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8:15 A.M.

Prelude Wake Forest University Gospel Choir

Welcome Rev. Dr. Sir Walter Mack
Pastor, Union Baptist Church

An Opening Word Rev. Dr. Bill J. Leonard
Dean, Wake Forest University Divinity School

Reflection Dr. Geneva Brown
Member, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education

Reflection Imam Khalid Griggs
Imam, Community Mosque of Winston-Salem

Keynote Address Dr. Maya Angelou
Reynolds Professor of American Studies, Wake Forest University

Musical Selection. Wake Forest University Gospel Choir

Reflection Rev. Dr. Wayde Goodall
Pastor, First Assembly of God

Reflection Ms. Ann Brenner
Trustee Emerita, Wake Forest University

Prayer Rev. Jennie Leake Hemrick
Pastor, Hills and Pine Ridge Presbyterian Churches

Musical Selection: “God Be In My Head” Andrew Carter (b. 1939)
Wake Forest University Divinity School Choir
Laura Jane Kist, Director; Susan Orgain, Accompanist

A Word from the President Dr. Nathan O. Hatch
President, Wake Forest University

A Concluding Comment Rev. Tim Auman
Chaplain, Wake Forest University

PRAYERS

O God, grant me light in my heart and light in my tomb, light in my hearing and light in my seeing, light in my flesh, light in my blood and light in my bones. Light before me, light behind me, light to right of me, light to left of me, light above me, light beneath me. O God, increase my light and give me the greatest light of all. Of thy mercy grant me light, O thou most merciful.

Abu Hamid Al-Ghazali (450–505)

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our God, shall give us blessing. God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear God.

Psalms 67

In the life which wells up in me and in the matter which sustains me, I find much more than Your gifts. It is You Yourself whom I find, You who makes me participate in Your being, You who moulds me. Truly in the ruling and in the first disciplining of my living strength, in the continually beneficent play of secondary causes, I touch, as near as possible, the two faces of Your creative action, and I encounter... Your two marvelous hands—the one which holds us so firmly that it is merged, in us, with the sources of life, and the other whose embrace is so wide that, at its slightest pressure, all the springs of the universe respond harmoniously together.

Teilhard de Chardin, SJ (1881–1955)

Incline us O God! To think humbly of ourselves, to be saved only in the examination of our own conduct, to consider our fellow-creatures with kindness, and to judge of all they say and do with the charity which we would desire from them ourselves.

Jane Austen (1775–1817)

And now, dear children, I commend you to God and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Amen.

Zilpha Elaw (c. 1790–1846)

Sources:

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Sisters of the Spirit: Three Black Women's Autobiographies of the 19th Century (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1986).

