Sixty First Annual

Choir Festival

Sunday, July 12, 2015 • 7:00 PM

“Prince of Peace”
The Great Festival Chorus

Dr. Jason C. Tramm, Director of Music

Dr. Gordon Turk,
Organist in Residence
Monica Ziglar,
Soprano Soloist

Ronald Naldi,
Artist in Residence
Martha Bartz,
Mezzo-Soprano Soloist

Justin Beck,
Bass Soloist
Theodore Chletsos,
Tenor Section Leader
Prelude: Brass and Organ
Awake the Trumpet’s Lofty Sound (from Samson)
Solemn Entry

Invitation To Worship:

Canticle of Peace
Dr. Joseph M. Martin, Conductor

This Anthem was given in Loving Memory of Robert R. Paugh and Esther S. Paugh, from Nancy A. Paugh and their family.

Peace, fall like a gentle snow;
Fall fresh on the wounded heart.
Come blanked in er’ry fear
And let the healing start.
Cover ev’ry anxious thought,
And all our fears erase.
May we know the tender touch
Of love’s redeeming grace.

Hope come like a silver star,
Shine down on our solemn night.
May you lead to a golden dawn
And morning’s promised light.
Let shadows of vilence vanish.

How Lovely Are The Messengers (from St. Paul)
Marcello Velame, Conductor

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace,
How lovely are the messengers
That preach us the gospel of peace, the gospel of peace,
The messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

How lovely are they that preach us the gospel of peace,
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

Hymn - Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like me, His praise should sing?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor
To all people in distress;
Praise Him, still the same forever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious in His faithfulness.

Praise us with the God of grace.
Program

For Unto Us A Child Is Born, (from Messiah)
Michael Schmidt, Conductor
For unto us a Child is born
Unto us a Son is given
And the government
Shall be upon His shoulder
And His name shall be called
Wonderful
Counselor
The Mighty God
The Everlasting Father
The Prince of Peace

Lord, Make Me Thine Instrument
Dr. Cindy Bell, Conductor
Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, let me sow joy.
O Divine Master, grant that
I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And in being born again to eternal life.

Greetings

Offering - Deep River (Traditional Spiritual)
Great Auditorium Quartet

Ocean Grove Auditorium Ushers' March
Clarence M. 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.

Please be seated as the ushers recess.

Hymn - For the Healing of the Nations
For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word)
Help us rise and pledge our word.
All that kills abundant living.
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling.
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span, (life's brief span)
May we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on human-kind;
For our growing in your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find, (may find)
Earth its destiny may find.

Dona Nobis Pacem
Dr. Mark Miller, Conductor
This Anthem was given in Memory of Tyler Clementi and in Honor of the Tyler Clementi Foundation, from Jane Rehrbeke.
Dona nobis, nobis pacem. Dona nobis, nobis pacem.
(Translation: Grant us Peace)
The King of Love my Shepherd Is (Traditional Irish Hymn)
Thomas Berdos, Conductor
Ronald Naldi, Tenor
The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth.

And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever, within Thy house forever!

“Goin’ to the Holy City”
Dr. Joseph M. Martin, Conductor
Martha Bartz, Mezzo Soprano
This Anthem was given in Loving Memory of my mother, Aldyn C. Taylor from her daughter, Kymro Van Cleef.

I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow,
I’m tossed in this wide world alone.
No hope have I for tomorrow,
I’m gonna make heaven my home.
Sometimes, I am tossed and driven, Lord.
Sometimes I don’t know where to roam.
I’ve heard of a city called heaven
And I’m gonna make it my home.

Goin’ to the holy city,
I’m gonna leave this world behind.
You know I’m going to the holy city
And I have glory on my mind.
Goin’ to the holy city,
I’m gonna live eternally.
Oh, yes I’m goin’ to the holy city.
Won’t you come and go with me?
I’m goin’ to the holy city,
to see the Lord I love.

Hymn - Great is Thy Faithfulness
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 has been, Thou for ever 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 spring time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
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T. Chisholm/W. Runyan

Refrain:
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessing all mine, with ten thousand besides!

Final 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,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.
"Healing Light, a Celtic Prayer" (from the Peacemakers)  
Dr. Mark A. Boyle, Conductor  

This Anthem was given in honor of the Rev. Walter and Leona Quigg, from Jim and Helke Graef.

Deep peace of the running wave to you  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you  
Amen.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you, Amen.

Peace Triumphant Peace (from the Peacemakers)  
Dr. Jason C. Tramm, Conductor  

This Anthem was given in Loving Memory of Jean Theresa Wiley, from Wendy Miller and Patricia Wiley.

Embrace the spirit of peace and thousands  
Of souls around you will be saved.

Triumphant peace,  
Pray, pray for peace and make your words  
Echo round the world for peace one day,  
On earth one day, that wondrous day  
When the world has peace,  
Glorious, glorious, glorious, such peace.

Peace, peace, peace triumphant peace  
Shall reign on Earth, on Earth some day.  
Pray, pray for peace and make your words  
Echo round the world for peace one day.

How wonderful it is that no-one need  
Wait a single moment before starting to  
Improve the world, the world.

Closing Blessing  

Worthy is the Lamb and Amen (from Messiah)  
Dr. Jason C. Tramm, Conductor  

Blessing, and honour, glory and pow’r, be unto Him,  
Be unto Him, blessing, honour, glory, and power.

Be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,  
Upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever,  
And unto the Lamb forever,  
For ever and ever, for ever and ever; for ever and ever;  
For ever and ever, for ever and ever, for ever and ever,  
Amen.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,  
And hath redeemed us to God by His blood,  
To receive power, and riches, and wisdom,  
And strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honour, glory, and pow’r, be unto Him,  
Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.  
For ever and ever, for ever, and ever, glory, unto the Lamb,  
Blessing, and honour, glory, and pow’r, be unto Him,

Glory be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,  
That sitteth upon the throne, for ever and ever,  
And unto the Lamb forever.
**Conductors**

**Dr. Cindy L. Bell** is Associate Professor of Music Education at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, where she directs the 100-voice University Choir, teaches graduate and undergraduate classes, and coordinates the music education program. A specialist in choral music education and community choirs, Dr. Bell presents workshops for state, divisional and national music education and choral conferences, such as the NAfME 2014 National In-Service Conference in Nashville. She adjudicates choirs for the Long Island Music Festival and guest conducts choirs of all ages, including the 2015 PMEA Region VI High School Chorus in Pennsylvania, and the 2016 Delaware All-State Women’s Chorus. A fifth generation Ocean Grover, she is co-author with her father, local historian Ted Bell, the 2012 book *The Great Auditorium: Ocean Grove’s Architectural Treasure*, and is continuing research on the various Camp Meeting musical programs in Ocean Grove over the last 144 years.

**Thomas R. Berdos** is Director of Music Ministries at Fanwood Presbyterian Church. He is also on the music faculty of the Pingry School. Mr. Berdos has taught on the faculties of Taylor University and Nyack College, as well as other colleges. An award-winning music educator, he has co-presented workshops on elementary music and physics at NJAIS conventions. Mr. Berdos has organized and conducted regional performances of Handel’s *Messiah* for many years, has performed at past Ocean Grove Choral Festivals, and is the founder and coordinator of the Fanwood Choir Festival. Mr. Berdos has performed in Asia, South America, and in the US with his organist wife, Deborah Berdos. He is also a published composer of music for piano, organ, and brass ensemble.

**Dr. Mark A. Boyle** is Director of Choral Activities at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA. Originally from Connecticut, he attended Susquehanna University, majoring in Music Education with an emphasis on tuba and trombone. He spent 5 years in the United States Navy, during which time he conducted the Bluejackets Memorial Choir. In constant demand as a tenor, his recent performances include *Elijah* with the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, *The Shepherd* in Stravinsky's *Canticle of the Color* at the National Seminar of the IMC, and *Messiah* at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He has also conducted the 800 voice choir at the Ocean Grove Choral Festival, the New Jersey Central Region Choir, and several county choirs throughout Pennsylvania. 2014-2015 engagements included the Wisconsin Middle School All State Choir, the PMBIA District IV Choral Festival, the Musko Macho Festival in Pittsburgh, and the Westmoreland County Chorus Festival. Boyle serves ACDA as the College and University Repertoire and Standards Chair for the State of Pennsylvania, the Men’s Choir Repertoire and Standards Chair for the Eastern Division, and the 2016 Eastern Division Conference App Liason. He received his MM in choral conducting from Ball State University and the DMA in Choral Conducting from the Mason Gross School of the Arts, the arts conservatory of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Married to music educator and pianist, Jane Boyle, they reside in New Stanton with their two sons, Nathan and Patrick. Dr. Boyle is thrilled to be returning to Ocean Grove.

**Dr. Joseph Martin** a native of North Carolina, earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance at Furman University in Greenville, SC, and his Master of Music degree in Piano Performance at the University of Texas, Austin. Joseph taught for 5 years in the Piano Pedagogy Department of the University of Texas. While at Furman University, he was accompanist for choral director and composer Milburn Price, who inspired him to compose. Joseph has performed solo piano recitals and has been the featured artist with symphony orchestras in the United States and Mexico. As winner of the Nina Plant Wideman Competition, he performed with the Guadalajara Symphony Orchestra. His solo recital in Ex-convento del Carmen was broadcast nationally throughout the country. His first solo piano recording, *American Tapestry*, was nominated for a Dove Award. He has recorded for Yamaha’s Disklavier series and has composed hundreds of commissioned works. Recognized throughout the United States for his many choral compositions, both sacred and secular, over 2,000 compositions are currently in print. His composition "Pirita" was honored with an award from the John Ness Beck Foundation. In 2008 he was inducted as a National Patron of the Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity. His major works include 80 choral cantatas and *Songs of Wisdom*, a choral tone poem based on the best-selling children’s book, *Old Trunk*. His work for young voices *Heart Songs* was premiered at Carnegie Hall. Joe is co-founder of a unique travel experience, "Journeys With Joe." This program connects musicians and singers with extraordinary tours throughout the world. His company, Martin Creative Services, has established conferences and seminars throughout the US and has developed innovative web-based ventures Sanctuary Radio and Worship Songs Online. Joseph is Artist in Residence at Concordia University in Austin, Texas where he lives with his wife Sue, and his children, Jonathan and Aubrey.
Conductors

Michael Schmidt is the Vocal Music Teacher at Voorhees High School in Glen Gardner, NJ. He also serves as the Minister of Music at St. Paul Lutheran Church, in East Windsor, NJ. In addition to his teaching and church work, Mr. Schmidt is the President-Elect for the New Jersey American Choral Directors Association, and Audition Registration Chair for the New Jersey All-State Choirs. Mr. Schmidt's conducting credits include conducting the Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, Interim conductor for the Hunterdon Choral Union, and he is excited to add the 2015 CJMEA Region 2 Women's Choir. As a pianist and organist, Mr. Schmidt has played for multiple performances throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York. In addition, Mr. Schmidt has lead reading sessions for NJACDA, and presented sessions for the College Music Society, NJACDA, and New York State Music Educators Association. Mr. Schmidt received a Bachelor of Music Education and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Westminster Choir College in 2008.

Dr. Jason C. Tramm who celebrates his 9th season as Director of Music Ministries at the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, is recognized as one of the most dynamic young conductors on the podium today. He has been hailed by critics and audiences alike for his work in the sacred, operatic and symphonic realms. His 2008 broadcast of Verdi's Requiem, shot in the Great Auditorium was nominated for an Emmy Award and aired on NJN. He has also appeared on two National Public Radio broadcasts with organ virtuoso, Gordon Turk and large orchestra. Dr. Tramm also serves as the Director of Choral Activities at Seton Hall University, where he directs two choirs, conducts the University Orchestra, teaches voice and teaches classes in conducting and music education. Frequently engaged as a guest conductor, Dr. Tramm has led operatic and symphonic performances in six countries and the throughout the US. He also serves as artistic director for the McAtlantic Opera Company with whom he will make his Carnegie Hall debut on October 17, 2019. Sacred music has always held a special place in his heart, beginning as a baritone soloist at age six at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in West Nyack, NY. Dr. Tramm and his four children are proud to call Ocean Grove home for the summer months.

Marcello Veleno in his 17th year tenure at First Presbyterian Church in Manasquan, has conducted major choral and orchestral works, both in and outside the church. He has also prepared choral works such as Beethoven Mass in C for performances at Carnegie Hall, and conducted the Royal Symphony in Toronto, was awarded the Alexander McCurdy Organ Scholarship while getting his education degree at Westminster Choir College, and conducted the ALLEGRO chorus in performances in several venues in New Jersey. Marcello is also a music teacher at Shark River Elementary School.

Brass Ensemble

Trumpets
Tom Boulton
Alex Rensink
Leah Garber

Horn
Bryan Meyer

Trombone
Noreen Baer
Matt Walley

Tuba
Alan Baer

Timpani
James Musto III

Participating

Bethany Evangelical Church,
Havertown, PA
B.H.S. Ladies, Nutley, NJ
Boonton UMC, Boonton, NJ
Brick Presbyterian Church, Brick, NJ
Caldwell UMC, Caldwell, NJ
Calvary Baptist Church, Belmar, NJ
Cedarville UMC, Pottstown, PA
Chorus of Communities, Nutley, NJ
Christ Church Riverton, Riverton, NJ
Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh, NY
Christ UMC, Lakewood, NJ
Christ the King Parish, Long Branch, NJ
Church of the Atonement Episcopal,
Fair Lawn, NJ
Church of the Holy Innocents,
West Orange, NJ
Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton, NJ
Community Baptist Church, Montclair, NJ
Cornerstone Christian Church
Wyckoff, NJ
First Baptist Church of Asbury Park,
Asbury Park, NJ
First Memorial Presbyterian Church
of Dover, Dover, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Avenel, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Caldwell, NJ
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Participating Choirs

First Presbyterian Church, Belmar, NJ
First Presbyterian Church of Boonton, Boonton, NJ
First Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, Bradenton, FL
First Presbyterian Church at Dayton, Dayton, NJ
First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy, Perth Amboy, NJ
First Presbyterian Church of Phoenixville, Phoenixville, PA
First Presbyterian Church of Red Bank, NJ
First Presbyterian Church, Verona, NJ
First UMC of Middletown, Middletown, CT
First UMC, Moorestown, NJ
First UMC, Oakhurst, NJ
First UMC of Phoenixville, Phoenixville, PA
First UMC, Somerville, NJ
Fontana United Church, Lebanon, PA
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, King of Prussia, PA
Grace Church, Haddonfield, NJ
Grace Crossings Community Church of Phoenixville, Phoenixville, PA
Gulph UMC of Christ, Gulph Mills, PA
Harmony Singers Community Church, Wayne, NJ
Hildesborough Reformed Church, Millstone, NJ
Hudson Valley Chorale, West Nyack, NY
Ireland Singers, Bayville NJ
Island Singers, Lamoka Harbor, NJ
Island Singers, Ocean County Chorus
Island Singers, Forked River, NJ
Island Singers, Toms River, NJ
Kenton UMC, Kenton, DE
King of Kings Lutheran Church, Medford, NJ
Lafayette Federated Church, Lafayette, NJ
Little Creek UMC, Dover DE
Little Falls UMC, Little Falls, NJ
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Tinton Falls, NJ
Manasquan UMC, Aberdeen, NJ
Maternity S.V.M. Church, Philadelphia, PA
Manahawkin UMC, Manahawkin, NJ
Memorial UMC, Quarryville, PA
Murfreesboro UMC, Murfreesboro, PA
Mt. Tabor UMC, Mt. Tabor, NJ
Newtown Covenant Reformed Church, Newtown, NJ
Northern Cluster Choir, Oceanport, NJ
Northminster Presbyterian Church, N. Syracuse, NY
Ocean Grove Auditorium Choir, Ocean Grove, NJ
Old First UMC, West Long Branch, NJ
Olympia Dancers, Highland Park, NJ
Our Lady of Fatima, Fishtown, NJ
Quinns Church, Toms River, NJ
Presbyterian Church, Shrewsbury, NJ
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Howell, NJ
Riverfront Community Church, Monroe, NJ
Savannah UMC, Savannah, GA
Schuykill Chapel, Schuylkill Haven, PA
Simpson UMC, Old Bridge, NJ
St. Andrew by the Sea UMC, Hilton Head Island, SC
St. Andrew UMC, Toms River, NJ
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Cherry Hill, NJ
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Camel, PA
St. Eleanor Catholic Church, Collegeville, PA
St. Francis Episcopal Church, Denville, NJ
St. John's Episcopal Church, Little Silver, NJ
St. John's Lutheran Church, Emmaus, PA
St. John's Lutheran Church, Harleysville, PA
St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellmore, NY
St. John's Lutheran Church, Manville, NJ
St. John's Lutheran Church, Passaic, NJ
St. John's Lutheran Church, Watsonville, PA
St. Joseph Church, Toms River, NJ
St. Mary's by the Sea Episcopal Church, Pt Pleasant, NJ
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Haddon Heights, NJ
St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Hamilton, NJ
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Beachwood, NJ
St. Paul Lutheran Church, E. Windsor, NJ
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Millwood, NY
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ocean Grove, NJ
St. Paul's UMC, Staten Island, NY
St. Peter's Church, Pt Pleasant, NJ
St. Peter's UMC, Sayreville, NJ
St. Theresa Catholic Church, Little Egg Harbor, NJ
St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brick, NJ
Sussex Christian Reformed Church, Sussex, NJ
Sussex Co. Oratorio Society, Newton, NJ
The Church in Brielle, Brielle, NJ
The Church at Hemlock Farms, Raysahock, PA
The Episcopal Church of the Atonement, Fair Lawn, NJ
The Island Singers, Forked River, NJ
The First Presbyterian Church of Caldwell, NJ
The Presbyterian Church on the Hill, Ocean, NJ
The Presbyterian Church of Toms River, Toms River, NJ
The Reformed Church of Bayside, NY
The Sanctuary of the Reformed Church of North Brunswick, North Brunswick, NJ
The Women's Club of Brielle, Brielle, NJ
Trinity Episcopal UMC, Buchanan, NY
Trinity Episcopal Church, Asbury Park, NJ
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tipton, PA
Trinity Lutheran Church, Colebrook, PA
United Christian Church, Lebanon, PA
United First Presbyterian Church of Armonk, NY
Valley Forge Baptist Church, Valley Forge, PA
Valley Forge UMC, Valley Forge, PA
Verona UMC, Verona, NJ
Village Lutheran Church, Lamoka Harbor, NJ
Vincent UMC, Nutfull, NJ
Watching Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield, NJ
Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wayne, NJ
West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood, NJ
Whiting UMC, Whiting, NJ
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Petersburg, PA

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