

Baccalaureate Ceremony

May 23, 2020



Prelude	Dr. Casey Hayes
Invocation	The Rev. Dr. Hannah Adams Ingram
Words of Welcome	President Kerry Prather
Song: Amazing Grace	Austin Kitchen '20
Litany	Bryce and Brady Hale '20

Leader: God calls each of us.

People: To acknowledge our gifts and to dedicate them to the service of God's people.

Leader: People of all ages, races, genders, and backgrounds,

People: God calls us to use our abilities to serve others and to further the common good.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

People: Enable us to be a blessing to others.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the ways in which we have been served.

People: Help us, in gratitude, to serve others.

Seniors: We give thanks to God, our family and friends, the faculty and staff of Franklin College, for the experiences we have had here, and for the opportunities before us.

All (except seniors): We are proud of you! Our hopes and prayers are that you will go far with what you have learned, do much to help others.

Faculty and Staff: We give thanks that you were here with us for these years; we will remember you always and wish the best for you.

All: Through us, in us, and for us, God's purpose comes to life in the world. May we all be receptive to God's leading and ever thankful for God's gifts and blessings. Amen.

Readings: Maya Angelou, On Gratitude Thomas Beckstein '20

Matthew 5:1-10 Kylie Paul '20

Introduction of Speaker President Kerry Prather

Address: "Not at All What We Expected!" Dr. Michael Gilligan

Song: Rise Up by Audra Day Kauaii Canada '20

The Franklin College Prayer (unison) The Rev. Dr. Hannah Adams Ingram

Lord God, through Baptist pioneers you founded Franklin College to be a community bright with wisdom and truth. Draw students, faculty, staff, and alumni of all traditions together in your Spirit, so that we might be set free from ignorance and prejudice, and become faithful servants of all your people. Amen.

Benediction The Dr. Rev. Hannah Adams Ingram

Invitation to Commencement Dr. Randall Smith

Postlude Dr. Casey Hayes