September 5, 2023   |   Richard Glenn Gettell Amphitheater

PROCREDENTIAL
The Five College West African Music Ensemble
Faith Conant, Visiting Instructor in Music and Director of the Five College West African Music Ensemble
Guest lead drummer: Michael Ofori, Visiting Lecturer in Film Media Theater
Songs: “Gahu” and “Agbekor”

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Madeline L. Peters, Director of Accessible Education and 504 Coordinator, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

WELCOME
Karena Strella ’90, Chair of the Board of Trustees

ADDRESS
Danielle R. Holley, President

REMARKS
Lucas Wilson, Professor of Economics and Critical Race and Political Economy on the Ford Foundation

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE
Mount Holyoke Convocation Choir
Colin Britt, Lecturer in Music; Director of Choral Activities
“Prelude” by Ola Gjeilo

GREETINGS
Briana Chace ’17, Staff Council Representative
Maille Romulus ’24, President, Student Government Association

CLOSING
Danielle R. Holley, President

“ALMA MATER”
Mount Holyoke Convocation Choir
Words: Gertrude Brady Murphy, class of 1914
Music: Gladys Pratt, class of 1914
(lyrics on reverse)

RECESSIONAL
The Five College West African Music Ensemble
Oh, Mount Holyoke, we pay thee devotion,  
In the fervor of youth that is strong,  
The courage of right is thy garland,  
Our lives, Alma Mater, thy song.  
So from east and from west now we gather,  
And united in firm love to thee,  
All years are as one, and their loyal pledge,  
Mount Holyoke forever shall be,  
Mount Holyoke forever shall be.

Thro’ the heart of a new day’s endeavor,  
Breathes the life of the old days that live,  
For what thou hast given we honor,  
But we love thee for what we can give.  
So when soft in a whisper thou callest,  
For the treasures unlocked by thy key,  
Our achievements, our hopes, and our glorious faith  
Shall answer, Mount Holyoke, to thee,  
Shall answer, Mount Holyoke, to thee.