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DIVINITY SCHOOL

A Continuation of our Lenten Journey Chapel Service

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Prelude Music

Worship Leader/Musician Chris Chism (he/him)
Founder/Lead Pastor of The House Dallas

Call to Worship

Dr. Michael Miller (he/him)
Executive Vice President and Dean

Leader: Lord, God of all Creation, we gather on this day knowing that with spring there is hope, carried upon the wind, filling field and forest, city and town. With joy, we welcome the spring sun which warms and feeds our earth with energy and light. We welcome you, season of spring.

All: Teach us dear God the lesson of spring, that all creation comes alive— trees and bushes, flowers and plants— We welcome you, season of spring; we praise you God of spring

Leader: Blessed are you, O God of all Creation who gives us the season of spring, bright season of life awakening. You gladden our hearts with opening buds and returning leaves as you put on your robes of splendor.

All: God of all life, you open the closed buds of our despair as you journey with us to the flowering places. You invite us to sing songs to the chilly regions within and to bless the lessons of winter as we become your partner in a new dance

Worship Song

Breathe, Maverick City Music

This goes out to the worried, this goes out to the stressed
Sorting out a million thoughts running through your head
To everyone that's waiting for better days ahead
Tired and frustrated and leaving words unsaid
Please don't hold your breath



Just breathe
'Cause it's a miracle we can breathe
There's power in the way that we breathe
Release your heavy burdens
And let everything that has breath, praise the Lord
This is why we have breath, so praise the Lord

Sometimes you're in the desert, sometimes you feel the pain
Sometimes God calms a storm and sometimes God let's it rain
Please don't hold your breath

Just breathe
This is a miracle, we can breathe
There's power in the way that we breathe
Release your heavy burdens
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Oh, and I can feel my lungs
Taking air again
Just breathing, I'm breathing in oxygen
And I can feel my strength
It's coming back again
Breathing, breathing in oxygen

Oh, and I can feel my lungs

Taking air again
Just breathing, I'm breathing in oxygen
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Prayers of the People

Rev. Kyle Fautleroy (he/him), Director of Development

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21, NRSV

Junior Kabwe (he/him), M. Div. Student

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,

 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise



Hymn of Reflection

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, Traditional African American Spiritual

I want Jesus to walk with me,
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Christ, walk with me.
In my trials, Christ, walk with me.
When my heart is almost breaking,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Christ, walk with me.
When I'm in trouble, Christ, walk with me.
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14 NRSV

Yvonne Taylor (she/her), M. Div. Student

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.



I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Sermon: Do You Not Perceive It?!

Dr. Michael Miller (he/him)
Executive Vice President and Dean

Musical Interlude

Chris Chism (he/him)

Communion

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



One: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life.... You created humanity to live in your love. When your people wandered in the wilderness you nourished them along the way, and brought them close to you again.

You sent Jesus, your own heart, to travel with us and all people so we may come to know your love fully.

Jesus protected the lost, forgave those who had strayed, and gently guided those wandering away because of sin, fear, and rejection.

And so, with the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

One: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion... Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to all those present saying: "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant poured out for you in my life. Do this, and as often as you drink it and remember me."

And so, in remembrance of these your acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Many: Bless us, therefore, by your Holy Spirit that as we receive the consecrated bread and fruit of the vine at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things. In the strength Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Sharing the Elements – Siblings come and let us eat and drink



Closing Song:
Moving Forward by Israel Houghton

What a moment you have brought me to
Such a freedom I have found in you
You're the healer who makes all things new
I'm not going back, I'm moving ahead

Here to declare to you my past is over in you
All things are made new, surrendered my life to Christ
I'm moving, moving forward
You have risen with all power in your hands
You have given me a second chance

I'm not going back, I'm moving ahead
Here to declare to you my past is over in you
All things are made new, surrendered my life to Christ

I'm moving not going back, moving ahead
Here to declare to you, my past is over in you
All things are made new, surrendered my life to Christ
I'm moving, moving forward

You make all things new
Yes, you make all things new and I will follow you forward
You make all things new
You make all things new
Yeah, and I will follow you forward



You make all things new
Yes, you make all things new and I will follow you forward
You make all things new
You make all things new
Yeah, and I will follow you forward

I have decided
I will follow you forward

Benediction

Dr. Michael Miller (he/him)

Postlude

Chris Chism (he/him)