

MHC Blessing, on the occasion of the Class of 1968's 50th reunion
May 19, 2018

In stillness, let us give our thanks.

Great mystery with many names,
We gather this night of nights
In grateful thanks
For all the blessings given to us here
When we were but young and eager and so open.
For our teachers, our books, for good company
To root and branch our minds and spirits in that which is truly good,
To fashion us into strong, courageous and compassionate women,
Explorer women, survivor women, powerful women.
Women, who in the ripeness of this season of our lives, can say we have made a
difference to the world.
We give thanks especially for the friendships like none other that took root here and
that have sustained us all our changing lives.

We offer our prayers for all those who have gone on ahead of us, too early,
And we ask blessings and courage and direction for our journeys yet ahead,
We offer our prayers for the generations coming up,
That we may be instruments of inspiration and hope for them.

We thank you this weekend for all those who have made this coming-together possible,
For the hours and hours of loving work by our sisters,
For the work the college has done to make this a marking moment in our lives.
We thank you for the sustenance we are about to receive,
For the food others' hands have harvested and prepared for us this night.

As we are gathered, as we are fed, so let us go out to continue to bring light and peace
to our world.

Amen

-----Rev. Dr. Eileen Sypher, '68