Forty-Second Annual
Choice Festival

Ocean Grove Auditorium
Sunday, July 14, 1996

To the Glory of God

7:30 PM
featuring
The Great Festival Chorus
The Festive Brass
The Bethany Ringers
First Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, NJ

Caroline Whisnant, Soprano
Melora Love, Mezzo-Soprano

Ronald Naldi, Tenor
Kevin Short, Bass-Baritone

Dr. Gordon Turk, Organist
Faith S. Daniels, Pianist
Lewis A. Daniels, Director of Music
Program

Festive Brass Prelude  Canzon Primi Toni  Charles H. Gabriel
Grand Processional on Lobe den Herren*  Martin Shaw, arr. Dale Wood  Conducted by Charles Harris
Hymn*  Praise to the Lord, The Almighty  Page 8
Call to Worship  Psalm 8  Philip C. Herr II, Chairman of the Music Committee
Anthem  How Wondrous is Thy Name  Mario Lombardo
Conducted by Clayton White

Oh Lord, my Lord, how wondrous is thy name, in all this world. For thou hast made the heavens, the sun, the moon and stars; The angels to protect us; and man to share your love. Man was made to rule over the beast of the field, the fowl of the air, the fish of the sea, all works of thy hands; Thou hast crowned him with honor and glory. Praise ye, Almighty God. We Thank You, Lord
Composed and conducted by Don Besig
Lynn Daniels, Flute
Thank you, Lord, for the freshness of the morning, for the clear blue sky above, for the bright new day that’s dawning, filled with all your love, for the valleys and the hillsides, for the waves upon the shore, for the breezes and the sunshine. Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you, Lord. We join this day, as one, our hearts and hands and voices. For wondrous gifts of love, your grateful world rejoices. Thank you, Lord, for the love in our families, for the fellowship of friends, for the quiet understanding grace that never ends, for the wonders of creation, for the power of your word, for your promise of salvation. Hear us, we pray, as we come to thank you, Lord. For all good gifts we have to share, for guiding us with loving care, with joyful hearts we bow to pray. O Lord, we give our thanks this day. Thank you, Lord.

Psalm 23  Composed and conducted by Carl J. Nygard, Jr.
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want; in verdant fields of grass He lets me lie. Beside the quiet waters He leadeth my weary soul in the stillness of the pool He restores my strength. In the paths of righteousness He leads for His own name’s sake, Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me, I shall not be in want. You prepare me a table in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever and ever.

Prayer
Anthem  Now and Forever  Mary Martin
 Conducted by Jo-Ann Teubner Prussak

Now and forever have faith in the Lord. And pray for His wisdom to guide you. Trust in the Savior, believe in His word. For Jesus will stand there beside you. As you journey through each day, God will lead you in His way. Let His spirit teach you what to say and do. And your blessings will increase, in your heart there will be peace. For you know that God will always see you through. For now and forever, rejoice in the Lord. His love and His mercy will save us. In joyous celebration, of all His grace and glory, Forever for all eternity. When your head is bending low, and you still have far to go, just remember who has power over all; Bow your knee to Him in prayer, He will take your every care, And you’ll know that God will answer when you call.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past  Arr. and conducted by Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home: Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is your arm alone And our defense is sure. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, From everlasting you are God. To endless years the same. Time, like an ever rolling stream Soon bears us all away; We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the opening day. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone. Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun. O God our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Still be our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home!

Greeting  Mr. Herr

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Offertory
Rondo Jubilate

Ocean Grove Auditorium Ushers' March

Doxology
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn *
Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine

Quartet
Fear Not, O Israel

Anthem:
Let us Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Everybody here has come to praise the Lord! Sing "hallelujah", let us praise the Lord! For all creation, for bringing peace and salvation, Sing out in celebration, With the harp and timbrel, With all the brass and cymbals, Lift your voices in a joyful song and join us as we praise the Lord! For the world around you, for all the love that surrounds you, for the day He found you, praise the Lord! Go and tell His story, proclaim His power and glory! Go forth and praise Him!

He Loved Me
Conducted by Cindy Bell, Fiske Field, Narrator

He chose me before the world was known, He chose me to be His own. He made me, then let me choose my way. I chose to move away. He loved me, when hope had taken wing. He loved me, when I lost everything. He bought me; redemption’s work was done through Jesus Christ His Son. Who shall separate me from the love of God? Shall dreams of tomorrow, pain, or sorrow? Can the need of food or earthly possessions, The threat of war or man’s oppression? In all these things, victory is our reward through Jesus Christ our Lord. Of this I am sure, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. Not height, nor depth, nor any creature shall separate me from the love of God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn *
He Lives

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.
Refrain
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives, He lives within my heart.

Anthem
Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Composed and conducted by Randy D. Perry

Christ the Lord is risen today, Sons of men and angels say, Raise your joys and triumphs high, Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King, Where, O death, is now thy sting? Once He died, our souls to save, Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia! Love's redeeming work is done. Fought the fight, the battle won, Death in vain forbids Him rise, Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia! Soar we now where Christ has led, Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Unfold, Ye Portals - Conducted by John L. Wilson

Charles Gounod

Unfold, unfold, unfold ye portals everlasting. With welcome to receive Him ascending on high! Behold the King of Glory! He mounts up through the sky, Back to the heavenly mansions hastening. Unfold, unfold, unfold, for lo, the King comes nigh. But who is He, the King of Glory? He who Death overcame, the Lord in battle mighty. But who is He the King of Glory? Of hosts He is the Lord; of angels and of powers: the King of Glory is the King of the saints.

Benediction
Cindy L. Bell, a fifth generation native of Ocean Grove, is a doctoral candidate at Teachers College of Columbia University in the Music Education program, working with Lee Pogovakowski and Hal Abeles. A graduate of Lycoming College, PA, and the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY, she is currently choir director at the Sayville UMC (NY), conducts for the Long Island East District of the United Methodist Women, and directs the Mariners Chorus at the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY. The U.M. Board of Higher Education and Ministry has awarded her scholarships to pursue graduate studies.

Don Besig taught public school music for thirty-one years in western New York. His concert choral groups and show choirs earned excellent reputations for their performances at clinics, contests and community events. His teaching background includes work at all levels. He has also had considerable experience as a church choir director. Currently, he is Director of Music at Perinton Presbyterian Church in Fairport, NY. He has composed over 350 choral works especially for student and volunteer church choirs, and more than thirteen million copies of his works have been sold.

Charles Harris is Director of Musical Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church in Red Bank, NJ where he is senior organist and conducts eight singing choirs, nine handbell choirs, a concert series and a summer music camp for children. He graduated from the School of Music at the U. of North Texas and earned his Masters Degree at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. He served the Tyler Street UMC in Dallas for eleven years. Mr. Harris conducts major choral and orchestral works for the Tower Hill Concert Series. He is an organ recitalist in America and Europe and has served as guest organist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Mario Lombardo, composer and pianist was an honors graduate from Seton Hall University, where he earned a Masters Degree in English. He continued at Seton Hall as an assistant professor of English while he studied music privately and composed many songs, piano pieces, and orchestral works. In 1959 he became a member of ASCAP. He has composed musical comedies, symphonic work utilizing the contemporary sound of rock and jazz, blues, works for chorus and orchestra, and an aria for Tenor and Orchestra entitled As I Recall Our Love, which was recently premiered by Ronald Naldi and the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. In 1994 he was named "Musician of the Year" by the NJ State Conference of Musicians.

Carl J. Nygard, Jr. is a resident of Pennsylvania now residing in Berks Co. He graduated in 1969 from West Chester University with a degree in Music Education, and was granted that institution's first Master of Music degree in 1977. Since then he has composed more than one hundred pieces of choral music. These sacred and secular works have been scored for all voicings of singers, and all manner of accompaniment. He has worked as a music critic, and as a music consultant for the Macmillan Book Co. He is director of secondary vocal and classroom music for the Fleetwood Area School District.
Randall D. Perry is founder and conductor of the Bach and Handel Chorale. He began his career in church music at the age of eleven and recently celebrated his 25th year as a church musician. He has his Bachelor of Music degree from Wilkes College in PA. He has been a guest conductor at choir events ranging from community services to Welsh Songfests and was guest conductor for the Concerto Soloists Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia during the Laurel Festival of the Arts in Jim Thorpe, PA. One of his published works, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" is part of tonight's Festival.

Clayton White earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in music and music education from Temple University. He completed postgraduate studies in voice and conducting at Westminster Choir College. Currently, Mr. White is Music Department Chair and Director of Performing Arts at Community College of Philadelphia, Organist-Director of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and Music Director of the Clayton White Singers. Mr. White was chorus master of Opera Ebony and Opera North for their productions at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. An accomplished composer, choral arranger, vocal coach and accompanist, his credits include recordings, radio, television and film.

John L. Wilson is Director of Music and Organist at the 2,000-member Haddonfield United Methodist Church, where he conducts ten choirs, including a 125-voice Oratorio Choir and a professional orchestra. Mr. Wilson graduated from Westminster College and the School of Sacred Music at Union Seminary in New York City. He has completed additional graduate study at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. Mr. Wilson also holds the Choirmaster and Associate certifications from the American Guild of Organists, having been state chairman. He is certified as a "Director of Music" by the United Methodist Church.

The Anthems How Wondrous is Thy Name and Now and Forever have been dedicated to Lewis and Faith Daniels by the composer, Mario Lombardo

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The Festive Brass

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The Bethany Ringers

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| Claire Garland|
| Joann Geck    |
| Zerelda Young |
| Kathy Gahn    |
| Cyndie Van Bavel |
| Delaine Terpening |
| Sue Falzone   |
| Wilma Martini |
Participating Choirs

First Congregational Church
Middletown, NJ

First Congregational Church
Stratford, CT

First Memorial Presbyterian Church
Dover, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Caldwell, NJ

First Presbyterian Church, Dayton NJ
First Presbyterian Church
Dunellen, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Perockaway, NY

First Presbyterian Church
Manasquan, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Matiasaw, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Mount Holly, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Northport, NY

First Presbyterian Church
Orange, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Passaic, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Springfield, Flourtown, PA

First Presbyterian Church
Verona, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Washington, NJ

First Presbyterian Church
Woodbridge, NJ

First Reformed Church
Little Falls, NJ

First Reformed UCC
Lancaster, PA

First United Church of Christ
Millford, NJ

First UMC, Amityville, NY
First UMC, Beach Haven Terrace, NJ
First UMC, Hershey, PA
First UMC, Moorestown, NJ
First UMC, Oakhurst, NJ
First UMC, Schuylkill Haven, PA
First UMC, Scotch Plains, NJ

Haddonfield (NJ) UMC
Hamilton UMC, Neptune, NJ
High Bridge Reformed Church
High Bridge, NJ

Highland Lakes Protestant Church
Highland Lakes, NJ

Holy Chalice Old Catholic Church
Easton, NJ

Holy Cross Lutheran Church,
Tom's River, NJ

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
Somerset, NJ

Immaculate Conception Church
Spotswood, NJ

Jerusalem Lutheran Church,
Schuykill Haven, PA
Jerusalem Lutheran Church
Schwenksville, PA

Juniata Park UMC
Philadelphia, PA

Lady of Fatima, RC Church,
Piscataway, NJ

Lakeland Evangelical Free Church
Gurnee, IL

Langhorne United Methodist Church
Langhorne, PA

Lansdale United Methodist Church
Lansdale, PA

Littitz (PA) United Methodist Church
Long Hill Chapel, Chatham, NJ

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation
Cedarhurst, NY

Lutheran Church of St. John-in-the
Heights, Jim Thorpe, PA

Magyar Reformed Church
New Brunswick, NJ

Manahawkin (NJ) Baptist Church
Marco Island (FL) Concert Choir
Memorial UMC, Quaintonville, PA
Memorial UMC, White Plains, NY

Middletown (NJ) UMC
Milton UMC, Oak Ridge, NJ

Montgomery Evangelical Free
Church, Belle Mead, NJ

Morganville (NJ) UMC
Mt. Zion AME Church
New Brunswick, NJ

North Branch Reformed Church
Bridgewater, NJ

Northern Cluster Choir
Oceanport, NJ

North Orwell Union Church,
Rome, PA

Norwalk (CT) UMC
Ocean Grove (NJ) Auditorium Choir
Oceanport (NJ) UMC

Old First Church - Presbyterian
Newark, NJ
The Ocean Grove Auditorium Choir Invites all Singers to become part of their fellowship. Rehearsals Tuesday & Friday - 7:30 PM

Mark your calendars now for our next Choir Presentation:

**Brahms**

*Ein Deutsches Requiem*

an Oratorio

Presented by the

Ocean Grove Auditorium Choir

Sunday, August 25

7:30 PM