

Welcoming Celebration



B.J. Haan Auditorium

Saturday, August 22, 2026

11:30 a.m.

Welcoming new students for the 72nd time

Prelude

Partita on NETTLETON ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing") John Eggert

How Great Thou Art Dan Miller

Dordt Community Processional

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Robinson

Welcome Dr. Erik Hoekstra, President of Dordt

***New Student Processional:** *Singing incoming students into the Dordt community*

**Those who are able, please stand.*

***How Great Thou Art** Hine

***Opening Prayer**..... Rev. Dr. Justin Bailey, Dean of Chapel

***An Offering of Worship**

***All Creatures of Our God and King**.....Assisi | Draper

***Great Are You Lord**.....Leonard | Ingram | Jordan

A Welcome Meditation: "Stewardship in the Office of Student" Dr. Erik Hoekstra, President of Dordt

***Song of Response: Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me**.....Robinson | Farn | Thompson

Welcoming the Incoming Dordt Class of 2026 Dr. Leah Zuidema, Vice President for Academic Affairs

***Communal Prayer Litany** Dr. Leah Zuidema, Vice President for Academic Affairs

- Leader: Our Father in heaven, we thank and praise you for all who gathered here today, each of us known and loved by you from before birth.
- All: **We thank and praise you that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, redeemed by your Son, gifted with your Holy Spirit and heirs of the new creation.**
- Parents: We thank and praise you for our sons and daughters, for their gifts and talents, and for your incredible love for them. Bless them and us as we learn how to love and follow you in our new seasons of life.
- Dordt: We thank and praise you for these incoming students. Empower us to teach and disciple them in every way that we can.
- New Students: We praise you for this new season in our lives. And we thank you for holding us in your loving hands through these exciting days of transition.
- All: **Help us all, Lord, on this campus and throughout the world, to rest in your goodness and follow you with joy wherever you lead.**
- Leader: Hear our prayers in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Singing: The Blessing/Doxology**..... Brown | Carnes | Furtick | Jobe

***Closing Blessing** Rev. Dr. Justin Bailey, Dean of Chapel

Recessional

Toccata on the Alma Mater: "Set skies resounding..." C. Groenewold

Postlude

Laudate Dominum (Psalm 150)..... Sietze de Vries

Var. I. Organo Pleno "Alla Bach"

Musical Contributors

Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Organ
Ray Badudu, Director of Campus Worship
Josie McLaughlin, Vocals (Elementary Education)
Julianna Hansen, Vocals (Social Work)
Morgan Groen, Vocals (Kinesiology)
Carson Weiner, Keys (Computer Science)
Gerrit Vande Zande, Bass Guitar (History)
Isaiah Vander Top, Electric Guitar (Engineering)
Isaac Fergen, Drums (Worship Arts)