To the Glory of God

Ocean Grove Auditorium
Sunday, July 19, 1998, 7:30 PM

The Grand Festival Chorus
The Festive Brass

Theme: The Joy of the Lord

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

Preludes
Allegro from the Water Music
George F. Handel, arr. R. King
Invitation to Worship
Provident Dominum
Orlande DeLassus, arr. R. King
Psalm 98
Anthems
Alleluia
conducted by Mark Thomas
Mac Huff
Alleluia. Sound the trumpet, cymbal and drum. Sing out the hope that peace will come, sing: Alleluia. Sounds of gladness joyfully ring. Sing out! Alleluia!
Sing with peace, Alleluia. Battles cease, Alleluia. Music’s born, the soul’s release. Sing Alleluia.

Let A Joyful Song Arise!
conducted by Carl J. Nygard, Jr.
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Let a joyful song arise! As the voices raise holy sounds of praise to the glory of the skies. Let the joyful song be heard. Let the sound rejoice in a chorus voice - as it magnifies the word. Let a voice sing the praise of the Father, who fashioned the sea and the land: For He has accomplished marvelous things with the power of His mighty hand. Let a joyful song arise to the glory of the skies. Let a joyful song arise. Let a voice sing in hope for the future, with a vision inspired from above. And in triumph ring, ever echoing with the sound of heaven’s love. Let a joyful song arise! As the voices raise holy sounds of praise to the glory of the skies. Let a joyful song arise! Let the song be sung out of every voice and in every human tongue. Let the joyful song be sung! And let the joyful song arise!

Hymn
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
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Anthem
Diadem
(dedicated to the Ocean Grove Choir Festival)
conducted by Clayton White
Clayton White
All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the royal diadem. And crown Him Lord of all. Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race; Ye ransomed from the Fall. Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all! Let every kindred, ev’ry tribe on this terrestrial ball, to Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!

Prayer
Anthem
This Christmaside (Jessye’s Carol)
conducted by Noel A. Piercy
Donald Fraser
Green and silver, red and gold, and a story born of old. Truth and love and hope abide, this Christmaside. Holly, ivy, mistletoe, and the gently falling snow. From a simple ox’s stall came the greatest gift of all. Children sing of hope and joy at the birth of one small boy. Let the bells ring loud and clear. Ring out now for all to hear. Trumpets sound and voices raise in the endless stream of praise.

Angels’ Carol
conducted by Cindy Bell
John Rutter
Have you heard the sound of the angel voices ringing so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star shining out so brightly as a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here? Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven to the humble shepherds who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo. Hear the angels sing their joyful song. He is come in peace in the winter’s stillness, like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night; He is come in joy like the sun at morning filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love as the child of Mary; In a simple stable we have seen his birth: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear them sing ‘Peace on earth.’ He will bring new light to a world in darkness, like a bright star shining in the skies above; He will bring new hope to the waiting nations when he comes to reign in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour’s coming. Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing ‘Christ is born.’
What Strangers Are These?
conducted by Elma Heckler
Old Scottish Carol
arr. by Richard Purvis

What strangers are these that wander through the town? Hush, 'tis Joseph and weary Mary. And what does he seek so hopeless and in vain? He is seeking shelter for Mary, for she is blest and chosen of the Lord. Who will bear to men a goodly King? And who is this king of whom ye proudly sing? Know ye now the Christ, Jesus the Savior? What wee balm is this, that in a manger lies? Hush, 'tis Jesus Christ, son of Mary. Say, what fair maid is this whose joy is mixed with awe? Oh, 'tis Mary, Holy Mother of Jesus. Oh, these are the shepherds, and these are the Magi kings who have brought them their gifts of gold and myrrh. But why kneel they in homage here before a babe? They adore their King, Jesus the Savior. Who are these that march from death to life? These are they who love Jesus, the Christ Child. And how do they triumph o'er the gates of hell? Through the grace of him, Jesus the Christ Child. He is born to redeem the sons of God and man, To bring peace, joy, love and brotherhood. Oh, where shall I find him, where shall I seek? He is here and now, Jesus, your Saviour.

Greeting
Benjamin F. Hehn, Associate Trustee
Chairman, Music Committee
Offertory
Now Thank We All Our God
S. Karg-Elert arr. R. King
Ocean Grove Auditorium Ushers' March
Clarence Kohlmann
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
Joy in the Morning
For All the Saints
Natalie Sleeth
conducted by JoAnne Teubner-Prussak

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning. There'll be joy on that day, with the light of dawn, the dark is gone. There'll be peace and contentment evermore. Ev'ry heart and voice will then rejoice. And the glory of the Lord will shine. And the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored. There'll be love, sweet love ev'rywhere. There'll be joy in the morning, with the bright dawn, night gone. There'll be peace and contentment evermore. Ev'ry heart, ev'ry voice will together rejoice. And the glory of the Lord will shine, and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness ev'rywhere, and the way of the Lord will be restored. There'll be peace and contentment. There'll be joy!

When the Saints Go Marching In
conducted by John Wilson

Oh, when the saints go marching in: Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number. When the saints go marching in. And when the revelation comes: Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number. When the revelation comes. Oh, when the new world is revealed. Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number. When the new world is revealed. Oh, when they gather round the throne: Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number. When they gather round the throne. Hallelujah, brothers, hallelujah, sisters! Hear the music going round and around, while the saints go marching up into glory. Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound! And when they crown him King of Kings: Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when they crown Him King of kings. And when the sun no more will shine: Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the sun no more will shine. And when the moon has turned to blood: Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number when the moon has turned to blood. Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in. Glory, hallelujah!

River in Judea
conducted by Charles Harris
Feldman, arr. Leavitt

Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one ev'ry body knows. Late at night I hear it singing, then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on. There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know. I believe it keeps on trav'lin when I'm weary and down hearted. How I long for the song it sings, for the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings. May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river, meet by the shore. 'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more. Hallelujah!
Psalm 150
conducted by Lewis A. Daniels

Hallelujah. O praise ye the Lord, in His sanctuary; Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of His pow' r. Praise ye Him for His mighty acts. Praise ye Him according to His majesty. Praise ye Him with the sound of the trumpet. Praise ye Him with the psalt'ry and harp. Praise ye Him with the timbrel. Praise ye Him with the dance. Praise Him with the organ and stringed instruments. Praise ye Him upon the loud cymbals. Praise ye Him upon the high sounding cymbals. Let ev'ry thing that hath breath, praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

Benediction

Mark Thomas is in his 13th season as conductor and music director of the Schuylkill County Community Chorus which has toured North America and Europe. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees, summa cum laude, from West Chester University and Kutztown University. Continuing graduate studies are at the Eastman School of Music and The Philadelphia School for the Performing Arts. His teaching responsibilities at Southern Columbia include directing the 100 voice concert choir, women's chorus, concert band and string ensemble. Among the many rewards he has received are citations from the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives, the Schuylkill County Commissioners and the Office of the President of the United States. Mr. Thomas is a member of the Music Educators National Conference, the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association, the American Choral Directors Association, Chorus America and has been selected to Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

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.

Clayton White is the Music Department Chair and Director of Performing Arts at the Community College of Philadelphia. He serves the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Philadelphia as Organist-Director and as Music Director of the Clayton White Singers. Mr. White was chorus master of Ebony Opera and Opera North which staged productions in the Philadelphia Academy of Music. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in music and music education from Temple University and completed post graduate studies in voice and conducting at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. He is an accomplished composer, choral arranger, vocal coach and accompanist with credits including recordings, radio, television and film.

Having received advanced degrees in organ performance and choral conducting from the University of Illinois and Indiana University, in 1986 Noel Piercy joined the staff at The First Presbyterian Church, Caldwell, NJ, where he directs the adult choir and three handbell choirs. He participates in a comprehensive music ministry including a concert series, children's choirs, youth choirs, staged musicals, operas and interstate tours. Mr. Piercy conducts a community-based chorus in annual performances of choral masterworks with orchestra. He is a published composer of music for handbell choirs.

Cindy Bell is completing doctoral studies in music education at Teachers' College of Columbia University in New York City having received a scholarship from the United Methodist Church Board of Higher Education to pursue graduate studies in music. She holds the Master of Music in Choral Conducting degree from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. Ms. Bell has taught high school choral music, conducted church choirs and community choruses and is presently director of the Mariner's Chorus at the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, New York. She has been the guest conductor for the Youth Choir Festival in Ocean Grove. Ms. Bell is a fifth generation native of Ocean Grove.
From a background as a church and school music director, in 1977 Elma Heckler became the artistic director of the Bucks County Choral Society which she has led to high professional performance standards. A graduate of Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pa., with a B.S. degree in music education, she also holds a Master of Music degree in choral conducting from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ. Twice selected to participate in the Robert Shaw Choral Workshop at Carnegie Hall, she has honed the conducting techniques taught by Joseph Flummerfelt, Robert Page, Dale Warland, Gregg Smith and Paul Salamunovich. Active in the American Choral Directors Association and Chorus America, she has been a member of the opera/choral panel of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and serves as an adjudicator, clinician and guest conductor.

JoAnne Teubner-Prussak earned her B.S. degree at Manne College of Music in New York City. She studied piano with Joseph Rateff, a pupil of Arthur Schnabel, and organ with Edgar Hilliar, a pupil of E. Power Biggs. At the Juilliard School of Music she developed conducting skills with Abraham Kaplan. Ms. Teubner-Prussak conducted the Pontifical Choir of Paterson, NJ in a series of cathedral concerts and performed on radio and television. Appearing as a concert pianist and organist in the U.S. and Germany she received great acclaim. Her prior Choir Festival experience in the Ocean Grove Auditorium was as organ soloist with the Mikoldian Brass. She is Director of Music at St. Vincent United Methodist Church, Nutafl, NJ, and conductor of the Carlstadt Mixed Chorus, Plainfield Gesang und Turn Verein, Volkschor Harmonie and the mass chorus at the New Jersey State Art Center.

Having graduated from Westminster College in Pennsylvania and the School of Sacred Music at Union Seminary in New York City and completing additional graduate study at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, John L. Wilson served the 2,000 member Haddonfield (NJ) United Methodist Church for many years as Director of Music and Organist conducting ten choirs, a 125 voice oratorio choir and a professional orchestra. In 1997, Mr. Wilson was called to be Director of Music at the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, heading a staff responsible for preparing and performing music for the many types of worship services. He rehearses and conducts the large adult choir seen weekly on national television. Mr. Wilson holds two degrees from the New England Conservatory and was chosen as the "Director of Music" by the United Methodist Church.

As Director of Musical Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church in Red Bank, NJ, Charles Harris is senior organist and conductor of eight singing choirs and eight handbell choirs. He produces and conducts the Tower Hill Concert Series, performing major chooral works with orchestra. Currently he is interim conductor of the Shrewsbury Chorale. He also directs a summer music camp for children. Mr. Harris is a featured organ recitalist both in the U.S. and abroad and served as guest organist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. A graduate of the School of Music at the University of North Texas, he received his Masters Degree at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. He served the Tyler Street United Methodist Church in Dallas Texas prior to coming to New Jersey.

Now marking his 49th year in the ministry of music, Lewis A. Daniels served churches in the Philadelphia area and in northern New Jersey and has been Director of Music for the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association since 1966. Among his responsibilities are selecting, rehearsing and conducting choral music for worship services in the Great Auditorium, leading singing for Camp Meeting, producing the Annual Choir Festival and conducting organists with orchestra. He teaches choral workshops and leads congregational singing at church celebrations. Studies were at Drexel University, Philadelphia Musical Academy and Philadelphia College of the Bible.

**Festive Brass**

Trumpets: Barbara Prugh, John Thyansen, Robert Skonickin, Nancy Dowlin  
Horns: Joan Dowlin, Jane Richter  
Trombones: Robert Hall, Darrell Hendricks  
Tuba: Peter Krill  
Timpani and Traps: Kenneth Miller  
Harp: Michaelene Shay

**Other Instrumentalists**  
Charles Harris, Synthesizer I  
Paul S. Daniels, Synthesizer II  
George Sumrall, Chimes
Participating Choirs

Aldersgate UMC, East Brunswick, NJ
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Bayside, NY
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Frederick, MD
All Saints' Episcopal Church, Orange, NJ
Ardena Baptist Church, Freeland, NJ
Asbury Park Baptist Church, Asbury Park, NJ
Asbury Park UMC, York, PA
Assumption B.V.M. Church, Feasterville, PA
Atonement Evangelical Lutheran Church, Asbury Park, NJ
The Baptist Church of Phoenixville (PA)
Bethany United Church of Christ, York, PA
Bethel Evangelical Free Church, Staten Island, NY
Brick (NJ) Presbyterian Church
Bridgewater (NJ) UMC
Butler (NJ) United Methodist Church
Caldwell (NJ) UMC
Chatham (NJ) UMC
Christ Church United Methodist, East Quogue, NY
Christ Church of Ossining, South Amboy, NJ
Christ United Methodist Church, Lakewood, NJ
Christ United Presbyterian Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Freehold, NJ
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Lakewood, NJ
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, W. Windsor, NJ
Church of St. Ann, Keansburg, NJ
Church of St. Anselm, Waynede, NJ
Christ Church of the Brethren and Christ UM, York, PA
Clay (NY) Presbyterian Church, Belcherville, NY
Clendarin (NY) Advent Christian Church
Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Covenant Church of Bethlehem, North Haledon, NJ
Covenant United Methodist Church, Scotch Plains, NJ
Crown Organ Works, Amity Harbor, NY
Diamond Hill UMC, Berkeley Heights, NJ
Doylston (PA) UMC
Eastminster Presbyterian Church, York, PA
East Swab Mennonite Church, Quakertown, PA
Epworth UMC, NJ
Fair Street Reformed Church, Kingston, NY
Faith Lutheran Brethren Church, Brattleboro, VT
Manor, NY
First Church of Christ Congregational, Redding, CT
First English Baptist Church, Minnetonka, MN
First Presbyterian Church, Caldwell, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Dunellen, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Far Rockaway, NY
First Presbyterian Church, Freehold, NJ
First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Plattsburgh, NY
First Presbyterian Church, Mansfield, PA
First Presbyterian Church of Orange, NJ
First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville (PA)
First Presbyterian Church of Topeka, KS
First Presbyterian Church of Westfield, NJ
First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge, NJ
First UMC, Armitage, NY
First UMC, Beach Haven Ter., NJ
First UMC, Bristol, PA
First UMC, Freehold, NJ
First UMC, Westfield, NJ
First UMC, Moonpoonstown, PA
First UMC, Oshkosh, WI
First UMC, Somerville, NJ
First UMC, Toms River, NJ
First UMC, Toms River, NJ
Friedens United Church of Christ, Sunnyside, NJ
Forest Street Baptist Church, St. Louis, MO
Georgia Road Presbyterian Church, North Brunswick, NJ
Grace Community Church, Franklin Lakes, NJ
Grace Lutheran Church, Hop Bottom, PA
Grace Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill, FL
Grace Presbyterian Church, Wyckoff, NJ
Great Valley Presbyterian Church, Malvern, PA
Grace UMC, W. Chadds Ford, PA
Haddonfield (NJ) UMC
Hamilton UMC, Neptune, NJ
High Bridge (NJ) Reformed Church
Holy Cross Christian Church, Easton, PA
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Somerset, NJ
Hope Presbyterian Church, Tinton Falls, NJ
Immaculate Conception Church, Spotwood, NJ
Immanuel UMC, Glen Rock, PA
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schuykill Haven, PA
Junius Park UMC, Philadelphia, PA
Laurelton Park Baptist Church, Brack, NJ
Liberty Corner (NJ) Presbyterian Church
Little Church of the Brethren, Lititz, PA
Little Falls (NJ) UMC
Livingston (NJ) UMC
Long Hill Chapel, Chester, NJ
Lutheran Church of the Assumption, Cudahyst, NY
Marigny Reformed Church, New Brunswick, NJ
Mercer Island (FL) Concert Choir
Mary Queen of Peace Church, Potsdam, PA
Matawan UMC, Aberdeen, NJ
Memorial UMC, Quakertown, PA
Middletown (NJ) UMC
Morganville (NJ) UMC
Mt. Fest UMC, Randolph, NJ
Mt. Tabor (NJ) UMC
Nativity Lutheran Church, East Brunswick, NJ
Newtown UMC, Sandy Hook, CT
North Orville Union Church, Rome, PA
North Point UMC (NJ) Baptist Church, Northern Cluster Church, Oceanport, NJ
Norwalk (CT) UMC
Ocean Grove (NJ) Auditorium Choir
Oceanport (NJ) UMC
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roselle, NJ
Our Lady of Fatima, Rascataway, NJ
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Highlands, NJ
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Franklin, NY
Oxford UMC, Medford, NJ
Parton (NJ) Presbyterian Church
Pearson Memorial UMC, Trenton, NJ
Penn Yan (NY) UMC
Pine Trees Chorus, Berlin, MD
Pineland Reformed Church, Toms River, NJ
Presbyterian Church of Christ, Chatham, PA
Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, NJ
Presbyterian Church of Harrison (NY)
Prince of Peace, Spring City, CA
Prospect Presbyterian Church, Maplewood, NJ
Providence Church of the Brethren, Royersford, PA
Quakertown (NJ) UMC
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Succasunna, NJ
The Reformed Church of Bronxville, NY
The Reformed Church, Middletown, NJ
The Reformed Church of Middletown, NJ
Riverside Community Church, Toms River, NJ
Rockaway Reformed Church, Whitehouse Station, NJ
St. John's Episcopal Church, New Brunswick, NJ
St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, Jackson, NJ
St. Andrew Episcopal Church, New Providence, NJ
St. Andrew UMC, Toms River, NJ
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Cherry Hill, NJ
St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Church, Mountain Lakes, NJ
St. Clement's URC, Franklinville, PA
St. James UMC, Collegeville, PA
St. James Episcopal Church, Haddonfield, NJ
St. James Memorial Episcopal Church, Easton, PA
St. James (NY) UMC
St. Johns Episcopal Church, Little Silver, NJ
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Northumberland, PA
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Wayland, MA
St. John's (Hin's) U.C.C., Wernersville, PA
St. John's Lutheran Church, Jim Thorpe, PA
St. John's Lutheran Church, Pias Groves, PA
St. John's Lutheran Church, Sunnyside, PA
Participating Choirs

St. Joseph’s Church, Elizabeth, NJ
St. Leo the Great R.C. Church, Lincolton, NJ
St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Gladstone, NJ
St. Luke’s R.C. Church, Holmbecks, NJ
St. Luke’s UMC Long Branch, NJ
St. Mark’s Church, Sea Girt, NJ
St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Ridgewood, NJ
St. Mark’s R.C. Church, Ramapo, NJ
St. Mark’s UMC, Millville, PA
St. Mary’s By-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Pleasantville, NJ
St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Trenton, NJ
St. Matthew’s UMC, Wayne, PA
St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Stuttgarn, PA
St. Paul’s Evangelical Reformed Church, Allentown, PA
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Beachwood, NJ
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Narberth, PA
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Summer Hill, Auburn, PA
St. Paul’s UMC, Brick, NJ
St. Paul’s UMC, Lancaster, PA
St. Paul’s UMC, Ocean Grove, NJ
St. Paul’s UMC, St. Petersburg, PA
St. Peter the Apostle, Parsippany, NJ
St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Freerocket, NJ
St. Rose of Lima, East Hanover, NJ
St. Rose of Lima, York, PA
St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Brick, NJ
St. Thomas Moore Church, Convent Station, NJ
Sayville (NY) UMC
Schuylkill County Community Church, Pottsville, PA
Second Macedonian Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA
Second Reformed Church, Hackensack, NJ
Second Reformed Church, Wyckoff, NJ
Summit (NJ) Christian Reformed Church
Temple UMC, Philadelphia, PA
Tower Hill Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, NJ
Trinity Lutheran Church, Colebrook, PA
Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville, PA
Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick, NJ
Trinity UMC, Watchung
Trinity UMC, Highland Park, NJ
Union Hill Presbyterian Church, Dunmore, NJ
United Congregational Church, Lynnwood, WA
UMC at Newfoundland, NJ
UMC in Branchville, (NJ)
UMC of Bound Brook, NJ
UMC of Somerville (NJ)
UMC at Branchville, (NJ)
UMC at Bernardsville
United Reformed Church, Somerville, NJ
Valley Forge (PA) UMC
Verona (NJ) UMC
Village Lutheran Church, Lanoka Harbor, NJ
Vincent UMC, Kutztown, PA
Warren Center (PA) UMC
Warren Point Presbyterian Church, Fair Lawn, NJ
Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield, NJ
Wayne (NJ) UMC
Welcome UMC, Landingsville, PA
Wesley UMC, Morgantown, WV

Organist for the Choir Festival

Gordon Turk is celebrating his 25th year as the Ocean Grove Auditorium Organist-in-Residence. He is a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and the Manhattan School of Music where he earned the doctor of Musical Arts Degree. He studied composition with McNeil Robinson in New York. Dr. Turk has won critical acclaim as a concert performer throughout the country. His proficiency in improvisation has been recognized with awards and honors. Dr. Turk was Dean of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is organist and choirmaster at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Wayne, Pa. He is on the music faculty at West Chester University, West Chester, Pa.

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of Glory, Lord of Love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

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All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

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Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o’er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.