

Thiel College

# Baccalaureate Worship

“The World is About to Turn ”

7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 6th, 2023



Prelude: .....

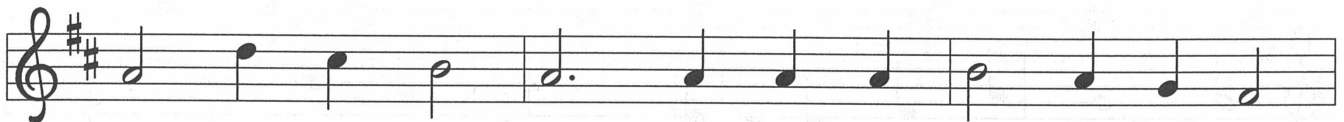
### Welcome and Announcements

### Gathering Hymn:

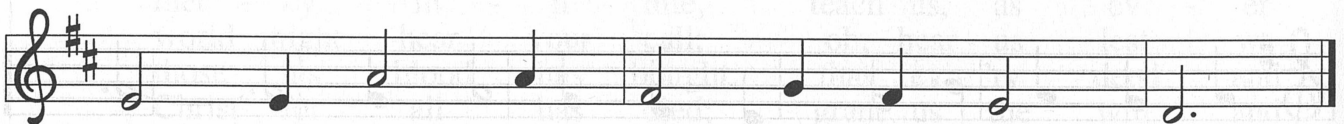
# 716 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all  
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,  
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less  
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er  
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I  
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -  
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I  
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim  
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.  
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.  
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.  
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.  
 Music: Šamotulský Kancionál, 1561  
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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all...

## C: And also with you

Let us pray...

Amen

## Jasmine Phillips

Jasmine Phillips comes to us from Hubbard, Ohio. She is the daughter of John Phillips & Barb Ryser, and is graduating with degrees in cognitive development and counseling psychology. After graduation, Jasmine will be working as a prevention educator around the Youngstown area.

## Branston Peese

Branston Elsworth Peese is the son of Wayne and Michele Peese of Aaronsburg, PA. He is a dual major in Religion, and Theology and Youth Ministry. After graduation, he plans on moving to Pittsburgh's East End and joining the work force in some capacity.

# 764

# Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930

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LITTLE FLOCK

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### ***Natalie Zgurich***

*Daughter of Jennifer and Michael Zgurich, Natalie is graduating with a degree in Business Administration: Human Resources and Management, with minors in English, Economics, and Health Administration. Natalie will be attending George Mason University for an online program for my Master of Healthcare Administration while working as a resident at UPMC Horizon. She will also be the volunteer assistant tennis coach of Thiel's tennis team and the resident director of Bane.*

**Reading: Acts 7: 55-60**

### ***Zachary Smith***

*Zachary James Smith is a Pittsburgh native, son of Sandy Smith. He will be graduating with a degree in Neuro-science and Psychology, and plans to attend a Master's program at Slippery Rock university to prepare to be a school counselor.*

### ***Rebekah Ladaika***

*Rebekah is from Erie, PA, daughter of Adam and Joni Ladaika. At Thiel she studied to prepare to continue in Thiel's master's program for Speech and Language Pathology, starting in the summer '23 cohort.*

### ***Nathaniel Meth***

*Nathaniel comes from the Pittsburgh area, son of Diane Clark and Jeffrey Meth. He earned a degree in history with a minor in philosophy and a certificate in English*

**Psalm 31**

**The Thiel Choir**

"Omnia Sol"

Z. Randall Stroope (b.1953)

### ***Mei Williams***

*Mei comes to us from New Wilmington PA, daughter of Lynn and Jim Williams. She majored in business administration and international business, with a minor in Communications. Mei plans to continue her education in Thiel's MBA program after graduation.*

### ***Roy "Trey" Wilt III***

*Trey is a Greenville PA. native, son of Roy Wilt Jr. and Heather Wilt. Trey earned a Bachelors Degree in Business, and is planning for a career in public service.*

# Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

## Reflection

Rev. Brian Riddle, Campus Pastor of Thiel College

### 729 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

## **Prayers:**

O God of Life, you reach out to us with the arms of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath, revive our faith and renew our purpose, so that the challenges we have faced together might be our witness to the world that you are with us always. Hear us O God,

**C: Your Mercy is great**

You give us gifts to prosper us, and to enrich the human community. Help us to share that which we have been given for the sake of humanity and the common good. Hear us O' God,

**C: Your mercy is great**

We thank you for the witness of the church, and its faithful across the ages. Inspire us with their testimony, and give our lives purpose as we find meaning in work and in community. Hear us O' God,

**C: Your Mercy is great**

For Thiel College, that our mission might be pleasing in your sight. Preserve our college Lord, and continue to lead us with your loving grace. Hear us O' God,

**C: Your Mercy is great**

For those that cannot be here, and for those we have lost along the way; protect all who travel, and be present with those who mourn. Hear us O' God,

**C: Your Mercy is great**

For all else that you know we need, we entrust our lives to your love and care.

**Amen**

## **Blessing and sending our graduating Seniors:**

*(Seniors, please come to the front of the chapel at this time.)*

## **Choral Benediction:**

*"In meeting we are Blessed"*

*Troy D. Robertson (b. 1978)*

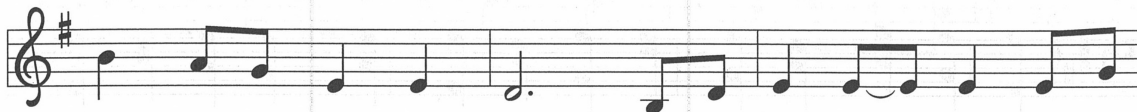
*Alumni members of the Thiel Choir are invited to join the Thiel Singers at this time*

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Canticle of the Turning



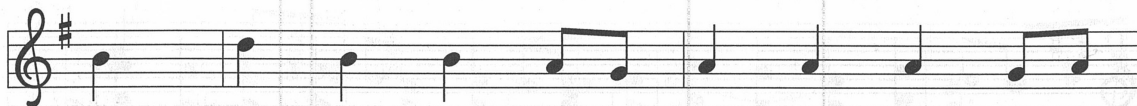
1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



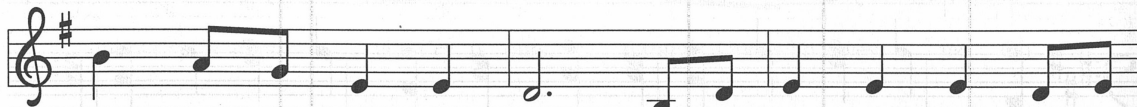
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

## **Serving in Worship**

### **Accompanist:**

Kathryn Davison Miller

### **Choir Direction:**

Brianne Samson

### **Presiding**

### **Minister:**

Rev. Brian Riddle `07

### **The Thiel College Chamber Singers**

Savanna Adams

Michaela Brown

Laci Dezern

Nova Firster

Elijah Finchbaugh

Amelia Folkmire

Jason Jewitt

Melina Liska

Charlee May

Rhiannon Mayer

Matt Nale

Christina Newman

Sylvia Patterson

Branston Peese

Nate Robinson

Abigail Smagala

Riley Smith

Bailey Stilts

Samantha Stine

Zackery Welker

Madeline White

### **WHAT IS A BACCALAUREATE SERVICE?**

Baccalaureate is a Latin compound word which celebrates the “laurels” (originally, real ringlets of laurel; figuratively, addresses or sermons) that honored those achieving the “bacca” or bachelor’s degree. Baccalaureate services in North America trace back to traditions in medieval European universities. In those early universities, the pursuit of learning and scholarship in sciences and arts were seen as profound gifts from God, and as faith-deepening ways of life in response to God.

### **BACCALAUREATE WORSHIP AT THIEL**

Today’s worship continues those traditions, inclusively and within our Lutheran heritage. We celebrate with an array of excellent music and congregational song, with gospel proclamation by Thiel’s campus pastor, the Rev. Brian Riddle, and most importantly with reflections offered by graduating members of the Thiel community. Graduates go forth with the blessing and sending of our community for a journey of service, deeply rooted in themes, such as vocation, that are also celebrated in Holy Baptism.