

BACCALAUREATE

MAY 15, 2020

5:00 P.M.

PRELUDE	<i>Smokey Mountain Lullaby</i>	Scott Honaker
WELCOME		Mairi Renwick
CALL TO WORSHIP		Kim Coyle Sommer Jordan
HYMN	<i>When We Face an Unknown Future</i> Sololist Hannah Altman	<u>See lyrics below</u>
OPENING PRAYER		Jen Brothers
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		Frances Taylor Gench
SCRIPTURE	Hebrews 12:1-2	
SERMON	“Cloud of Witnesses”	
HYMN	<i>Here I am Lord</i> Sololist Kelley Connelly	<u>See lyrics below</u>
PLANTING OF THE SEEDS		Jayme Babczak
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		

As we conclude our final worship service, please feel free to remain as students share memories and gratitude.

Today’s worship leaders are Mairi Renwick (Chaplain), Doug Brown (Director of Music), Scott Honaker (graduand), Kim Coyle (graduand), Sommer Jordan (2nd year student), Hannah Altman (graduand) Jen Brothers (graduand), Jayme Babczak (graduand), and Kelley Connelly (graduand).

Today’s preacher is Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, Herbert Worth and Annie H. Jackson Professor of Biblical Interpretation.

Special thanks to Mike Frontiero, Director of Communications, who helped create this virtual worship service.

When We Face an Unknown Future

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Beach Spring, attr. B. F. White;
harm. Christopher Gage

1. When we face an un-known fu - ture that we can't im - a - gine yet,
2. Je - sus faced the lone-ly des - ert as a time to look with - in.
3. May we che - rish those a - round us as we nev - er have be - fore.
4. God, when ill - ness comes to threat - en, and when so much here goes wrong,

when the close - ness we have trea - sured turns from bless - ing in - to threat -
There he met such trial and con - flict; there he knew you were with him.
May we think much less of prof - it; may we learn what mat - ters more.
may we know this thing for cer - tain— that your love is sure and strong.

As we miss our friends and loved ones, as we crave com - mu - ni - ty,
In this time of se - pa - ra - tion when we miss the life we've known,
May we hear our neigh - bors' suf - fer - ing; may we see our neigh - bors' pain.
You're be - side us in our suf - fer - ing—and when times are sure - ly tough,

may we look, God, in this sea - son, for a whole new way to be.
may we hear your voice pro - claim - ing: "I am here! You're not a - lone."
May we learn new ways of off - ering life and health and hope a - gain.
we may face an un - known fu - ture, but it's filled, Lord, with your love.

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69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.