FALL CONVOCATION

Isaacson Chapel
September 23, 2021
5:00 p.m.
The Order of Worship

Prelude
Solemn Melody
Grand Choeur
Henry Walford Davies
Theodore Salome

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Processional
Trumpet Allemande
Anthony Holborne

Greetings
David W. Kersten, Dean, North Park Theological Seminary

Call to Worship
David Kersten, Dean
Psalm 19:7-14
Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from hidden faults.
Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Opening Song
Dios Está Aquí/God Is Here Today
Dios está aquí,
tan cierto como el aire que respiro,
tan cierto como en la mañana se levanta el sol,
tan cierto que cuando le canto me puede oír.

God is here today;
as certain as the air God gives for breathing,
as certain as the light grows brighter with the morning sun,
as certain as the song I sing is a song God will hear.

*The congregation will stand as able.
Prayer for the Day  
(in unison)  
Gracious God, who has caused Holy Scripture to be written for our learning; help us to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest its sacred teaching so that we may have the grace to cope with your generosity, the patience to love questions, and a willingness to do the truth. As it is in Jesus who shares dominion with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever, Amen.

Conferring of Honorary Doctor of Divinity
Ellen M. Kogstad  
Presented by David Kersten

The Epistle Lesson
Colossians 1:15-20  
Mari Yamagiwa,  
Master of Christian Ministries/Master of Nonprofit Administration student

*The Gospel Lesson
Mark 4:35-41  
Terrance Smith, Master of Christian Formation student

Song of Preparation
Calm to the Waves  
Calm to the waves.  
Calm to the wind.  
Jesus whispers, “Peace, be still.”  
Balm to our hearts.  
Fears at an end.  
In stillness, hear his voice.

Sermon
“Don’t you Care?”  
Jules Martínez-Olivieri, Milton B. Engebretson Chair in Evangelism and Justice, North Park Theological Seminary

Recognition of Returning Students
Michelle Clifton-Soderstrom, Dean of Faculty, North Park Theological Seminary

Presentation of New Students
Debra Auger, Dean of Students and Community Life, North Park Theological Seminary

A Litany for New Students
Leader: Brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ! We have assembled to acknowledge the work of the Triune God in creating, redeeming, and calling these persons to service in the household of faith. We recognize the providence of God in leading thus far in their lives and pray that we, the Seminary community, may be the stewards of these gifts given to us by the church. Moreover, let us further pray that a due sense of responsibility for thought, study, and life together may grace our partnership in the gospel.
People: Rejoicing in your call to ministry and confident that God is faithful: let love guide you, truth free you, and grace enable you. Fear no questions; respond truthfully; live generously and graciously among all.

Leader: May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you and remain with you now and always. Amen.

**Prayer of Consecration**

Mary K. Surridge, President, North Park University

**Song of Sending**

Guide My Feet

Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

2. Hold my hand...
3. Stand by me...
4. I'm your child...

**Benediction**

Jules Martínez-Olivieri

**Recessional**

Trumpet Finale

Domenico Gabrieli

**Postlude**

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

**Organ**

Sharon R. Peterson, North Park Theological Seminary

**Piano**

David D. Bjorlin, Teaching Fellow in Music and Worship, North Park Theological Seminary

**Crucifer**

Yoshhisa Mack, Master of Divinity student

**Banner Bearer**

Sam Mariano, Master of Christian Formation/Master of Nonprofit Administration student
NEW STUDENT LIST

Master of Divinity
Adham Alaraj  
United Church of Christ (Dubai, AE)  
BA, Bethlehem Bible College

Jacob Kim*  
New Life Covenant (Palatine, IL)  
BA, Moody Bible Institute

Denise Rodriguez Lucas  
Chicago Tabernacle (Chicago, IL)  
MA, North Park University

Yoshhisa Mack*  
Grace Community Covenant (Louisville, KY)  
BA, University of Kentucky

Lynnea Miller  
Batavia Covenant Church (Batavia, IL)  
BA, Michigan State University

Jada Murry  
All Nations Worship Assembly (Chicago, IL)  
BA, Roosevelt University

Jeffrey Parker  
Chicago Tabernacle (Chicago, IL)  
BA, Western Wash University

Leigh Pylman  
Lincoln Square Presbyterian Church (Chicago, IL)  
BA, Wheaton College  
MA, University of Chicago

Leanne Smiles  
Batavia Covenant Church (Batavia, IL)  
MA, North Park University

Alyssa Spradley*  
Anthem Church (Chicago, IL)  
BA, Wheaton College

Master of Divinity/Master of Business Administration
Andrew Edstrom  
Northwest Covenant Church (Mt. Prospect, IL)  
BA, North Park University

Master of Divinity/Master of Nonprofit Administration
Melanie Gering  
Tapestry Church of the Nazarene (Raleigh, NC)  
BS, Southern Nazarene University

Master of Arts in Theological Studies
Matthew Pike  
Grace Evangelical Church (Chicago, IL)  
MA, University of Mobile

Nathaniel Rodrigues*  
West Hills Covenant Church (Portland, OR)  
BS, Portland State University

Master of Arts in Christian Formation
Terri Baskett  
Highrock Malden, ECC (Malden, MA)  
BA, Salve Regina University

Emily Berg*  
Cornerstone Anglican Church (Chicago, IL)  
BA, Moody Bible Institute

Amy Bloyer  
Journey Church (Wichita, KS)  
BA, Wichita State University

Jael Boeschling  
Community Covenant Church (Omaha, NE)  
BA, Missouri Western State University

Meghan Bruggeman  
Renew Covenant Church (Carroll, IA)  
BA, North Park University

Amy Brunk  
Countryside Covenant Church (McPherson, KS)  
BS, Bethel College

Melvin Cole  
Freedom Covenant Church (Kansas City, MO)

Kate Cooper  
Evangelical Covenant Church (Lindsborg, KS)  
BS, Kansas State University

Aisha Cox  
Ascent Community Church (Louisville, CO)  
BS, California State University, Northridge

** Returning to Complete Additional Degree
* Began Spring 2021
Clarissa Dantas de Figueiredo  
Hillcrest Covenant Church (Prairie Village, KS)

Kellie Davidson  
Grace Place (Berthoud, CO)  
BS, Liberty University

Amber Eaton  
First Covenant Church (Salina, KS)

Josh Ferris  
Restoration Church (Loveland, CO)

Kevin Hahn  
The Well (Des Moines, IA)

Laura Jackson*  
Faith Covenant Church (Farmington Hills, MI)  
BA, Central Michigan University

Sheila Love*  
Living Grace Church (Lynwood, IL)  
BA, Governors State University

Sarah Lynch  
Applewood Community Church (Golden, CO)  
BA, University of Northern Colorado

Kelly Morrow  
Countryside Covenant Church (McPherson, KS)

Jennifer Pearson  
Evangelical Covenant Church (Pomeroy, IA)  
BS, Iowa State University

Evelyn Perez  
Iglesia Evangelica Maranatha (Richmond, CA)  
B.A., San Francisco State University

Mark Peterson  
Clay Center Covenant Church (Clay Center, KS)  
BA, North Park University

Dawn Reimers  
Evangelical Covenant Church (Wakefield, NE)  
BS, Oklahoma Wesleyan University

John Sandberg  
Community Covenant Church (Kearney, MO)  
BA, Northwestern College

Jason Sivewright  
Engage South KC (Kansas City, MO)  
BA, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Kendall Smith  
BS, Bethel College

Leslie Stahl  
The River Church Community (San Jose, CA)  
BS, Northwestern University  
MA, Marquette University

Vincent Tinch*  
Life Church Southfield (Southfield, MI)  
BS, Oakland University

Anthony Wedel  
Countryside Covenant Church (McPherson, KS)  
BS, Wichita State University

Master of Arts in Christian Formation/  
Master of Nonprofit Administration

Jessica Hunt*  
BS, Northwestern University

Master of Arts in Christian Ministry

Tracey McFadden  
Bread of Life Missionary Baptist Church (Chicago, IL)  
Chicago State University

Rita Pike  
Grace Evangelical Covenant Church (Chicago, IL)  
BA, Moody Bible Inst

Markeyta Sconiers  
New Community Covenant Church (Chicago, IL)  
BA, Argosy University

Master of Arts in Christian Ministry/  
Master of Nonprofit Administration

Rachel Dempsey  
Springfield First United Methodist Church (Springfield, IL)  
BA, Greenville College

Master of Arts in Christian Ministry-  
with Restorative Arts

Karla Acord-Kelly
Jamie Anderson
Lindsay Anderson
Rita Brookmeyer
Leanne Childs
Mishunda Davis
Wendy Denzler
Marcos Gray
John Hall
Karin Hargrave
Maria Jimenez
Tina Jones
Latasha Kennedy  
Anteshia Lee  
Karen McCarron  
Tameka Newsom  
Maria Ramos  
Deborah Sims  
Carlvosier Smith  
Briana Travis  
Mary Vetor  
Cayla Wheeler

Ignite Cohort 4
Michael Bowsher  
West Point Community Covenant Church (West Point, CA)  
BA, Miami University

Scott Burnett  
Newport Covenant Church (Bellevue, WA)  
BA, Nyack College

Pamela Christensen  
Quest Church (Seattle, WA)  
BA, Seattle Pacific University

Aaron Crumrine  
Covenant Grove Church (Modesto, CA)  
BA, Central Washington University  
MS, Fuller Theological Seminary

Alexandria Figueroa  
First Covenant Church (Oakland, CA)  
BA, University of California, Berkeley

Marcia Kirk  
Good Shepherd Community Church (Tracy, CA)  
BS, Liberty University

Kylie McClellan  
Mosaic Covenant Church (Bayside Church of Placerville, Placerville, CA)  
BA, Simpson College

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Anchor Covenant Church (Lake Geneva, WI)  
BS, North Park University

Bronwyn Murphy  
University Covenant Church (Davis, CA)  
BA, University of California, Davis

Christopher Nauss  
Freedom Covenant Church (Penryn, CA)

Cynarra Nichols  
Common Ground, A Covenant Church (Sacramento, CA)

Tracy Perrilliat  
South Bay Community Church (Fremont, CA)  
BS, San Jose State University

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Epiphany Covenant Church (Belcourt, ND)  
BGS, University of Kansas  
MA, Concordia University, Irvine

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Mosaic Covenant Church (New York City, NY)  
BA, Oakland University

Cheryl Takabayashi  
Wellspring Covenant Church (Aiea, HI)  
BA, University of Washington  
MS, Argosy University  
Juris Doctor, Santa Clara University

Paulita Todhunter  
Epiphany Covenant Church (Minneapolis, MN)  
BA, University of Saint Thomas

Heather Tomscak  
Freedom Point Covenant Church (Loomis, CA)  
BA, William Jessup University

Justin Tuell  
Montecito Covenant Church (Santa Barbara, CA)  
AA, Tacoma Community College

Mabeyli Pool Varguez  
Iglesia La Jornada (Concord, CA)  
BS, California State University, East Bay

Sarah Wood  
Freedom Point Covenant Church (Penryn, CA)  
BS, University of California, Davis

Certificate in Foundational Courses
Joe Faulkinbery  
Wallens Creek Covenant Church (Duffield, VA)  
BS, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College

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Covenant Grove Church (Modesto, CA)  
BS, Illinois Institute of Technology

Sharee Myricks  
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church (Chicago, IL)  
BA, Indiana-Purdue University

Deborah Packnick  
Covenant Church of Easton (Easton, CT)  
BA, Fairfield University
Certificate in Christian Studies
Kristian Crawford
Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints
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B.A., Chicago Baptist Institute

Certificate in Intercultural Ministry
Denisse Arango Moreno
Redeemer Lutheran Church (Chicago, IL)
MA, North Park University

Certificate in Transformative Justice
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New Life Community Church (Chicago, IL)
BS, DeVry Institute of Technology

Certificate in Spiritual Direction
Emily Berg*
Cornerstone Anglican Church (Chicago, IL)
BA, Moody Bible Institute

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Oakdale Covenant Church (Chicago, IL)
B.S., Moody Bible Institute

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Lettered Streets Covenant
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Crossview Covenant Church (Mankato, MN)
B.A., Minnesota State University

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Oceanhills Covenant Church (Santa Barbara, CA)
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B.S. Grand Valley State University

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Antioch Wesleyan Church (Antioch, CA)
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High Point Church (Madison, WI)
B.S., University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

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