

Inaugural Service
of
President
Daniel C. Dobbins '81

Sunday
February 21, 2021



PROGRAM

Prelude

Voluntary in G Major ■ John Stanley
Dr. Nancy S. Ypma | University Organist

Welcome and Introductions

Reverend **Dr. Tim Harrison**
McKendree University Chaplain

Opening Prayer

Reverend Monsignor **James E. Margason**
Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish & St. Joseph's Parish

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 3: 5-14
Reverend **Allynn Walker**
IGRC Mississippi River District Superintendent

Homily

"21st Century Servant Leadership"
Reverend **Dr. Tim Harrison**

Choral Anthem

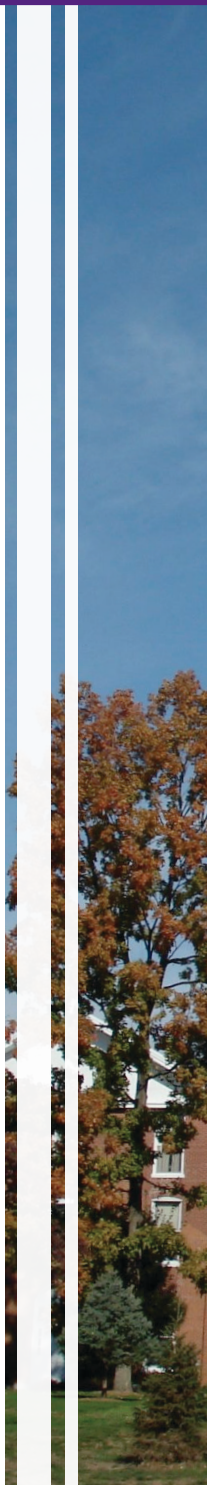
Order My Steps ■ **Glenn Burleigh**

Performed by **University Concert Choir**

Dr. John McDonald | Director

Melissa Ray | Accompanist

Ranodore Foggs | Speaker





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Presentation of Symbols

Narrated by **Dr. Jean Sampson, '83** | Faculty

The Bell

Lori Kuper '20 | Alumni

Charter of School

Scott Billhartz '85 | Staff

Academic Book

Caleb Shipley | Class of 2021

Basin & Towel

Erin Haff | Class of 2021

A Covenant of Support

Reverend Dr. Don Wagner
Reverend Kim Hagedorn
Dr. Pamela Manning

**Lebanon
Ministerial
Alliance**

Choral Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You ▪ **Peter Christian**

Performed by **University Concert Choir**

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Benediction Prayer

Ms. Amy Shreve

IGRC Coordinator of Higher Education and Campus Ministry

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune ▪ **David German**

Performed by **Dr. Nancy Ypma** | University Organist



A Covenant of Support

Friends and members of this community, we gather today to affirm our loving and prayerful support of President Daniel C. Dobbins '81 as the thirty-third president of McKendree University. We covenant to work with President Dobbins in this important endeavor of educational formation and to encourage and inspire him in his faithfulness as the steward appointed to this institution of higher learning. We also covenant to welcome and support the students who are a part of this community as they seek truth, knowledge and justice in their educational experience with the goal at graduation of making a difference in our greater community and world.

We celebrate this day with you, President Dobbins appreciating the tremendous responsibility that you have accepted and your calling to meet the demands and challenges that this community called McKendree University provides. Know that the greater Lebanon community stands together with you in mutual desire to offer those who enter the doors of the University a transformative experience that will benefit the individual and a world in need of effective, compassionate leaders! We pledge to lift you up in our thoughts and prayers!

And now, as representatives of the greater Lebanon community, we offer this prayer: God of all wisdom and knowledge, we celebrate today, the promises we have made in this Inaugural Sunday Service with each other! Confirm our covenantal relationship in this special place that has witnessed so many lives formed and changed for the good through many generations! Bless President Dobbins with discernment and wisdom and bless our intentions, hopes, and commitments with the fruit of holiness. Light our path with the lamp of your Word and the fire of your Holy Spirit. Move us on this journey and enable us to walk with all your people toward a day of justice and peace on this precious earth that we all hold in common. To the one who is all Wise and Gracious, and Loving, we pray! **AMEN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

4.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.



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