65th Annual
Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association

Choir Festival

Sunday, July 14, 2019 • 7:00 PM

On Christ the Solid Rock

The Great Festival Chorus
MidAtlantic Brass Ensemble

Dr. Jason C. Tramm, Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Gordon Turk
Organist in Residence

Ronald Naldi
Artist in Residence

Justin Beck
Bass Soloist

Monica Ziglar
Soprano Soloist

Katherine Pracht
Mezzo-Soprano Soloist

Justin Gonzalez
Tenor Section Leader
Instrumental Prelude:
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
All Things Bright and Beautiful
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Invitation to Worship

“At the Name of Jesus”

Christ Jesus, being in the form of God, emptied Himself,
being in the form of a servant, in human likeness.
Christ has humbled Himself and become obedient unto death,
and become obedient unto death, even death,
even death on the cross. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

At the name of Jesus ev’ry knee shall bow, in heav’n and earth,
and under the earth, alleluia and God has exalted Christ,
sing alleluia, God has exalted Christ!

Scripture — Matthew 16:13–18

“I Believe”

Katherine Pracht, Mezzo Soprano Soloist
Dr. Mark A. Boyle, Conductor

I believe in the sun,
I believe in love,
Even when,
even when it’s not shining.

Scripture — Psalm 62:1–2, 7–8; Acts 4:11–12

“No Time”

Rise, oh fathers, rise;
let’s go meet’em in the skies.
We will hear the angels singing
in that morning.
Oh I really do believe that,
just before the end of time,
we will hear the angels singing
in that morning.
No time to tarry here,
no time to wait for you.
No time to tarry here,
for I’m on my journey home.
Brothers, oh, fare ye well,
for I’m on my journey home.

Oh I really do believe that,
just before the end of time,
we will hear the angels singing
in that morning.

Lord, Oh, no time.
Rise, oh fathers, rise.
On my journey home, Lord. Oh no
time For I’m on my journey.
Oh, I really do believe that,
just before the end of time,
we will hear the angels
singing in that morning.

Hymn — My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain:
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
When darkness veils His lovely face, When He shall come with trumpet sound,
I rest on His unchanging grace; Oh may I then in Him be found!
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, Dressed in His righteousness alone,
My anchor holds within the veil. Faultless to stand before the throne!
[refrain] [refrain]

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
[refrain]

**“God of Ages, God Eternal!” (World Premiere)**
Fanny Crosby / Thomas Juneau
Lyric written for the laying of the cornerstone of the Great Auditorium in 1894
Great Auditorium Quartet
Dr. Thomas Juneau, Conductor

*Commissioned for the 150th Anniversary of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting in 2019*

God of ages, God eternal! Great Creator! Mighty King!
What has been and is and shall be, Oh teach my tongue to sing,
Oh teach my tongue to sing! Oh teach my tongue to sing!
Like a father Thou has loved us, like a father still Thou art,
Oh May Thy precept arm with courage ev'ry heart,
oh ev'ry heart, arm with courage ev'ry heart!


**“The Ground ”**
Ola Gjeilo
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Benedictus qui venit.
Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.

Rider Foster, Conductor
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
Blessed is He who comes.
Hosanna in the highest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.

**Greeting**
Nancy Ann Gillan, Program Committee Chair, OGCMA

**Offertory — Hymn Medley**
Byung Kook Kwak, Violin and June Kwak, Piano

**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 remain standing for the singing of the hymn*
Hymn — *Jesus, Keep me near the Cross*  
William Doane / Fanny Crosby

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary’s mountain.

Refrain:  
In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and Morning Star  
Sheds its beams around me.  
[refrain]


“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah*  
Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh,  
whence cometh, whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved.

Scripture — Psalm 121:1–2; Psalm 18:1–2, 30–31, 46  
Richard Wagner

“Pilgrim’s Chorus” from *Tannhäuser*  
John Palitucci, Conductor

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.

Scripture — Genesis 28:10–13, 15, 20–22  
Richard Wagner

“We are climbing Jacob’s ladder,  
Ev’ry round goes higher, higher,  
Sinners, do you love my Jesus?  
Soldiers of the cross.

Scripture — Psalm 95:1–7  
Traditional Spiritual / set. by Calvin Hampton

This anthem is dedicated by Bonnie Greaves in gratitude to the volunteers of the Ladies’ Auxiliary  
for their contributions to the life of Ocean Grove and commitment to community and service

We are climbing Jacob’s ladder,  
Ev’ry round goes higher, higher,  
Soldiers of the cross.

If you love him,  
why not serve him?  
Rise, shine, give God glory;

Soldiers of the cross.

Rise, shine, give God glory;

Sinners, do you love my Jesus?  
Soldiers of the cross.

If you love him,  
why not serve him?

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Soldiers of the cross.

We are climbing higher, higher,  
We are climbing higher, higher,  
Soldiers of the cross.
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! 
There is no shadow of turning with Thee; 
Thou changest not, Thy compassion, they fail not; 
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be. 

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. 

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! 

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Hymn — To God Be the Glory  
To God be the glory, great things He hath done! 
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, 
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, 
And opened the life-gate that all may go in. 

Refrain: 
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, 
Let the earth hear His voice! 
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! 
O come to the Father, thro’ Jesus the Son, 
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done! 

Prayer  
Upon this rock I will build my church; 
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 

Upon this rock I will build my church; 
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 

I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven, 
And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth 
shall be bound in heaven. 

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; 
She is His new creation by water and the word; 
From heav’n he came and sought her 
to be His holy bride; 
With His own blood he bought her, 
and for her life He died. 

Yet she on earth hath union with Father, Spirit, Son, 
And mystic sweet communion 
with those whose rest is won: 
O happy ones and holy! Lord give us grace that we, 
Like them the meek and lowly, 
on high may dwell with Thee.

Amen, Amen, Amen.
Cindy L. Bell, a fifth-generation Ocean Grover, is honored to conduct tonight’s anthem No Time which was donated in memory of her mother, Shirley Bell, an Auditorium Choir member for over sixty years. In her full-time role as Professor of Music Education at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, she directs the 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, including NYSSMA, NAfME, ISME and ACDA. She adjudicates choir festivals for the Long Island Music Festival and will guest conduct next year the 2020 Sewanhaka (NY) All-District Chorus. Dr. Bell is a graduate of Lycoming College (PA), Eastman School of Music (NY) and Teachers College, Columbia University (NY), where she earned the Ed.D. in Music Education. This year, she worked with her father, local historian Ted Bell, to spear-head the Historical Society’s fund-raising campaign to restore the historic 1907 cast-iron fountain in Founders Park for Ocean Grove’s 150th anniversary in 2019.

Dr. Mark A. Boyle, conductor, poet, composer, and tenor, is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral and Vocal Activities at Seton Hill University. In addition, he conducts the Pittsburgh Compline Choir, a unique ensemble offering the Divine Office of Compline every Sunday evening of the academic year at University of Pittsburgh’s Heinz Memorial Chapel. Recently, his choral work Sun, Symphony, Smile saw performances in Europe by the Pittsburgh Girls Choir, and his round, Barechu - a setting of the Hebrew call to prayer, written to honor the victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue attack, has been offered across the country.

Dr. Boyle’s poetry has been set by Peter de Mets, Wayne Dietterick, Joseph Gregorio, and Justine Kuntz. He is sought after as a guest conductor and clinician and has conducted all state, regional, district, and county choirs throughout the northeast and the midwest. This is his third time conducting with wonderful colleagues here at the Great Auditorium and the Ocean Grove Choral Festival. He’s thrilled to be back! When not making music, Dr. Boyle spends time with music educator Jane, his wife, their two sons, Nathan (16) and Patrick (13), and their menagerie of furry children.

J. Donald Dumpson, Ph.D., is President/CEO Diverse Arts Solutions, Arch Street Presbyterian Church Minister of Arts in Philadelphia, PA., founder of the Philadelphia Heritage Chorale, the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Community Chorus (NJSOCC) and the Westminster Choir College Jubilee Singers. He has taught at Cheyney University and the Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts.

Dr. Dumpson debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2001 with the Westminster Choir College Jubilee Singers performing Gershwin’s “Porgy and Bess” under the baton of the late maestro Skitch Henderson. He also prepared choruses for Maestros William Curry, Leslie Dunner, Charles Dutoit, Zdenek Macal, Bobby McFerrin, Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Julius Rudel, Andre Raphael Smith, Jason Tramm and Julius P. Williams.

Rider Foster grew up immersed in choral music and has dedicated his life to bringing it to the community at large. He studied at Westminster Choir College, where he also sang and recorded with the critically acclaimed Westminster Choir. Since then, he has had numerous engagements with companies such as New York City Opera, and the Opera Orchestra of New York. Additionally, Mr. Foster has extensive experience directing and singing in choral ensembles. Mr. Forster is also the Founding Music Director of Clarum Sonum, an innovative new Choral Society based in Boonton, NJ.

Thomas Juneau, DMA proudly serves as Director of Choral Activities at Wagner College in New York City and is Music Director of Summit Chorale, now in its 110th season. As Minister of Music at Saint Joseph’s Church in Carteret, NJ, he regularly leads music at all liturgies and directs numerous adult and youth choirs. As a composer, his compositions for chorus are published by Walton Music, Alliance Music, Southern Music Company, Hal Leonard Corporation, and Carl Fischer Music Company.

A versatile conductor and composer, Thomas has conducted many major works, including Handel's Dixit Dominus, Beethoven’s Mass in C, the Requiems of Mozart, Fauré, Durufle, Brahms and most recently John Conahan’s Three Doors: A Requiem. As a composer, his compositions for chorus are published by Walton Music, Alliance Music, Southern Music Company, Hal Leonard Corporation, and Carl Fischer Music Company.
Sarah A Michal is Director of Music Ministries at Morristown United Methodist Church, where she conducts the graded choir program and handbell choir, and is the artistic director of two concert series (Music at Noon and Abendmusik), which have both received block grants from the New Jersey Arts Council and won the Outstanding Arts Organization Award.

Michal holds an M.M. in Sacred Music from Westminster Choir College and a B.A. in Music Education from Fresno Pacific University. She has been a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra Symphonic Choir since its inaugural season. As a member of the Westminster Symphonic Choir, she has performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Vienna Philharmonic, the Vienna Chamber Orchestra, and the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra.

Originally from beautiful Central California, Michal currently lives in Madison, NJ, with her husband, Dr. Matthew Michal, and their cat, Alexander Hamilton. She has served as Director of Music at Christ Lutheran Church in Reedley, CA; First United Methodist Church in Ontario, CA; and First United Methodist Church in Somerville, NJ. She currently lives in Madison, NJ, with her husband, Dr. Matthew Michal, and their cat, Alexander Hamilton.

John J. Palatucci enjoys a career as a performing musician, conductor, clinician, an adjudicator and educator. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music education, a Master of Arts degree in music performance from Montclair State College of New Jersey, and a Master of Education degree in educational leadership with all accompanying certificates from NJ EXCEL. He started singing at the age of eight in a family Christmas pageant. His love affair with choral music began at the age of ten when he was selected for his hometown church’s boy choir.

In addition to conducting professional and amateur adult groups, Mr. Palatucci has guest conducted the American Boy Choir, the All-North Jersey JHS Orchestra, the Peninsula Combined HS Band and the Central Jersey Intermediate School Band.

Dr. Jason C. Tramm is celebrating his thirteenth season as Director of Music Ministries with the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. Sacred music has been central to his career from a very early age, beginning at age five as a boy soprano soloist at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in West Nyack, NY. His work in the sacred, symphonic and operatic realms have received acclaim both nationally and internationally. Dr. Tramm currently serves as the Director of Choral Activities at Seton Hall University (where he was named the 2017 University Teacher of the Year), the Music Director of Teatro Lirico D’Europa, Artistic Director of the MidAtlantic Artistic Productions, Music Director of the Morris Choral Society and the newly named Music Director of the Taghkanic Chorale (Yorktown Heights, NY). Dr. Tramm has conducted in many prestigious venues including Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, NJPAC and David Geffen Hall. He holds degrees from the Crane School (SUNY Potsdam), the Hartt School (University of Hartford) and a Doctoral of Musical Arts from Mason Gross (Rutgers University), where he was the recipient of the prestigious Presidential Fellowship. A frequent guest conductor, Dr. Tramm has led symphonic and operatic performances in Italy, Romania, Albania, Hungary and throughout the United States. The Tramm family is proud to call Ocean Grove their musical and spiritual home during the summer months.

MidAtlantic Brass Ensemble

**Trumpets:**
- Charles Bumcrot
- Christopher Scanlon
- Alexander Rensink
- Henry Whitaker

**Horn:**
- Bryan Meyer

**Trombones:**
- Noreen Baer
- Nathaniel Rensink

**Tuba:**
- Zachary Van Pelt

**Percussion:**
- Scott Simpson

**Annual Sacred Masterwork — AUGUST 25 – 7:00 PM**

Selections from Handel's *Messiah*

Featuring the Auditorium Choir and Quartet, Conducted by Jason Tramm

Accompanied by Gordon Turk on the organ and the MidAtlantic Brass Ensemble.
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pearl River, NY
Grace and Peace Presbyterian Church, Pottstown, PA
Grace Church, Haddonfield, NJ
Grace United Methodist Church, Wyckoff, NJ
Hillsborough Reformed Church, Millstone, NJ
Holy Innocents Church, Neptune, NJ
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Columbia, PA
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Dingmans Ferry, PA
Hope Presbyterian Church, Tinton Falls, NJ
Hopewell United Methodist Church, Hopewell, NJ
Keswick Celebration Choir, Whiting, NJ
Lafayette Federated Church, Lafayette, NJ
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Tinton Falls, NJ
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Holmdel, NJ
Manahawkin United Methodist Church, Lakewood, NJ
Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Philadelphia, PA
McKinley Memorial Presbyterian Church, Champaign, IL
Memorial United Methodist Church, Sanctuary Choir, Quarryville, PA
Messiah United Methodist Church, Lafayette Hill, PA
Mifflinville United Methodist Church, Mifflinville, PA
Moorings Presbyterian Church, Naples, FL
Morris Choral Society, Morristown, NJ
Morris County Chorale, Morristown, NJ
Morristown United Methodist Church, Morristown, NJ
Mount Gretna United Methodist Church, Mt. Gretna, PA
New Apostolic Church, Farmingdale, NJ
Newton Covenant Reformed Church, Newton, NJ
Northern Cluster Choir, Oceanport, NJ
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Syracuse, NY
Oceanport United Methodist Church, Oceanport, NJ
OGCMA Choir, Ocean Grove, NJ
Our Lady of Fatima Choir, Piscataway, NJ
Our Lady of the Lake Church, Verona, NJ
Panther Valley Ecumenical Church, Hackettstown, NJ
Pinelands Reformed Church, Toms River, NJ
Presbyterian Church at Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury, NJ
Presbyterian Church on the Hill, Ocean, NJ
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Manchester, NJ
Rossmoor Chorus, Monroe, NJ
Saint Stanislaus Kostka Church, Sayerville, NJ
Salvation Army Roxborough Citadel Corps, Philadelphia, PA
Second Christian Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, MI
Shore Voices, Middletown, NJ
Simpson United Methodist Church, Old Bridge, NJ
St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Toms River, NJ
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Cherry Hill, NJ
St. Catharine Catholic Church, Spring Lake, NJ
St. Catharine — St. Margaret Parish, Spring Lake, NJ
St. Eleanor Catholic Church, Collegeville, PA
St. John's Episcopal Church, Little Silver, NJ
St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellmore, NY
St. John's Lutheran Church, Merrick, NY
St. John's Lutheran Church, Watsonville, PA
St. John's Reformed UCC
St. Joseph's Church, Toms River, NJ
St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Boynton, FL
St. Mary of the Lake, Lakewood, NJ
St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Point Pleasant, NJ
St. Mary's Church, Pompton Lakes, NJ
St. Matthias Episcopal Church
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Beachwood, NJ
St. Paul's UMC, Ocean Grove, NJ
St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Staten Island, NY
St. Peter's, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
St. Teresa of Calcutta, Schwenksville, PA
St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church, Little Egg Harbor, NJ
St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church
St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Brick, NJ
Sussex Christian Reformed Church, Sussex, NJ
Taghkanic Chorale, Yorktown Heights, NY
Tenafly United Methodist Church, Tenafly, NJ
The Chapel, Lincoln Park, NJ
The Church in Brielle, Brielle, NJ
The Church of the Holy Spirit
The Episcopal Church of the Atonement (Anglican), Fair Lawn, NJ
The Island Singers, Bayville, NJ
The Reformed Church of Bronxville, Bronxville, NY
Tower Hill Choir — First Presbyterian Church, Red Bank, NJ
Trinity Boscoel United Methodist Church, Buchanan, NY
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tipton, PA
Trinity UMC Church, Hackettstown, NJ
United First Presbyterian Church of Amwell, Ringoes, NJ
United Methodist Church, Newton, NJ
Unity Choir, Netcong, NJ
Wayne Presbyterian Church, Wayne, NJ
West Chester United Methodist Church, West Chester, PA
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, East Petersburg, PA

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