IN THE BEGINNING, GOD

1955 Fifty-Fifth Annual Choir Festival 2009

To the Glory of God

Ocean Grove Auditorium
Sunday, July 12, 2009 • 7:30 PM

Strength for the Journey
The Great Festival Chorus
The Festive Brass

Dr. Jason C. Tramm, Director of Music

Monica Ziglar, Soprano
Elspeth Kincaid, Mezzo-Soprano
Lewis A. Daniels, Director of Music Emeritus

Ronald Naldi, Tenor
Richard Zuch, Bass
Dr. Gordon Turk, Organist
Preludes
Fanfare & Chorus
Lord, I Have Only Thee

Dietrich Buxtehude
Heinrich Schütz / T. Perry

Invitation to Worship
Psalm 95:1-2
Rev. Scott Hoffman, Chief Administrative Officer, OGCMA

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.

Let this Great Auditorium resound with praise for our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ!

Anthem
Hallelujah from “Christ on the Mount of Olives”
Conducted by Dr. Jason Tramm

L. Van Beethoven

Hymn
Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah by Williams/Hughes
(Please refer to last page)

Anthems
Chords of Love
Conducted by Larry Shackley
Monica Ziegler, Soprano

G. Walker

Fare thee well, my loving friends, my loving friends, farewell. I’m bound for the land where pleasures never end, and troubles come no more. Farewell, farewell, my friends, I must be gone. I have no call to stay with you. I’ll take my staff and travel on, ‘till I a better world can view. I’ll march to the Promised Land. I’ll land on Canaan’s shore, where pleasures never end, and troubles come no more.

Farewell, farewell, my friends, time rolls along. Nor waits for mortal cares or bliss. I’ll leave you here and travel on, ‘till I arrive in Paradise. I’ll march to the Promised Land. I’ll land on Canaan’s shore, where pleasures never end, and troubles come no more.

Farewell, farewell my brothers in the Lord, my sisters in the Lord, we all ere long shall meet above. For we believe His Precious Word: To you I’m bound with chords of love. We’ll march to the Promised Land. We’ll land on Canaan’s shore, where pleasures never end, and troubles come no more. For we believe His Precious Word: To you I’m bound with chords of love.

Pilgrim’s Chorus from “Tannhäuser”
Conducted by Dr. Charles Prestinari

R. Wagner

Once more with joy, O my home, I may meet; Once more, ye fair flow’ry meadows, I greet ye; My pilgrim staff henceforth may rest, Since Heav’n’s sweet peace is within my breast. The sinner’s plaint on high was heard, Accepted by a gracious Lord, The tears I laid before His shrine Are turned to hope and joy divine. O Lord, eternal praise be Thine! The blessed source of Thy mercy overflowing, On souls repentant who seek Thee bestowing; Of hell and death I have no fear, My gracious Lord is ever near. Hallelujah! Hallelujah, eternally, eternally!

Non Nobis Domine
Conducted by Adam Waite

Doyles/Brass Parts arranged by A. Waite

Non nobis domine, domine, non nobis domine, sed nomine, sed nomine tuo da gloriam.
Hymn
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
William M. Runyan
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: *Great Is Thy faithfulness!* *Great Is Thy faithfulness!* *Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided!* *Great Is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*  
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer  
Rev. David Cotton
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthems
*Joy in the Morning*  
N. Sleeth
Conducted by Lewis Daniels, Music Director, Emeritus
Joy, there’ll be joy, there’ll be joy, joy, joy, joy, there’ll be joy, there’ll be joy, there’ll be joy in the morning. There’ll be joy in the morning on that day, There’ll be joy in the morning on that day, For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, there’ll be joy in the morning on that day. There’ll be peace and contentment evermore, there’ll be peace and contentment evermore, Ev’ry heart, ev’ry voice on that day will rejoice, there’ll be peace and contentment evermore.

And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine, will shine upon us and the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine, There’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere, 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.

Ev’ry heart, ev’ry voice will together rejoice, there’ll be peace, peace, peace. And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine, shine upon us and the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine, There’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere, there’ll be love and forgiveness ev’rywhere, and the way of the Lord will be restored, There’ll be love and forgiveness, there’ll be peace and contentment, there’ll be joy, joy, joy, joy.

*We Worship and Adore You, Lord (World Premiere)*  
Words R. Cadmus/ Music M. Lombardo
Conducted by Dr. Jason Tramm
We worship and adore You Lord, with hearts in grateful song; in creed and prayer, through love we share, in sacrament that heals all wrong; we thank You for Your love, we thank You for Your love. The world displays Your majesty; All things Your hands create; The earth, the seas, the skies, the trees, in harmony they celebrate, the beauty of Your love, The beauty of Your love. Beyond the dark and dim unknown You stand with truth and light; where virtue fails, and hate is strong, Your word can give our blindness sight, the power of Your love, the power of Your love. Our prayers lift up our deepest needs for You to hear our pleas, Look in our lives and search our souls, help us to change, from sin, set free the mercy of Your love, the mercy of Your love. The cross and Your unfailing love that heals all earth’s bitter strife; it is our hope, it holds us safe, till we receive eternal life, the promise of Your love.

The Storm is Passing Over  
Arr. B. Baker
Conducted by Dr. Cindy Bell
Have courage my soul and let us journey on. Though night is dark and I am far from home. Thanks be to God the morning light appears. The storm is passing over. Hallelu. Halleluia. Halleluia. Halleluia. The storm is passing over. The storm is passing over. Hallelu.
Greeting

Rev. Scott Hoffman, Chief Administrative Officer, OGCMA

Offertory

Nun Danket Alle Gott

J.S. Bach/arr. G. Olson

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.
P lease be seated as the ushers recess.

Anthem

I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me

Conducted by Dr. Charles Prestinari

H. Parry

I was glad, glad when they said unto me, We will go, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself. Praise Ye Jehovah Lord God Almighty. Praise, praise Ye. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love Thee. Peace, peace be within thy walls and plenteousness, plenteousness within thy palaces.

You Knew Me Lord

Conducted by Larry Shackley

L. Shackley

Before I felt one tender ray, before my eyes first saw the sun, before I knew one single day You planned for me to live each one. You touched my hand before I felt. You touched my hand. You spoke to me before I heard. You spoke to me. You learned my prayer before I knelt, and knew my voice before one word. How can I flee Your presence? How can I hide from Your gaze? High and low, Lord, You are there establishing all of my days. How can I flee Your presence? How can I hide from Your gaze? It is too wonderful, too wonderful to me. O praise, my soul, the God above, the Lord of sky and sea and land. Who lavishes undying love, and forms each life with His strong hand. How can I flee Your presence? How can I hide from Your gaze? High and low, Lord, You are there establishing all of my days. How can I flee Your presence? How can I hide from Your gaze? It is too wonderful, too wonderful to me. You knew me, Lord.

Remarks

Scott Rasmussen, President, Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

Wayfaring Stranger (Commissioned for the 2009 OG Choral Festival)

Conducted by Dr. Jason Tramm

Trad/Arr. G. Walker

I am a poor wayfaring stranger, a trav’ling through this world of woe. Yet there’s no sickness, toil or danger in that bright land to which I go. I’m going home over Jordan, I’m going home no more to roam. I’m only going over Jordan. I’m only going to my home. I know dark clouds will gather round me. I know my way is rough and steep. But golden fields lie out before me, where all the saints their vigils keep. I’m going home to meet my Father. He said He’d meet me when I come. I’m going home to meet my mother, she said she’d wait for me in the Promised Land. I want to wear a crown of glory, when I arrive in Canaan Land. I want to shout salvation’s story, when I join in the gospel band. I’m going there to see my Savior. He said He’d meet me when I come. I’m only going over Jordan, I’m only going to my home. Precious Savior, bring me home. I’ll soon be free from earthly trials, and follow on my Great Reward. I’ll drop my burden and denial, Lord and go home singing to my God! I’m going there to see my Savior. He said He’d meet me when I come. I’m only going over Jordan. I’m only going to my home. My Precious Savior, bring me home!

Hymn

He Lives by Alfred H. Ackley

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Benediction
Conductors

Dr. Jason C. Tramm is in his third year as the Director of Music Ministries at the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. In this capacity he oversees one of the most vibrant summer music programs on the east coast. Recognized as a leader in the New Jersey arts community, Dr. Tramm conducts performances throughout the state and region. As Music Director of the New Jersey State Opera, he leads operatic performances and education events of the highest caliber. This includes the Destination Opera festival, now in its second year which is held here in Ocean Grove in September. This year’s festival will feature a grand performance of Verdi’s Requiem (Sept. 12) and a fully staged performance of Pergolesi’s La Serva Padrona (Sept. 13). He also holds the following positions: Music Director of Coro Lirico and Artistic Director of the Summit Music Festival, ensembles that have received outstanding reception by both audiences and critics alike. Dr. Tramm has also taught on the music faculties of both Rutgers and Drew Universities, he has directed ensembles, both choral and orchestral, and taught courses in conducting. He is also actively sought as a clinician and regularly presents lectures. In addition to his very active performing career, Dr. Tramm’s Christian faith has called him to lead music programs in churches of various sizes. In Ocean Grove, he supervises a broad and exciting music program that provides inspiration to thousands over the summer months. Dr. Tramm resides in the tent community behind the Great Auditorium with his wife, Angel, and their four young children.

Charles Prestinari was recently appointed chorus master of the New York City Opera, after serving as assistant chorus master to Maestro Gary Thor Wedow from 2004-2007. While obtaining masters and doctoral degrees in choral conducting with a minor in church music from the Indiana University School of Music, Dr. Prestinari served for four years as Worship Coordinator at the First UMC, Bloomington, IN, working alongside Dr. Philip Amerson (currently president of Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary) and Dr. Charles Webb (Dean emeritus of the Indiana University School of Music and member of the 1988 Methodist Hymnal Revision Committee). Dr. Prestinari has also held accompanist positions at the Brevard Summer Musical Festival in North Carolina and the Carmel Beach Festival in California, and has served as guest chorus master at the San Diego Opera and the Manhattan School of Music. He is also currently organist at Brookside Community Church in Mendham, NJ, and accompanist for the National Chorale in NYC.

Larry Shackley is a full-time composer and editor from Columbia, SC. From 1995-2007, he taught and directed the music program at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC. Prior to that, he worked for several years at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, creating original music and producing radio programs for the Moody Broadcasting Network. He served as staff keyboardist for ten years at Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, IL. Mr. Shackley's published music includes over 130 choral pieces and 30 books of keyboard arrangements, as well as solo vocal and instrumental collections. Mr. Shackley and his wife, Joni, have four children: Stephanie, Andy, Laurel, and Geoffrey; and two granddaughters, Emily and Katie.

Adam Waite, pianist, composer, and conductor was recently appointed Artistic Director of Lyrica Chamber Music and the Music Director and arranger for Broadway Cares: Carols for a Cure, for which he has conducted and arranged for numerous Broadway casts. He has also conducted the Lyrica Chamber Orchestra, the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, the College of New Jersey Festival Ensemble and numerous premieres of student works at UCLA and Carnegie Mellon. As a pianist, Mr. Waite has performed on Good Morning America, has played with numerous jazz musicians, and has been featured at a wide variety of venues, including the Opening Gala for the Walt Disney Concert Hall. As a composer he has received numerous performances of his works from various ensembles throughout the country. This includes the Henry Mancini Institute Orchestra, which in July of 2003 premiered Mr. Waite’s The Tool Collector. Mr. Waite is also the recipient of numerous ASCAP Composition Awards and the prestigious Harry G. Archer Prize in Composition for his orchestral work Kinetic Compendium. Mr. Waite currently serves as Director of Music for the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township. Born and raised in Albany, NY, Mr. Waite attended Carnegie Mellon University and UCLA, where he studied music composition.
Dr. Cindy Bell, joined Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, in 2008, as Associate Professor of Music Education and Director of the 80-voice University Choir. This appointment follows an eight year position at Queens College, CUNY. A specialist in choral music education, teacher training and community choirs, Dr. Bell directs workshops for state, divisional and national music education and choral conferences, and guest conducts choirs for all ages, including recent All County Choruses in the greater New York Area. An Ocean Grove native, Dr. Bell is working with her father, local historian Ted Bell, writing the history of the Great Auditorium and its music programs. This week, she travels to Rome for the International Society of Music Education’s XI Community Music Activity Seminar to present research on the history of the Ocean Grove Auditorium Choir.

Lewis A. Daniels was the Director of Music for the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association for 39 years. His career spanned 59 years having served as Minister of Music for Twelfth United Presbyterian Church, Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, Frankford Memorial United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Addisville Reformed Church in Richboro, PA, Community United Methodist Church in Roselle Park, NJ, and St. John’s United Methodist Church in Hazlet, NJ. Studies were at Drexel University, Philadelphia Musical Academy and the Philadelphia College of Bible. Mr. Daniels taught worship and music workshops for a number of organizations. He also served as music director for several evangelists on radio and television as well as major Christian rallies. He conducted many major concertos with symphony orchestras. Now he acts as a resource advisor to younger church musicians.

Dr. Gordon Turk, Auditorium Organist, has won critical acclaim as a concert organist throughout the USA, Europe and Asia, and has been awarded competition prizes and honors in performance and improvisation. His concert venues this year have included concert halls, universities, and churches throughout the US. Included in these concerts have been inaugural recitals for new organs, in NY, CT, and two new pipe organs in PA, including Philadelphia’s Kimmel Center, with three subsequent appearances there. Dr. Turk has presented master classes and lectured in colleges and conservatories throughout the US in the past year. He has also collaborated with principal players of the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra this season in concert performances and in recording. Dr. Turk is Founder and Director of the Ocean Grove chamber music festival Summer Stars, now in its fifteenth season. He is Director of Music at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Wayne, PA, and also serves as a member of the Executive Board of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Festive Brass Ensemble

Trumpets: Barbara Prugh Robert Sconcezni
Ralph Buck Alex Schmuck
Horns: Joan Dowlin
Jane Richter
Trombones: Tim Soberick
Stephen Shiffer
Tuba: Peter Krill
Timpani/Percussion: Kenneth Miller

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Participating Choirs

All Saints' Episcopal Church, Bayville, NY
Annville United Christian Church, Annville, PA
Arendtana Church, Middletown, NJ
Arch Street UMC, Philadelphia, PA
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lebanon, PA
Belvidere UMC, Belvidere, NJ
Bethany Collegette Presbyterian Church, Havertown, PA
BHS Choir, Nutley, NJ
Boonton UMC, Boonton, NJ
Bridgeport UMC, Bridgeport, NJ
Brookevale Baptist Church, Bloomfield, NJ
Calvary Chapel, Westfield, NJ
Cedarville UMC, Paterson, NJ
Central Baptist Church, Elizabeth, NJ
Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, NJ
Christ Church Episcopal, Easton, MD
Christ Church Episcopal, Toms River, NJ
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Faulkland, PA
Christ United Lutheran Church, Millmont, PA
Christ UMC, Lakewood, NJ
Church of the Ascension, Bradley Beach, NJ
Church of the Ascension, Fair Lawn, NJ
Church of the Holy Innocents, W. Orange, NJ
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sparta, NJ
Church of St. Anne, Fair Lawn, NJ
Community UMC, Roselle Park, NJ
Cornerstone Christian Church, Wyckoff, NJ
Corpus Christi Church, E. Brunswick, NJ
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, NJ
Ephraim UMC, Palmyra, NJ
First Baptist Church of Ashbury Park, Asbury Park, NJ
First Baptist Church, Lakewood, NJ
First Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dover, NJ
First Presbyterian Church of Avonel, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Belmar, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Caldwell, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Dayton, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Rockaway, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Matans, NJ
First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy, Perth Amboy, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Rahway, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Salem, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Sussex, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Verona, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Windbridge, NJ
First UMC, Ambler, NY
First UMC, Beach Haven Terrace, NJ
First UMC, Newton, NJ
First UMC, Oakhurst, NJ
First UMC, Somerville, NJ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Northampton, PA
Grace Church, Hasbrouck Heights, Hackensack, NJ
Hilltop Church, Haddonfield, Haddonfield, NJ
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Tuckerton, NJ
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Brant Beach, NJ
Hopperstown UMC, Hopewell, NJ
Jesse Lee UMC, Easton, CT
King of Kings Lutheran Church, Middletown, NJ
Lacey UMC, Forked River, NJ
Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, NJ
Laurelton Park Baptist Church, Brick, NJ
Lebanon Reformed Church, Lebanon, NJ
Little Falls UMC, Little Falls, NJ
Lutheran Church of Incarnation, Cutharhurst, NY
Magnum Reformed Church, New Brunswick, NJ
Manahawkin UMC, Manahawkin, NJ
Memorial UMC, Quarryville, PA
Midville UMC, Millville, NJ
Monmouth Baptist Church, Marlboro, NJ
Montgomery UMC, Mount Olive, NJ
Mt. Tabor UMC, Mt. Olive, NJ
Newtown UMC, Sandy Hook, CT
Northern Pacific Lutheran Church, Overton, NJ
North Plainfield Baptist Church, N. Plainfield, NJ
Northminster Presbyterian Church, N. Syracuse, NY
Norwalk UMC, Norwalk, CT
Ocean Grove Auditorium Church, NJ
Oceanport UMC, Oceanport, NJ
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Boonton, NJ
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Long Branch, NJ
Pineland Reformed Church, Toms River, NJ
Pleasantville United Church of Christ, Chatham, PA
Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, Chatham, NJ
Presbyterian Church, Shrewsbury, NJ
Providence Church of the Brethren, Ridley Park, PA
Ridge Avenue UMC, Philadelphia, PA
Rossman United Church, Monroe, NJ
Scrinch UMC, Albertson, NY
Simpson UMC, Old Bridge, NJ
Star UMC, Newton, NJ
St. Andrews by the Sea UMC, Hilton Head Island, SC
St. Bartholomew's Church, East Brunswick, NJ
St. Barnabas Catholic Church, Bayville, NJ
St. Charles Presbyterian, New Orleans, LA
St. Eleanor Church, Collegeville, PA
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Whitchurch, PA
St. John's Lutheran Church, Passaic, NJ
St. John's Lutheran Church, Sunnyside, FL
St. John's UMC, Haslet, NJ
St. Joseph's Church, Toms River, NJ
St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Elizabeth, NJ
St. Mark's UMC, Mount Joy, PA
St. Mary's by the Sea Episcopal Church, Pr. Pliassar, NJ
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Hamilton, NJ
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Beachwood, NJ
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Flemington, NJ
St. Paul's UMC, Ocean Grove, NJ
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Freehold, NJ
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pine Grove, PA
St. Paul's Catholic Church, Lavallette, NJ
St. Rose of Lima, E. Hanover, NJ
St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Brick, NJ
Sun City Center UMC, Sun City, FL
Sussex County Christian Reformed Church, Sussex, NJ
The Church in Brielle, Brielle, NJ
The Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, New Brunswick, NJ
The Reformed Church of Princeton, NJ
Trinity Covenant Church, Livingston, NJ
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Topton, PA
Trinity Lutheran Church, Coalbrook, PA
Trinity Presbyterian, East Brunswick, NJ
Union Hill Presbyterian Church, Denville, NJ
Union United Methodist Church, Union, NJ
United First Presbyterian Church of Annandale, Annandale, NJ
Valleymere UMC, Valley Forge, PA
Verona UMC, Verona, NJ
Village Lutheran Church, Lanoka Harbor, NJ
Watering Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield, NJ
Welcome UMC, Landing, NJ
West Side UMC, Hackettstown, NJ
Whiting UMC, Whiting, NJ
Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, Scotch Plains, NJ
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Petersburg, PA

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me journeymen. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou near Ga-nam's side. Songs of praise, songs of praise, I will sing till I want no more; (he lives) (he lives) till I want no more; still my strength and shield, (he lives) (he lives) still my strength and shield, ever give to thee; (he lives) (he lives) I will ev'ry day give to thee.

2. When I tread the verge of Jordan, but my anxious fear subside; death of death and hell's destroying. (he lives) (he lives) the day of his appearing will come at last. None other is so loving, so good and kind.

3. I see his hand of mercy, hear his voice of cheer, I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast; The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find.

He Lives

1. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world to-day; I know that he is living, whatever may say. I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world to-day; I know that he is living, whatever may say.

2. In all the world a round me I see his loving care; and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair. In all the world a round me I see his loving care; and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing! A risen Savior a round me I see; I serve him, I serve him, I serve him.

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.