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Louisville Seminary celebrates the unconditional and everlasting love that God has for all people of every creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, and circumstance. And so the Louisville Seminary Community accepts the invitation, the challenges, and the rewards of emphasizing "Whosoever: A Divine Invitation" as the foundation for engaging the world and building bridges between God and humanity.

**The Presidential Inauguration and Installation of
The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III**
"WHOSOEVER: A DIVINE INVITATION"

Friday, April 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Frank H. and Fannie W. Caldwell Chapel

Pre-Service Music

The Beechmont Presbyterian Church Drummers
Alonzo Johnson, Director

Processional

Praise God with Drums and Cymbals
Louie Bailey, organ; Israel Cuenca, percussion

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Order of the Processional

Crucifer
The Marshal
Delegates of Learned Societies and Associations
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The President

Viisha P. Souza
Amy Plantinga Pauw

Choral Introit

We Offer Praise
Peace Presbyterian Mass Choir
Sheila O'Bannon, Director

Rodnie Bryant

Call to Worship

William E. Mullins

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Raise a song! Sound the Drum!

Many: Make music to our God!

One: The one in whom we live, and move, and have our being has called us here,

Many: For we are all God's children.

One: From north, south, east, and west,

Many: Our footsteps have brought us to this place – to sit together in the Kin-dom of God.

One: Responding to the rhythm of God's grace, we pray:

Many: O God, may our hearts beat in time with yours;

One: May we welcome all as you welcome all;

Many: May we love all as you love all.

One: Come, let the divine invitation echo in all that we do and say;

Many: Come, let us worship God.

From Psalm 81; Acts 17:28; Luke 13:29.

***Opening Hymn**

There is a Dream That Fills God's Heart

BRAY

Please sing hymn text and music on page 6.

Prayer of Adoration

Viisha P. Souza

O Source of life,
you called creation out of chaos,
making a home for all that lives;
you spoke into being schools of fish,
murmurations of starlings,
families of otters,
communities of people—
you called them all good.

O Holy One,
from the family of a wandering Aramean,
you gathered to yourself twelve tribes.
From those twelve, you extended,
to all who could hear it,
a glad word of welcome.
To the outcasts and strangers, you said:
“My house shall be called
a house of prayer for all peoples,”

O Divine Host,
you welcomed all to your table:
zealot, sinner, broken, bruised,
tax collector, fisherman, midwife, friend,
eunuch, dye-maker, grandparent, child.
You continue to welcome all—
even those for whom our doors have been closed.

Knowing that we stand in this place
only through your abundant grace,
we give you thanks that you have welcomed us,
gathered us, and called us here today. **Amen.**

From Genesis 1; Deuteronomy 26; Isaiah 56

Anthem

Freedom Trilogy
Seminary Choir
Israel Cuenca, percussion

arr. Paul Halley

Kyrie eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)
Hallelujah/Siyahamba (South African Freedom Songs)
Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

Invitation to Confession

Angela Cowser

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess what you already know:
we are a broken community
with each shard nursing its own wounds
and speaking its own truth.
We conflate our way with your will;
we confuse our desires with the wisdom of the whole;
we often speak before we listen and plan before we pray;
we do not honor the gifts of one another as we
labor to accomplish your mission;
we attempt to move forward, but our actions
are encumbered by an unexamined past.

Ever-present God, may your Spirit—moving among us
and within the hearts and minds of all in this community—
give us the deep desire to be more than we have been,
more than we presently are,
and everything you call us to be.
In the strong name of Jesus. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Marcus Hong

Choral Response

Thank you, Lord

Spiritual, arr. Stephen Key

Thank You, Lord. (3 times)
I just want to thank You, Lord.

Been so good. (3 times)
I just want to thank You, Lord.

Welcome		Lant B. Davis
Presentation of Alton B. Pollard, III		
To the Trustees as President		Dan Ellinor
To the Trustees as Professor of Religion and Culture		Amy Plantinga Pauw Scott C. Williamson
Act of Installation		Lant B. Davis
Action of the Board of Trustees		
Declaration of Purpose		
Administration of Inaugural Oath		
Robing and Presentation of the Seminary Medallion		
Inaugural Prayer		A. Brooks Pollard, IV
Anthem	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> Peace Presbyterian Mass Choir	
Charge to the LPTS Community		J. Herbert Nelson, II Sadiqa N. Reynolds Carol J. Cook
Charge to the President		Edwin C. Sanders, II
*Hymn	<i>Every Planet, Star and Stone</i> <i>Please sing hymn text and music on page 7.</i>	GROSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH
Prayer for Illumination		Debra J. Mumford
Scripture Reading		Debra J. Mumford
Inaugural Address	<i>Whosoever: A Divine Invitation</i>	Alton B. Pollard, III

***Closing Hymn**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Benediction

Alton B. Pollard, III

Recessional

Toccata from Symphonie No. 5

Charles Marie Widor

The Beechmont Presbyterian Church Drummers

Musicians

The Peace Presbyterian Church Mass Choir

Directed by Sister Sheila O'Bannon

The Beechmont Presbyterian Church Drummers

Directed by The Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson

The Louisville Seminary Choir

Leslie Cashion, Marcus Hong, Sarah Hong, Rachel Lemke,
Heather McIntyre, David Moose, Roger Veliquette

Directed by The Rev. Dr. Louie Bailey

Percussion

Israel Cuenca

The Rev. Dr. Louie Bailey

Choir Director and Organist at Louisville Seminary. Minister of Music and Organist at Crescent Hill Baptist Church and Music Director and Organist at The Temple Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom in Louisville, Kentucky.

The Rev. Dr. Alonzo Johnson (M.Div. '98, D.Min. '19)

Coordinator for Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Mission Agency. Youth Director, Beechmont Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY.

Sister Sheila O'Bannon

Director of Music, The Peace Presbyterian Church Mass Choir

Commissioned by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
In celebration of 150 years of building up the body of Christ

There Is a Dream That Thrills God's Heart

Thomas Troeger, 2002
Based on Ephesians 4

BRAY from *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816
Harmonized by Bruce Neswick, 2002

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are arranged in five systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system includes five numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

1. There is a dream that thrills God's heart and draws our hearts to
2. God dreams that as a bo - dy knit with pur - pose, beau - ty,
3. One faith, one Lord, one God of all, one great, di - vine em-
4. E - quip, O God, your saints to do the work of min - i -
5. Draw forth from us and from our past the good and not the

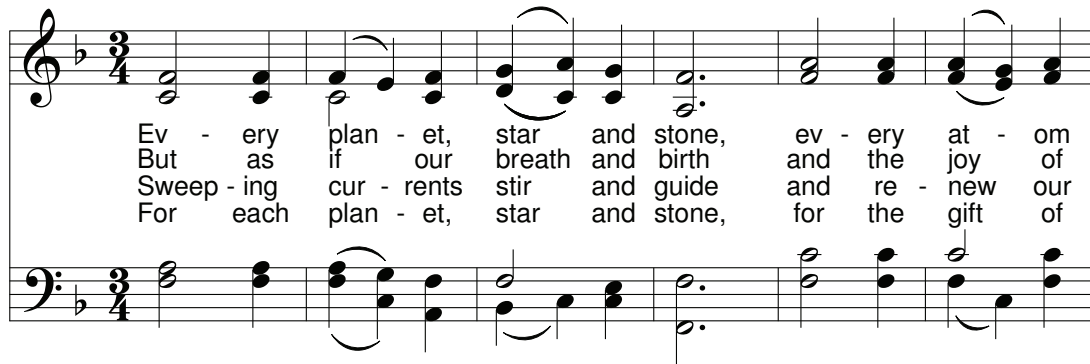
see how Christ, through us, would link each part of
skill, we shall as one to - ge - ther fit and
brace, one church re - joic - ing at the call for
stry, and help us dream your dream a - new and
wrong, and streng - then us to be at last, through

all that God has called to be in peace and u - ni - ty.
blend our var - ied gifts to fill God's vi - sion - ar - y will!
e - very na - tion, soul and race to know and live God's grace.
act to bring that dream to be for all the world to see.
faith and love, through prayer and song, the church for which you long.

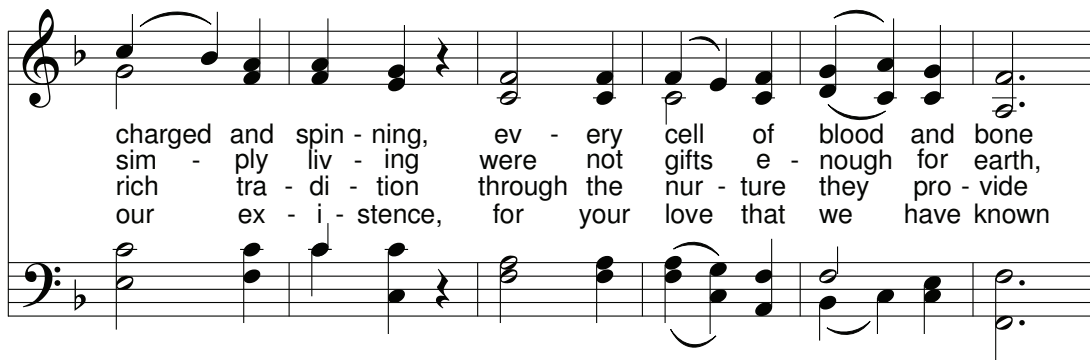
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Every Planet, Star and Stone

commissioned by Second Presbyterian Church, St. Louis
for the 175th Anniversary



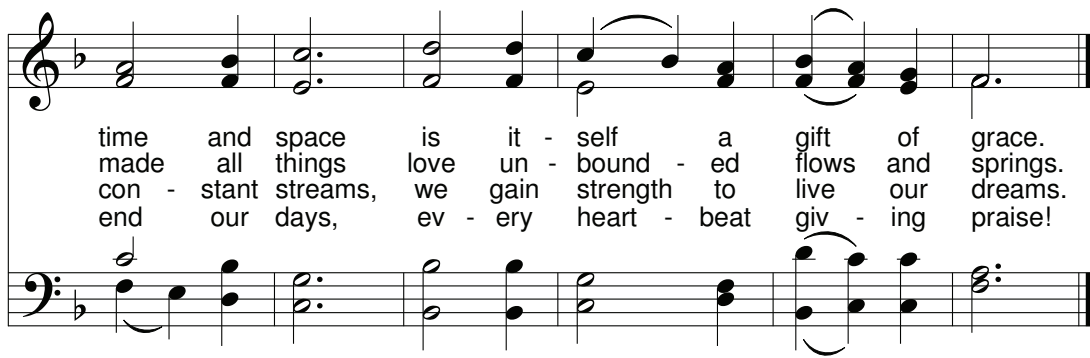
Ev - ery plan - et, star and stone, ev - ery at - om
But as if our breath and birth and the joy of
Sweep - ing cur - rents stir and guide and re - new our
For each plan - et, star and stone, for the gift of



charged and spin - ing, ev - ery cell of blood and bone
sim - ply liv - ing were not gifts e - nough for earth,
rich tra - di - tion through the nur - ture they pro - vide
our ex - i - stence, for your love that we have known



trace to you, God, their be - gin - ning. To ex - ist in
you de - light in yet more giv - ing: from your Word that
for our chur - ch's work and miss - ion. Drink - ing from Christ's
as a flow - ing stream's per - si - stence, we will live and



time and space is it - self a gift of grace.
made all things love un - bound - ed flows and springs.
con - stant streams, we gain strength to live our dreams.
end our days, ev - ery heart - beat giv - ing praise!

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Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 7.8.7.8.7.7
Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774
Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

Alton B. Pollard, III

President and Professor of Religion and Culture

On June 7, 2018, the Louisville Seminary Board of Trustees appointed the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard III as Louisville Seminary's tenth president. Pollard formally began his service with Louisville Seminary on September 3, 2018.

A scholar, author, consultant, and speaker on the subject of African American and U.S. religion and culture, Pollard was previously dean of the School of Divinity and professor of Religion and Culture at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Pollard said he was drawn both by the history and the current trajectory of Louisville Seminary.

"Rare is the theological institution today that innovates well in contemporary society, modeling theological education for just inclusivity in an increasingly diverse world," Pollard said. "As much of our society is focused on division, I will ensure that Louisville Seminary will continue to build bridges between people of different religious, social, and cultural perspectives, through teaching and scholarship, and the preparation of persons for lives of faithful witness and public service."

Prior to his eleven years at Howard University, Pollard served as director of Black Church Studies and chair of American Religious Cultures at Emory University, and taught at Wake Forest University and St. Olaf College. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fisk University, his Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School, and his Ph.D. from Duke University.

Pollard is the author of *Mysticism and Social Change: The Social Witness of Howard Thurman* (1992), editor of an edition of W.E.B. DuBois's *The Negro Church* (2011), and co-authored *Helpers for a Healing Community: A Pastoral Care Manual for HIV/AIDS* (2006). He has also edited and co-edited several volumes including *How Long This Road: Race, Religion and the Legacy of C. Eric Lincoln* (2003); *The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman Volumes I and II* (2009); and *The Black Church Studies Reader* (2016). He has also written dozens of book chapters, journal articles, and op-eds.

He serves on the Board of Directors for the In Trust Center for Theological Schools and the Advisory Committee for the Luce Fund for Theological Education. He served on the Board of Commissioners for the Association of Theological Schools from 2010-2016 and was chair from 2014-2016. A native of St. Paul, Minnesota, Pollard and his wife, Jessica, have two adult children and one grandson.

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We Build Bridges.

OUR MISSION

Louisville Seminary educates and forms servant leaders for tomorrow's ministries.

We build bridges:

- between sacred texts and human lives;
- between the past and the future;
- among persons of different faiths, Christian denominations, and cultures;

...all in the name of Jesus Christ, the bridge between God and humanity.

HISTORY

Theological education began in the "West" as soon as settlers crossed the Alleghenies and the Smokies in the 1780s. "Father" David Rice was teaching ministers in his Kentucky home as early as the fall of 1783, because the interior of the country required a ministry quite different from that on the Eastern Seaboard. Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary still claims the tradition of those early efforts in education for ministry by apprenticeship.

Louisville Seminary also has a heritage in the earliest "Western" universities—Transylvania and Centre. Both were created to train ministers, and both were related to the Synod of Kentucky.

Louisville Seminary counts its life as an institution from October 1853. Twenty-three students and three professors gathered at Danville, Kentucky, to begin the community that has become Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. In May of that year, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Old School) had voted to establish "in the West a theological seminary of the first class."

The present Seminary represents an unprecedented result of cooperation among Presbyterians in the face of regional tensions and competition. In 1893, Southern Presbyterians in the Synods of Kentucky and Missouri founded a rival seminary in Louisville, but in 1901, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Hemphill, the seminaries in Danville and Louisville were united. They were merged in spite of strong feelings of antipathy between the two denominations spawned by the War Between the States, and their cooperation in founding and then supporting Louisville Seminary was an outstanding example of a unified Presbyterian witness to the American people.

In June 1983, the two churches reunited after 122 years of separation, and Louisville Seminary now rejoices in serving the reunited Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), just as it served the two churches during their separation.

In the summer of 1987, the General Assembly voted to relocate the headquarters of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to Louisville. Students and faculty at Louisville Seminary are benefiting from closer relationships with denominational leaders, as well as with leaders of other communions. In 2003, Louisville Seminary celebrated its 150th anniversary.

