

Honors Church 2024

Forward in Faith:
150 Years of Andrews University

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11:45 a.m.
Seminary Chapel

SPEAKER:
Dr. Meredith Jones Gray,
Andrews University
Historian and Emerita
Professor of English



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J.N. Andrews Honors Program

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**“I know of but one way: find a field of labour...
ask God to help...take off your coat, and pitch into the work.”
—J.N. Andrews**

Prelude

Elizabeth Sauser

“Air” from Suite No. 1
by Florence Price

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
by Charles H. Gabriel, Arr. Mark Hayes
with Nate Miller, *piano*

Choral Introit

“Sanctus: London”
by Ola Gjeilo
Andrews University Singers
Jahaziel Gutierrez, Graduate Assistant Conductor
Andrews University Department of Music

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome

Beaula Mangundah

Choral Interlude

“Esto Les Digo”
by Kinley Lange
Andrews University Singers
Jahaziel Gutierrez, Graduate Assistant Conductor
Andrews University Department of Music

*I tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth to ask for something in prayer,
my Father who is in heaven will grant it. For where two or three are
gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.
—San Mateo 18:19-20*

Invocation

Anna Rybachek

Opening Hymn

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”
Andrews University Singers
Prof. Stephen Zork, Conductor
Elizabeth Sauser, Organist
Andrews University Department of Music

Honoring Our Heritage

Dr. L. Monique Pittman

Part 1: Imagining Battle Creek College

Scripture: Psalm 78:1-4 in English & Navajo

Nahzoni Haycock

My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.

Reader 1:

Ms. Maxine Umana

In 1872, two years before the official founding of Battle Creek College, a notice appeared in the *Advent Review* in Battle Creek, Michigan: “These are questions which have been agitating the minds of the brethren in this place more especially for a few weeks past. Shall we take hold, as a people, of the subject of education, and form an Educational Society? Shall we have a denominational school, the object of which shall be, in the shortest, most thorough and practicable way, to qualify young men and women, to act some part, more or less public, in the cause of God?”

Reader 2:

Andreas Bruggemann

General Conference president George I. Butler offered his opinion a few weeks later: “I fully believe it is in the order of God that we should have a school started . . . And I expect to see this comparatively small beginning which is now being made, amount to something very important before the message shall close . . . That there will be great difficulties to surmount and obstacles to be overcome we do not doubt, as there have been in every enterprise undertaken by our people. But we have seen the work move forward, because we believe God has a hand in it.”

Reader 3:

Chelsee Jeronimo

Ellen White agreed, writing in “Proper Education,” her first extensive counsel about the proposed Battle Creek College: “Christ can be best glorified by those who serve Him intelligently. The great object of education is to enable us to use the powers which God has given us in such a manner as will best represent the religion of the Bible and promote the glory of God.” She added in *Testimonies*: “God designs that the college at Battle Creek shall reach a higher standard of intellectual and moral culture than any other institution of the kind in the land” (4T 425).

Special Music

Cello Suite No. 6 in D Major: I. *Prelude*
by J.S. Bach
Addison Randall, *violoncello*

Part 2: Defining Seventh-day Adventist Higher Education

Scripture: I Corinthians 12:4-11 in English & Tagalog

Charisse Lapuebla

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

Reader 1:

Anna Pak

Partners in the “cause of God,” James and Ellen White early on envisioned educational opportunities for Seventh-day Adventist young people. Ellen White described their dreams and goals in an open letter “To the Students of Battle Creek College,” in 1894: “For years my husband and myself were greatly exercised in reference to establishing a school in which our youth and children should have advantages of a superior character to those found in the common public schools, or in the colleges of the world....As the knowledge and fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, it was necessary that the study of the Bible should have a prominent place among the various branches of scientific education.”

Reader 2:

Madison Vath-Taylor

In the discussions before Battle Creek College was established, James White laid out the needs he believed were most important: “. . . we want a school in which the languages, especially the spoken and written languages of the present day can be taught, and learned by young men and women to prepare them to become printers, editors, and teachers; and, if we can do no more, where our young men that are about entering the ministry, and women, too, who are to be laborers in this great work, can be instructed thoroughly in the common branches, where their minds can be disciplined to study”

Reader 3:

Isaiah Scaffidi

John Nevins Andrews, as a leader in the young Seventh-day Adventist denomination, had a direct hand in the establishment of Battle Creek College. In the spring of 1873, about a year before classes began at the new school, he wrote an editorial in the *Advent Review* entitled “Our Proposed School”: “It was the judgment of the General Conference that a school should be established to aid those who desire to prepare themselves for usefulness in the cause of God. It is very evident that such a place for instruction is greatly needed. It is not enough that those who offer themselves to become laborers in the work of the ministry should be men of piety. This is indeed indispensable, but it is also necessary that those who teach others should have knowledge to impart....we can give important instruction in divine truth, in science, in historical knowledge, and in the languages, sufficient at least to put the keys of knowledge in the student's hands We desire to aid those who are willing to consecrate themselves to the service of Christ. We believe the time for labor is short. But this is no reason why we should sit down in despair and say that it is of no use to try. Nor is it a reason why we should say that we need no better qualifications than we already possess”

“Lead Me To The Cross”
 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Nate Miller, Hannah Perez, Lyra Lacson, Anna Rybachek, and Davielle Smith

Part 3: Glorifying God through Academic & Research Excellence at Andrews University

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 in English and Shona

Prudence Mange

Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said:

“Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

Yours, O Lord, *is* the greatness,

The power and the glory,

The victory and the majesty;

For all *that is* in heaven and in earth *is Yours*;

Yours *is* the kingdom, O Lord,

And You are exalted as head over all.

Both riches and honor *come* from You,

And You reign over all.

In Your hand *is* power and might;

In Your hand *it is* to make great

And to give strength to all.

“Now therefore, our God,

We thank You

And praise Your glorious name.”

Reader 1:

Jenae Rogers

Dr. Richard Hammill, the second president of Andrews University, who was largely responsible for developing the new university in the 1960s and 70s, wrote in an article for the *Review and Herald* dated February 1960: “If we are going to accomplish the work that God wants us to do, and to teach the people about God and His love and the imminent return of Christ to the earth, we must keep pace with the educational level of our culture in order that we may the more readily communicate with and influence our peers. One reason why God chose Paul to be his ambassador to the Gentiles was that Paul had a level of education that enabled him to associate with, and appeal to, the most educated persons in his society, as well as to the uneducated” (16-17). “Because our denominational leaders have noted the increase in the number of people who are seeking to obtain higher education, they have moved forward in faith and established our own university so that our youth may obtain higher education within an Adventist environment . . . We earnestly pray that God will richly bless this new endeavor, and we solicit from our people their wholehearted cooperation” (23).

Reader 2:

Kyle Simpson

Dr. Hammill articulated his definition of a university in a piece for *Focus* (1965): “In addition to transmitting knowledge, a university is committed to the discovery of knowledge. Its instruction brings the student up to the frontier of what is known in the particular field of his studies; and then, with the teacher setting the example, it urges the student to engage in research that will carry [them] across the frontier of knowledge into the unknown, uncovering secrets of the mysterious and fascinating world in which we live. Despite the unprecedented increase in knowledge in the past century, scholars recognize that the sum total of [humanity’s] knowledge is but a tiny island in an immense sea of ignorance . . .” (2).

Dr. Hammill added in that same *Focus* article: “As an educator in God’s church I often pray that God will give me wisdom, a warm heart, and a broad mind to do my part in such a way that it will build faith, love, excellence and achievement in the youth who attend this University. I am sure that this is the desire of all of us who have a part in Andrews University. We come to our responsibility in the spirit of humility and dedication. We want to be satisfied with what we have but dissatisfied with what we are, seeking always to improve in our work, trusting in divine guidance and the blessing of our Creator.”

Choral Anthem

“A New Jerusalem Arise”
by Kyle Pederson
Andrews University Singers
Prof. Stephen Zork, Conductor
Andrews University Department of Music
with Addison Randall, *violoncello*, and Elizabeth Sauser, *organ*

Text inspired by Isaiah 65:17-29, Isaiah 43:19, and Revelation 21:1-27

Homily

Dr. Meredith Jones Gray
Andrews University Historian
Professor Emerita of English

Musical Meditation

“Shalom”
by Dan Forrest
Raleigh Pettey and Davielle Smith
with Aiyana Ybarra, *piano*, and Karan Chun, *violin*

Closing Prayer & Invitation to Fellowship

Beatriz Martins

Postlude

Elizabeth Sauser & Nate Miller

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”
by Rowland H. Prichard, arr. by Mark Hayes and Marvin J. Gaspard

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Aiyana Ybarra
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Emmanuela Moreno
Taznir Smalling
Susan Zork

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Paulo Silas Ferreira
David Suralta
Lamar Taylor
Levonnn Taylor

TENOR II

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Nathaniel Miller

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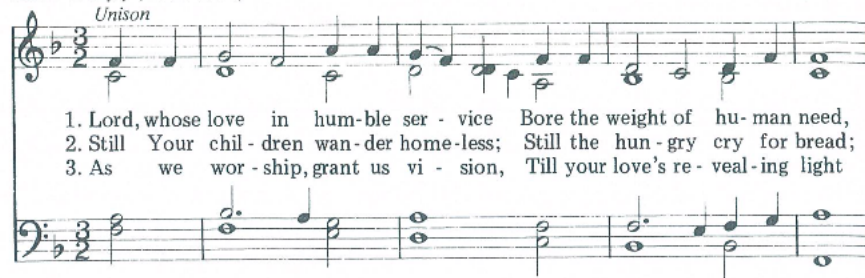
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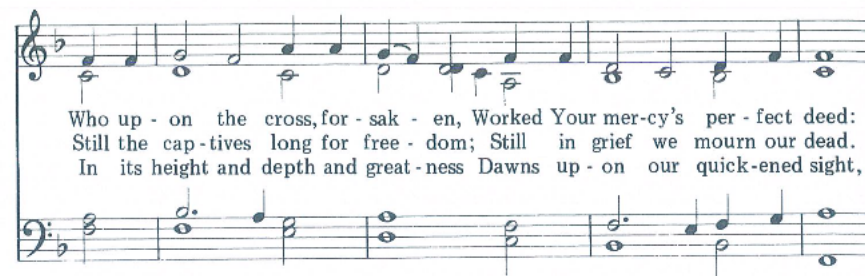
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Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)

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The Sacred Harp, 1844

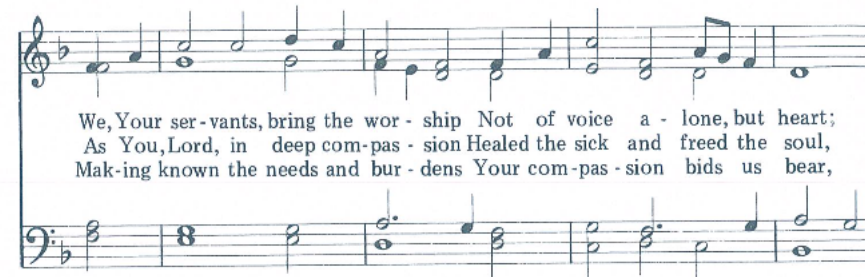
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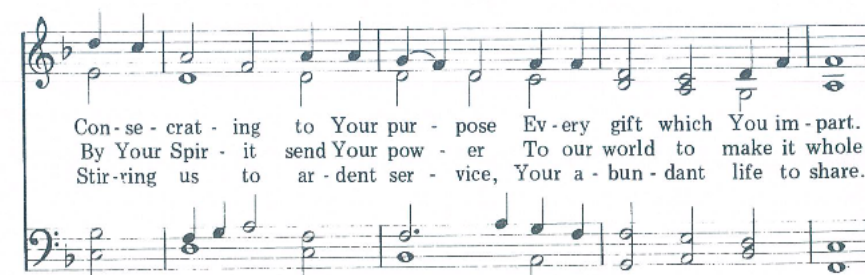
1. Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice Bore the weight of hu-man need,
2. Still Your chil - dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your love's re - veal-ing light



Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, Worked Your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
Still the cap - tives long for free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
In its height and depth and great - ness Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,



We, Your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As You, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,



Con - se - crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - ery gift which You im - part.
By Your Spir - it send Your pow - er To our world to make it whole.
Stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.

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