

Wilkes University
Baccalaureate Service

6:45 P.M. • FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2017

DOROTHY DICKSON DARTE CENTER

PRELUDE

Tsukasa Waltich, *Piano*

Ushers

Gabrielle Baran, *Accounting*
Hayley Bundz, *Environmental Engineering*
Nia Williams, *Environmental Engineering*

INVOCATION

Kristin Osipower, *Coordinator of Campus Interfaith*

WELCOME

Dr. Paul Adams, *Vice President, Student Affairs*

MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCES

Santana Velez, *Biology*

Matthew Kachurak
Jonathan Ratchko
Brianna Smarkusky

READINGS

Jewish Tradition – Psalm 39

Sarah Kennedy, *Early Childhood and Elementary Education*

Christian Tradition – Matthew 5:13-16

Casara McCleaf, *Computer Science, Mathematics*

Muslim Tradition – The Holy Book, the Qur'an 1:1-7 (Surat al-Fatihah)

Hussain Abdulrahman Alrumaym, *Business Management*

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" – Peter C. Lutkin

Wilkes University Commencement Chorus
Dr. Steven Thomas, *Director*

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Rabbi Larry Kaplan
Temple Israel

Time of Recollection and Book of Gratitude

Sarah Bedford, *Communications*

The graduates are invited to come forward and write the name of someone who has influenced their experience at Wilkes University in the Book of Gratitude. The book will remain available briefly after Baccalaureate for any additional remembrances.

INTERLUDE

Tsukasa Waltich, *Piano*

BENEDICTION

Dr. Rafael Garcia, *Assistant Professor Foreign Languages*

RECESSIONAL

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

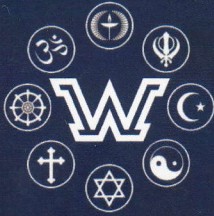
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Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You,
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!



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