"Elijah"
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
The Ocean Grove Auditorium Choir &
The Rittenhouse Chamber Orchestra

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Sunday, August 27, 2006
Seven-thirty o’clock
THE CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev. Richard Hendrickson
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AN ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE
The Rittenhouse Chamber Orchestra
Elijah
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Invocation
Rev. Richard Hendrickson

PART I
Elijah: As God the Lord of Israel liveth, before whom I stand; There shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Overture

Chorus: Help, Lord! Will thou quite destroy us? The harvest now is over, the summer days are gone: And yet no power cometh to help us! Will then the Lord be no more God in Zion? The deep affordeth no water, and the rivers are exhausted! The suckling’s tongue now cleaveth for thirst to his mouth; The infant children ask for bread and there is no one breaketh it to feed them!

Duet with Chorus: Lord, bow thine ear to our prayer! Zion spreadeth her hands for aid; and there is neither help nor comfort.

Obadiah: Ye people, rend your hearts, and not your garments. For your transgressions the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols, return to God: for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind, and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.

Aria (Tenor): “If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me.” thus saith our God. Oh! that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before his presence

Angel: Now Cherith’s brook is dried up, Elijah; Arise and depart, and get thee to Zarephath; thither abide; For the Lord hath commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee; and the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

Widow: What have I to do with thee, O man of God? Art thou come to me, to call my sin unto remembrance? To slay my son art thou come hither? Help me, man of God, my son is sick? And his sickness is so sore that there is no breath left in him! I go mourning all the day long, I lie down and weep at night; See mine affliction! Be thou the orphan’s helper!

Elijah: Give me thy son. Turn unto her, O Lord, my God. O turn in mercy, help this widow’s son! For Thou art gracious and full of compassion. And plenteous in mercy and truth. Lord my God, let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

Widow: Wilt thou shew wonders, wonders to the dead? There is no breath no breath in him.

Elijah: Lord, my God, let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

Widow: Shall the dead arise, the dead arise and praise thee?

Elijah: Lord, my God, O let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

Widow: The Lord hath heard thy prayer; the soul of my son reviveth.

Elijah: Now behold, thy son liveth!

Widow: Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that His word in thy mouth is the truth: What shall I render to the Lord for all His
benefits to me?

Elijah: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, love Him with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. O, blessed are they who fear Him.

Chorus: Blessed are the men who fear Him, they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through darkness riseth light, light to the upright. He is gracious, compassionate. He is righteous.

Elijah: As God the Lord of Sabaoth liveth, before whom I stand; three years this day fulfilled, I will show myself unto Ahab, and the Lord will then send rain again upon the earth.

Ahab: Art thou Elijah? Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

Elijah: I never troubled Israel’s peace. It is thou, Ahab, and all thy father’s house. Ye have forsaken God’s commands, and thou hast follow Baalism! Now send, and gather to me the whole of Israel unto Mount Carmel; There summon the prophets of Baal. And also the prophets of the groves who are feasted at Jezebel’s table. Then we shall see whose God is the Lord. Rise then, ye priests of Baal; select and slay a bullock, and put no fire under it; Uplift your voices and call the God ye worship; and then I will call on the Lord Jehovah: And the God who by fire shall answer, Let Him be God. Call first upon your God, your numbers are many: I, even I only remain, one prophet of the Lord; Invoke your forest gods and mountain deities.

Chorus: Baal, we cry to thee: hear and answer us! Heed the sacrifice we offer! Hear us Baal, hear mighty god! Baal, let thy flames fall and extirpate the foe!

Elijah: Call him louder, for he is a god. He talketh; or he is pursuing; or he is in a journey; or peradventure he sleepeth; so awaken him. Call him louder!

Chorus: Hear our cry, O Baal! Now arise, wherefore slumber?

Elijah: Call him louder! He heareth not. With knives and lancets cut yourselves after your manner. Leap upon the alter ye have made. Call him and prophesy. Not a voice will answer you. None will listen. None heed you.

Chorus: Baal! Hear and answer Baal! Mark how the scorrer derideth us. Hear and answer!

Elijah: Draw near all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, this day let it be known that thou art God, and I am thy servant! O show to all this people that I have done these things according to thy word. O hear me, Lord and answer me! O show this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned!

Chorale: Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and He shall sustain thee; He never will suffer the righteous to fall; He is at thy right hand; Thy mercy Lord is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

Elijah: O Thou, who makest thine angels spirits: Thou, whose ministers are flaming fires: Let them now descend!

Chorus: The fire descends from heaven! The flames consume his offering! Before Him upon your faces fall! The Lord is God. O Israel hear! Our God is one Lord: And we will have no other gods before the Lord.

Elijah: Take all the prophets of Baal, and let not one of them escape you. Bring them down
to Kishon’s brook; and there let them be slain. Is not His word like a fire? And like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces. For God is angry with the wicked ev’ry day; and if the wicked turn not, the Lord will whet his sword; and He hath bent his bow and made it ready!

**Alto:** Woe unto them who forsake Him! Destruction shall fall upon them; for they have transgressed against Him. Though they are by him redeemed, yet they have spoken falsely against Him. Destruction shall fall upon them. Though they are by Him redeemed; from Him have they fled. Woe unto them!

**Obadiah:** O man of God, help thy people! Among the idols of the Gentiles are there any that can command the rain, or cause the heavens to give their showers? The Lord our God alone can do these things.

**Elijah:** O Lord, Thou hast overthrown Thine enemies and destroyed them: Look down on us from heaven, O Lord; regard the distress of thy people. Open the heavens and send us relief! Help thy servant now, O God. Go up now child, and look toward the sea. Hath my prayer been heard by the Lord?

**Youth:** There is nothing. The heav’ns are as brass above me.

**Elijah:** When the heavens are closed up, because they have sinned against Thee; yet if they pray and confess thy name and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them, then hear from heaven and forgive the sin; Help, send thy servant help, O God! Go up again and still look toward the sea.

**Youth:** There is nothing. The earth is as iron under me.

**Elijah:** Hearest thou no sound of rain? Seest thou nothing arise from the deep?

**Youth:** No, there is nothing.

**Elijah:** Have respect to the prayer of thy servant, O Lord my God. Unto Thee will I cry. Lord my rock be not silent to me; And Thy great mercies remember, Lord!

**Youth:** Behold, a little cloud ariseth now from the waters; it is like a man’s hand. The heavens are black with clouds and with wind; the storm rusheth louder and louder!

**Chorus:** Thanks be to God for all His mercies!

**Elijah:** Thanks be to God for He is gracious; and His mercy endureth forevermore.

**Chorus:** Thanks be to God. He laveth the thirsty land. The waters gather, they rush along! They are lifting their voices! The stormy billows are high, their fury is mighty. But the Lord is above them, and Almighty.

**GREETING AND OFFERING**

**PART II**

**Soprano:** Hear ye, Israel, hear what the Lord speaketh; “Oh, hadst thou heeded my commandments!” Who hath believed our report; to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed: Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and His Holy One, to him oppressed by tyrants; thus saith the Lord: “I am He that comforteth. Be not afraid for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee!” Say who art thou, that thou art afraid of a man that shall die? And forgettest the Lord thy maker who hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the earth’s foundations? Be not afraid, for I Thy God, will strengthen thee.”
Obadiah: Man of God, now let my words be precious in thy sight! Thus saith Jezebel: “Elijah is worthy to die.” So the mighty gather against thee, and they have prepared a net for thy steps; that they may seize thee, that they may slay thee. Arise then, arise, and hasten for thy life! To the wilderness journey! The Lord thy God doth go with thee: He will not fail thee, He will not forsake thee. Now be gone and bless me also.

Elijah: Though stricken they have not grieved! Tarry here, my servant, the Lord be with thee. I journey hence to the wilderness. It is enough, O Lord, now take away my life for I am not better than my fathers, I desire to live no longer; now let me die, for my days are but vanity. I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts. For the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant, and have thrown down thine altars, and slain all thy prophets with the sword. And I, even I, only am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

Tenor: See, now he sleepeth beneath a juniper tree in the wilderness, and there the angels of the Lord encamp round about all them that fear Him.

Trio: Lift thine eyes to the mountains; whence cometh help? Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

Chorus: He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

Angel: Arise, Elijah, for thou hast a long journey before thee, Forty days and forty nights shalt thou go, to Horeb, the mount of God.

Elijah: O Lord, I have labored in vain! Yea, I have spent my strength for naught. O that Thou wouldst rend the heavens, that Thou wouldst come down. That the mountains would fly down at thy presence, to make Thy name known to Thine adversaries, through the wonders of Thy works! O Lord, why hast Thou made them to err from thy ways? And hardened their hearts, that they do not fear Thee? O that I now might die! O that I now might die!

Angel: O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart’s desires. Commit thy way unto Him and trust in Him. And fret not thyself because of evil doers.

Elijah: Night falleth round me, O Lord! Be Thou not far from me! Hide not Thy face, O Lord, from me; My soul is thirsting for Thee, as a thirsty land.

Angel: Arise now! Get thee without! Stand on the mount before the Lord; for there His glory will appear and shine on Thee! Thy face must be veiled, for He draweth near.

Chorus: Behold, God the Lord passed by. And a mighty wind rent the mountains around, brake in pieces the rocks, brake them before the Lord, But yet the Lord was not in the tempest. Behold, God the Lord passes by! And the sea was upheaved and the earth was shaken. But yet the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake there came fire, the sea was upheaved, the earth was shaken. But yet the Lord, was not in the fire, And after the fire there came a still small voice. And in that still voice, onward came the Lord,

Chorus: Above Him stood the Seraphim; and one cried to another: Holy, holy, holy is God.
the Lord, the Lord Sabaoth. Now His glory hath filled all the earth.

**Chorus:** Then did Elijah the prophet break forth like a fire. His words appeared like burning torches. Mighty kings by him were overthrown. He stood on the mount of Sinai, and heard the judgments of the future; And in Horeb, its vengeance. And when the Lord would take him away to heaven, lo! there came a fiery chariot, with fiery horses; and he went by a whirlwind to heaven!

**Tenor:** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heavenly Father’s realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away forever.

**Quartet:** O come everyone that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto Him. O hear, and your souls shall live forever.

**Chorus:** And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh, and your health shall speedily spring forth then; and the glory of the Lord ever shall reward you. Lord, our creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations. Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory!

**AMEN!**

**Benediction**

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Dr. and Mrs. Ziad Abbud have made an Underwriter gift funding today’s worship service with Dr. James Kennedy in thanksgiving to the Lord because He has blessed us indeed. The Camp Meeting is grateful for this generous support.

**Partnership Gift**
Doris Williams has made a Partnership Gift helping to fund this week’s Bible Hour with the Rev. Dr. William Quick. The gift is made in memory of the Rev. Quentin Williams.

**Bible Hour**
Aug. 28 thru Sept. 2 - 9am-10am
Dr. William Quick. Pastor Emeritus Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Detroit, MI

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ABOUT TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCE

It is exciting to bring to life again Mendelssohn's magnificent music describing the dramatic story of Elijah's stormy struggles with the people of Israel, with King Ahab and his pagan queen, Jezebel, and his own mood swing—from deep depression to high exaltation. The greatness of this music continues to be astounding. Even the choruses sung to pagan god, Baal, are stronger than much of the music written to the one true God. Mendelssohn, a German, spent much of his life in England, and in the score it appears he wrote in both languages at the same time. The story of Elijah begins in 1 Kings 17 and continues through 11 Kings 2.

Mendelssohn had the help of a German Lutheran pastor, Julius Schuricht, in choosing the text—all of which are Biblical except for the final chorus, “And then shall thy light break forth... Lord, our Creator, how excellent is Thy Name in all the nations.”

May the God who spoke to Elijah—not in the tempest or the earthquake, but in a still small voice—speak to our hearts and minds tonight through this great music.

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