



God Is Doing A Great Work

Student-Sponsored Worship for
The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III

Caldwell Chapel
April 24, 2019
11:30 a.m.



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.

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*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6 NASB***

Call To Worship

Donna Phillips

Leader: My Lord, what a morning!

You have raised up a mighty nation and a mighty people

People: And we are strong, we are brave and we are yours.

Leader: My Lord, what a morning!

You have brought us through the dips and hollows,

up and down the streets, over the hills and mountains and through the valleys.

People: And we are strong, we are brave and we are yours.

ALL: My Lord, this morning, we have come to celebrate you, to affirm ourselves as images of you in all your glory and to say "Yes, Lord, we are strong, we are brave, and we are yours in every way."

We count it all joy!

Praise & Worship

'A Great Work',

Brian Courtney Wilson

Student Choir, J Jemicah Stephens (lead)

Sometimes there are obstacles in the road
That can leave you feeling low
And you don't know how to move forward
And sometimes there are turns you wanna take
But the way gets hard to trace
Now you're wondering how did you get here
But don't you give up
Until you see
How God is ordering your steps
So you can walk into your season

Chorus: God who has begun
A great work in you
Is faithful to perform it
God is faithful to perform it
God who has begun
A great work in you
Is faithful to perform it
Our God is faithful

I declare
You will know the favor of the Lord
And receive a harvest for your seed
And in due time
God will blow your mind
With the gifts planted inside of you
To bless the world as it blooms

Chorus: God who has begun
A great work in you

Is faithful to perform it
God is faithful to perform it
Oh God who has begun
A great work in you
Is faithful to perform it
God is faithful to perform it
So if you ever get discouraged
Speak to yourself and say

God is doing a great work
building up a great work
lifting up a great work
In me (repeat)

God is doing a great work
God is (A great work)
Doing (A great work)
A great work in me
God is doing a great work
Building up a great work (A great work)
Doing a great work (A great work)
In me
God is doing a great work
Yes it is (A great work)
Looking beyond my faults (A great work)
Loving me into my future (In me)
God is doing a great work
Great work (A great work)
Oh he's doing a great work (A great work)
In me

Chorus: God who has begun
A great work in you
Is faithful to perform it
God is faithful to perform it
You wanna encourage somebody (God who has begun)
Show your name (A great work in you)
God's faithful to perform it (God's faithful to perform it)
God is faithful to perform it (Faithful to perform it)
Yesterday, today and forever more
God's faithful (Is faithful to perform it)
Faithful and great (Faithful to perform it)
Great is God's faithfulness
Great is God's faithfulness

So what should be considered
As we proceed
Is that this work
Did not begin with you
Our mothers' mothers
And fathers' fathers
Planted seeds
When we were but the faint notion of a dream
In their mind
They hope for a harvest
A legacy, a great work
So may your next step forward

Help us to connect the dots and see
 This picture of greatness
 I hear the Holy One say
 That you are God's workmanship
 God's masterpiece
 Created for such a time as this
 For great works
 A great, great, great work
 So go be great
 Don't get discouraged
 Go be great
 Don't you get weary
 Go be great
 Keep marching for justice
 Keep pressing toward the mark
 In this wonderful world

Where our children laugh and pray
 And dream
 And see greatness
 Exceeding abundantly
 More than we can imagine
 But let me assure you
 That it's great
 And our God is faithful
 Yes Lord, yes You're great
 Yes Lord

Welcome & Prayer

Maikel Rojas Perez

Scripture

Philippians 1:3-6
 (Student translation)

Avery Smith

Prayer (inspired by the hymn, *We've Come This Far By Faith*)

Ervina Desaussure

Selection

'Psalm 23, I Am Not Alone'
 Student Choir , Neal DeAtley (lead)

The Lord is my Shepherd
 God goes before me
 Defender behind me
 I won't fear
 I'm filled with anointing
 My cup's overflowing
 No weapon can harm me
 I won't fear

Chorus: Hallelujah, I am not alone
 God's my Comfort, always holds me close

God always guides me
 Through mountains and valleys
 God's joy is refreshing

Restores my soul
Mercy and goodness
Give me assurance
That I'll see God's glory
Face to face

Chorus: Hallelujah, I am not alone
God's my Comfort, always holds me close
Hallelujah, I am not alone
God's my Comfort, always holds me close

Your Spirit lives within me
So I will walk in Your peace
Your Spirit lives within me
My victory, my victory
Your Spirit lives within me
So I will walk in Your peace
Your Spirit lives within me
My victory, my victory
Your Spirit lives within me
So I will walk in Your peace
Your Spirit lives within me
My victory, my victory
Your Spirit lives within me
So I will walk in Your peace
Your Spirit lives within me
My victory, my victory...

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My victory...

Chorus: Hallelujah, I am not alone
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Offertory Appeal

The offertory will benefit the Kristy Love Foundation (see p. 7)

Philip Johnson

Prayer of Dedication

Rick Ary

Prayer (inspired by hymn, *It is Well With My Soul*)

Shawn Harmon

Selection

It is Well With My Soul
Student Choir

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul,
It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Prayers of the People

Patricia Salem-McIntyre

Hymn

지금까지 지내온 것
God's Great Grace It Has Brought Us

Ye In Park

지금까지 지내온 것 주의 크신 은혜라
God's great grace it is has brought us All this way in faithfulness
한이 없는 주의 사랑 어찌 이루 말하랴
God's unbounded love which sought us Hoe can tongue of man express
자나깨나 주의 손이 항상 살피 주시고
His strong hand is watching o'er us Whether sleeping or awake
모든 일을 주 안에서 형통하게 하시네
He makes all things pleasant for us In the Lord for Jesus sake

몸도 맘도 연약하나 새힘 받아 살았네
God renews our failing powers With His might from day to day
물 붓듯이 부으시는 주의 은혜 족하다
And in mercy on us showers Grace sufficient for the way
사랑 없는 거리에나 험한 산길 헤맬 때
Though the loveless streets be dreary Harsh and bleak the mountain ways
주의 손을 굳게 잡고 찬송하며 가리라
We shall walk and not be weary Clasp His hand and sing His praise

Selection

Total Praise
Student Choir

Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills
Knowing my help is coming from You
Your peace you give me in time of the storm

You are the source of my strength
You are the strength of my life
I lift my hands in total praise to you

Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen

Message

Dana Seay, Roger Veliquette,
Angela Overton, Viisha P. Souza

Remarks/Benediction

The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III



Offertory

The **Kristy Love Foundation** is a survivor-led, trauma-informed program that provides comprehensive services to women suffering from addiction, prostitution, and human trafficking. The Kristy Love Foundation strives, here in Louisville, to “provide a listening ear to a silent heart” so that women may heal in a safe place, become confident, financially self-sufficient, and develop healthy relationships with their families and within their communities. The Kristy Love Foundation is a road to freedom from modern-day slavery through housing, which provides a quiet, peaceful setting, allowing residents to concentrate on recovery and the healing process. <http://thekristylovefoundation.org/>



Guest Choir Director

Lawrence Robertson has been singing, preaching, and praising God ever since he could talk and walk. He has been directing choirs since the age of six. Robertson has been in charge of singing in aggregations in church since he was in middle school. He has been blessed to sing in church, concert choirs, in school, traveling show choirs, and recording gospel groups, and he was licensed to minister seven years ago.

Robertson is currently employed with the Louisville Metro Government as a staff person to Councilwoman Keisha Dorsey of District 3 and also with Breaking Barriers, where he serves with great joy individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Worship Coordinators

Angela Overton is a Master of Divinity student, graduating in December 2020, and she serves as an Associate Minister at Green Castle Baptist Church and as working staff member at Burnett Avenue Baptist Church.

Roger Veliquette is a Master of Divinity student, graduating in May 2019 and working to complete a certificate in Black Church Studies. He served Central Presbyterian Church in Louisville as a student intern.

Worship Team

Avery Smith has completed a student internship at Covenant Community Church and a chaplaincy internship at Norton Hospital during their time at Louisville Seminary. They will be getting married shortly after graduating this May.

Dana L. Seay is a Master of Divinity student, graduating in 2020, interning at St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Louisville, Kentucky.

Donna Phillips is a dual-degree student, completing studies in both the Master of Divinity and Marriage and Family Therapy programs.

Ervina Desaussure is a third-year Marriage and Family Therapy student.

Heather McIntyre is a Master of Divinity student, graduating in May 2019. Heather interviewed President Pollard and wrote the corresponding biography for this service.

J Jemicah Stephens is a second-year Master of Divinity student.

Maikel Rojas Perez is a second-year Master of Divinity student.

Neil DeAtley is a first-year Master of Divinity student.

Patricia McIntyre Salem is a Marriage and Family Therapy student, graduating in May 2020. She is a Licensed Art Therapist in Louisville, Kentucky.

Philip Johnson is a second-year Master of Divinity student.

Rick Ary is a second-year Master of Divinity student, from São Paulo, Brasil, and Louisville, currently serving Beechmont Presbyterian Church as a student intern for field education.

Shawn Harmon is a Master of Divinity student, graduating in May 2019.

Stachelle Bussey is a second-year Master of Divinity student.

Viisha P. Souza is a second-year Master of Divinity student from Kailua, Hawaii. She is the current Student Body President.

Ye In Park is a first-year Master of Divinity student.

The Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III

He seems to be all over campus. He beams during students' senior sermons and hugs his fellow chapel attendees. He invites people to join him at his table in the cafeteria. He attends campus events and asks students, faculty, and staff thoughtful and supportive questions about the organizations that planned them. He shows openness, honesty, compassion, and vulnerability as he moderates town hall meetings. His love of God, passion for justice, and deep commitment to theological education shines for all to see. He is the Rev. Dr. Alton B. Pollard, III, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary's 10th president.

Like many Louisville Seminary students' call stories, Dr. Pollard's path to theological education has had some twists and turns along the way. When he started out as a young pastor in Massachusetts, Dr. Pollard loved the good, honest, soulful work he was doing. Over time, he began to ask why so many poor and abused people are always with us, and he became increasingly dismayed that other clergy in his area weren't asking the same question. He decided to enroll in doctoral work to feed his mind and spirit as he continued doing the on-the-ground work he loved. Dr. Pollard's initial goal was to get the nourishment he needed in order to continue working in churches, and he was not sure that he would complete his Ph.D. The deeper he delved into his studies, the hungrier he grew for more. Before he knew it, he was receiving his doctorate.

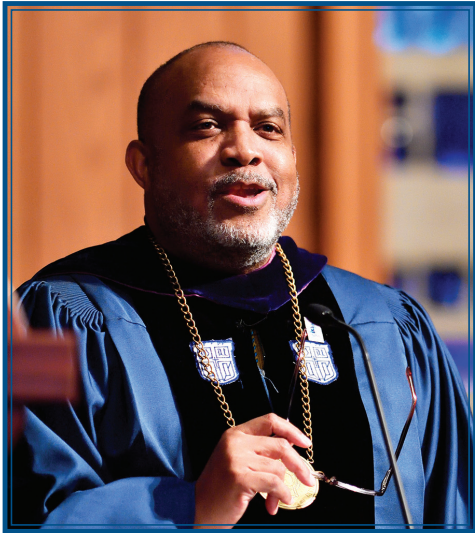


For the next 11 years, Dr. Pollard taught at Wake Forest University and St. Olaf College. His course offerings included international studies, religious studies, sociology, women's studies, and urban studies, but he steered clear of theological education, which he thought of as too narrow to suit people's needs. Then, a mentor accused him of getting too comfortable and told him he needed to apply for a position at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

At Emory, Dr. Pollard discovered that theological education was not as narrow or parochial as he thought it was. It would not constrain him in sharing God's love with others. Instead, God would enable him to utilize theological education in order to help individuals and institutions in live into their mission and practice what they preach: to embrace people of every background and description who yearn to breathe free. That is the calling that Dr. Pollard lived into as the director of Black Church Studies and chair of American Religious Cultures at Emory University and as a dean and professor at Howard University School of Divinity.

Dr. Pollard's calling continues to fill him with exciting hopes and dreams for Louisville Seminary. He values all members of our community—particularly the students our institution prepares for various forms of ministry—and he wants to see us truly engage with and love one another regardless of identity, background, or title. Dr. Pollard acknowledges that there are reasons for different “namings” and boundaries on campus; but he does not believe that such things should become absolute barriers that limit our capacity to love one another or make us

forget that we are all created in the image of the Divine. He believes people at Louisville Seminary can grow to be more open and honest with one another and that we can strengthen the seminary's relationship with off-site communities. As we grow in these areas, we will live into our mission and demonstrate that we are more than just the sum of our parts: we are the common wheel of God.



Dr. Pollard believes that he is on the same quest, search, and path as the rest of the Louisville Seminary community. He is a student of life who constantly marvels at what he learns from the books he reads, the conversations he has, the mistakes he makes, and the relationships he builds. He is committed to giving every fiber of his being to the seminary, its people, and their mission. He constantly reminds himself to keep his priorities in line: to remember that he is here to glorify God and not himself, because without God, he is empty.

Dr. Pollard did not come to Louisville Seminary to pursue a job; he came here to live into a calling. And he believes that when we pursue God's call together, we can discover the Divine within us, know that we are all made in the image of the One, and share that knowledge with others. Dr. Pollard dreams of a world where people everywhere love and love justly. He will never stop learning how to make this dream a reality.

Heather McIntyre
Master of Divinity Student
Louisville Seminary

THANK YOU TO THE STUDENT-SPONSORED WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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