TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL

Choir Festival
Ocean Grove Auditorium

Sunday, July 12, 1981 7:30 P.M.

featuring

The Calvin Handbell Ringers
The First Presbyterian Church
Tower Hill, Red Bank, New Jersey
Robert Ivey, Minister of Music

The Asbury Park Citadel Band
of the Salvation Army
Alfred V. Swenarton, Bandmaster

Brass and Percussion Ensemble
Ocean Grove Summer Concert Band
Harry Riehhl, Director

BOBBIE MITCHELL
LYNN DANIELS
Flutists

GORDON TURK
Organist
Hope-Jones Organ

LEWIS A. DANIELS
Director of Music
FAITH DANIELS
Pianist

THE REVEREND JOHN D. O'NEILL, Presiding Minister

SHIRLEY MOYER, Soprano
RUTH RAY, Mezzo-Soprano

RONALD NALDI, Tenor
FRED JONES, Baritone
Choir Festival  "A CELEBRATION OF PRAISE"  
Sunday, July 12, 1981

Prelude — "COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING"  
arranged by James Curnow  
Ashbury Park Citadel Band of the Salvation Army  
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"NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"  
J. S. Bach

"THE HEAVEN BOUND THRONG"  
Arthur Gullidge

"THE BELLS OF GOLD"  
by Page Long

The Calvin Handbell Ringers — Robert Ivey, Director

Call to Worship — Psalm 150  
Gordon Young (band arrangement, Stephen Bulla)

Glory be to God in the highest glory,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

"HYMN OF PRAISE — "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"  
Charles Wesley

1  
O for a thousand tongues to sing,  
My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King.  
The triumphs of his grace!

2  
My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thro’ all the earth abroad  
The honors of thy name.

3  
Jesus, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease.  
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears,  
’Tis life, and health, and peace.

"ANTHEMS — "ALLELUIA"
Arrangement by Wallingford Riegger  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Directed by Dexter R. Davison

"RING AND SING ALLELUIA!"  
Carlton R. Young and Christian H. Balcom  
Directed by Robert Ivey

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluias, Amen.  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia Alleluias

Praise ye the Lord again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On Heaven’s blissful shore His goodness we’ll adore;  
Singing forevermore Alleluias

"DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND"
Sam Pottle and John Greenleaf Whittier  
Directed by Arthur W. Grouthamel

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above!  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity, Interpreted by love.

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways.  
Recloth us in our rightfull mind;  
In purer love thy service find,

In deeper reverence, praise,

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord; Let us, without a word,  
Rise up and follow thee, Amen.

"THE EVENING PRAYER"

Robert Ivey

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"WONDROUS GIFT"

Directed by Patricia M. Wilhelm and Phillips Brooks

The Reverend John O'Neill
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.
For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love,
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!

"OUR TIMES ARE IN THY HANDS"

Directed by Ross Hastings

Our Times Are in Thy Hands was commissioned by the First United Methodist Church of Asbury Park, New Jersey, to celebrate its centennial. It was written by Ross Hastings. It was written by Ross Hastings. Written to include congregational participation, the hymn tune has been included in the evening bulletin and upon the direction of the conductor. THE CONGREGATION WILL BE ASKED TO JOIN IN THE SINGING OF THE LAST STANZA.

Our times are in thy hands; Our lives belong to thee,
Thou God of now and yesterday
And all that still shall be.
O God of days gone by, Who led our fathers here,
Who gave them hope and strength and love,
Through all the passing years.
Our times are in thy hands; Our lives belong to thee,
Thou God of now and yesterday
And all that still shall be.
O God of days to come, We pledge to thee our best,
To live and serve in Jesus' name as long as life shall last.
Our times are in thy hands; Our lives belong to thee,
Thou God of now and yesterday
And all that still shall be.

GREETINGS

OFFERTORY — "HYFRYDOL"

Gunnar Blomberg — Asbury Park Chancel Band

THE OCEAN GROVE AUDITORIUM USHER'S MARCH

Clarence Linkletter

THE DEDICATION OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.

HYMN — "HOW GREAT THOU ART"

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

1
O Lord my God! When I in awe and wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars. I hear the rolling thunder.
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then slugs my soul, my Savior God to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

2
And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die. I scarce can take in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

3
When Christ shall come with shout of admonishment
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

ANTHEMS — "HYMN OF FIRE"

Directed by Ruthelaine MacIntyre

Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, now ignite us with Thy fire; while the earth resists Thy burning, with Thy passion us inspire. Overcome our sinful coldness, make us know our share of blame. Baptize with Thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongue of flame! Thou who in Thy holy purpose wills that man should truly live. Grant us grace to be Thy servants, our tranquility forgive. Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating effort. Shame the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life. Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace. By Thy sharpened word disturb us, from complacency, release! Save us from our satisfaction when we personally are free; yet are undisturbed in spirit by our brother's misery! Crown our lives with tongues of flame!
"HOW SHOULD A KING COME?"

Directed by Lewis A. Daniels
Jimmy and Carol Owens

How should a king come? Even a child knows the answer, of course; In a coach of gold with a pure white horse, In the beautiful city, in the prime of the day; And the trumpets should cry and the crowds make way! And the flags fly high in the morning sun, And the people all cheer for the sovereign one! And every one knows that's the way it's done, That's the way that a king should come.

How should a king come? Even a commoner understands. He should come for His treasures and his houses and lands! He should dine upon summer strawberries and milk, and sleep upon bedclothes of satins and silks! And high on a hill his castle should glow with the lights of the city like jewels below! And every one knows that's the way it's done, that's the way that a king should come!

HANDBELLS — "PROCESSIONAL"

"HYMN OF DEDICATION — "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

1
To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life on atonement for sin,
And opened the Lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord.
Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Je-sus the Son.
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

2
O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God:
The person who asks and who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3
Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done.
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

ANTHEMS

"SINE NOMINE"

Arrangement by Earl Rosenberg

For all the saints who from their labors rest;
Who Thine by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!
Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,
Thou Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight,
Thou, Thou in the dark, the darkness dear their one true light.

Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

(Arrangement by Charles Schneir)

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heaven's anthem drowns all music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee.
And hail! Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

Ralph Vaughan Williams and William W. How

Directed by Brian Hoerning

And win with them the victor's crown of gold.

 Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave, and arms are strong. Alleluia!
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host;
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

George J. Elvey, Bridgees and Thring

Directed by Alfred V. Swenarton

Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease And all be pray'r and praise;
And His reign shall know no end. And round His pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend Their fragrance ever sweet.
Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.
GUEST CONDUCTORS

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CHURCH ON THE HILL  
Glassboro, N.J.

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We Welcome You...

Our Singers & Our Congregation

One of the season’s greatest inspirations is that which floods our spirits at the time of the Annual Christmas Festival. It is a privilege to welcome everyone to this year’s Festival where we will enjoy the time of spiritual enrichment together. It is our hope and prayer that each person in this place—our choir member and each person in the congregation—will be filled with God’s presence and will be conscious of God’s voice speaking through the sound of music.

HAROLD D. FLOOD, President

"How thrilled we are that you have come to this wonderful event in the life of the Christian Church. The powerful medium of music enhanced by the gathering of thousands in a multi-cultural setting adds an extra dimension to our experience. It is an idea to which God and to the world.

We have enjoyed the many months of planning and preparation necessary to produce this event which has been a wonderful event. To the sponsors, the board members, the musicians, the singers and the instrumentalists we are deeply grateful. The dedication and hard work of our volunteers has been outstanding. Through the combined efforts of our Choir Director and many volunteers who have carried out the myriad tasks of this service, I extend my heartfelt thanks for their dedication and for their service to our Church.

Sincerely,

Oscar Groves Musical Team
LEWIS AND FAITH DANIELS