tracy Anne Allred, Director of Student Services
- William Bryan, Associate Dean for Student Affairs
- John R. (Jack) Levison, W.J.A. Power Professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Biblical Hebrew
- Priscilla Pope-Levison, Associate Dean for External Programs
- Evelyn Parker, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Choir Sacred Music Choral Ensemble
- Cantor C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music
- Organist Christopher Anderson, Associate Professor of Sacred Music
- Sacristans Chapel Assistants, Heather Gottas and Kallie Green

Perkins Student Association Leaders (2015-2016)

- President: Myron E. Rhodes, Jr. Justice in Action Chair: L. Robin Murray
- Vice-President: Corrie Hermans Chaplain: Sheena Fields
- Secretary: Heather Moore Senators: Jonathan Allen & Joshua Manning
- Treasurer: Cassidy Wohlfarth Middle-Year Representatives:
- Social Life Chair: Katie Lewis Timmy Clark & Courtney Webb

**Selected musical compositions for this service have been chosen
 in honor the 55th Anniversary of the Sacred Music Program
 and the M.S.M. Alumni/ae Reunion, September 27-29, 2015.**