

Prelude

Preparation for Worship Carol Hill

Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" No. 352

Morning Prayer Ken Dickson

Litany of Dedication Burdette Robinson

Leader: We come in worship and praise to God, dedicating ourselves to ministry, wherever we find ourselves, wherever we are called.

People: Having been entrusted with the Good News of Jesus Christ, we pledge to share it and live it in service to God and man.

Leader: In this task we have the grace of God, through the Holy Spirit, who empowers us for every good work.

People: While we labor together with God, we seek, each one, to discover the special gifts he has given to be used in his service.

Leader: Neglect not the gift that is in thee.

People: We recognize, in our sojourn here, the need for our community of Christ to minister and to be ministered to.

Leader: To whom shall we turn? Who has these gifts to fulfill this need?

People: We entrust to our fellow students, whom we have prayerfully elected, the opportunity to exercise gifts of leadership and service, ever seeking to build up the body of Christ at Southeastern Seminary.

Leader: We give thanks to those who have gone before; For the service they have rendered in ministry among us.

Old Student Council: According to the grace of God given to us, we laid a foundation that another is to build upon. Take care how you build upon it.

People: Remember, for every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.

Old Student Council: The time of our departure has come. We have fought the good fight, we have finished our appointed course. We have kept the faith. God alone knows the true value and effectiveness of our efforts.

People: Well done, thou good and faithful servants.

Leader: To those who will lead in the coming year, we challenge you to be the visible instruments of God's ministry among us.

New Student Council: We commit ourselves to the faithful carrying out of the tasks set before us, with God's help. For we are God's fellow workers.

People: If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.

New Student Council: We recognize the necessity of working closely with the Administration, Faculty, staff and, especially, our fellow students.

People: We urge you to be subject to such men and women and to every fellow worker and laborer.

New Student Council: Having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. We have renounced underhanded ways, we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

People: We join with you in a joint pledge to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord our labor is not in vain.

All: AMEN.

Anthem	Ensemble
Message	"Excellence is...." Jim Johnson Matthew 5:38-48
Benediction	Lee Scripture