

Let the whole



creation cry

HYMN FESTIVAL

Wednesday, 16 July 2014 | Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC HYMN FESTIVAL

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And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter, and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn...

(Proper preface for Easter, Lutheran Book of Worship)

Scripture, liturgy, and hymnody are filled with language reminding us that all creation bears witness to the glory of God. The heavens, the earth, the sea, and all created things join with the heavenly host and the church in all times and places in hymns of praise and cries of lament to the triune God who created us, sustains us, and continually redeems our existence. Tonight's hymn festival explores this rich imagery as we consider what it means for us to be a part of creation that reflects God's love and beauty.

A hymn festival falls somewhere on the spectrum between worship service and sacred concert; to that end, tonight's program will proceed without interruption. However, following the postlude you are invited to applaud in appreciation for the students and faculty who have shared their artistic gifts with us this evening.

LET the WHOLE CREATION CRY...

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI arr. Dan R. Edwards

Reflections on "Endless Song"

ENDLESS SONG arr. Michael Ryan

LSM Handbell Choirs

INTROIT

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

PROSPECT

Choir:

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space; let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold; let water's fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race; let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

All:

In-dwelling God, your gospel claims one fam'ly with a billion names; Let ev'ry life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

OPENING HYMN

876: Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

At the sound of the organ, all stand and sing:

St. 1 - All, unison

St. 2 – All, harmony

St. 3 - All, unison

+ in PRAISE to GOD, CREATOR +

COMMENTARY

HYMN

837: Many and Great, O God

St. 1, 2 - All, unison

LAC QUI PARLE

READING

many and great, O God, are your works

HYMN

835: All Creatures, Worship God Most High

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

St. 1-All

St. 2 - Treble voices

St. 3 - Bass voices

St. 4 - Choir

St. 5 - All, gently

St. 6 - All, boldly

READING

and God stepped out on space...

HYMN

554: Lord, Your Hands Have Formed

GAYOM NI HIGAMI

St. 1, 2 - All

St. 3 – All in canon: women begin, men enter after one measure

ANTHEM

All You Works of the Lord, Bless the Lord

Kenneth Jennings

All you works of the Lord, bless the Lord; sing praise and magnify God forever! You angels of the Lord, bless the Lord; you heavens, bless the Lord; you sun and moon, bless the Lord; you stars of heaven, bless the Lord; you showers and dews, bless the Lord; you winds of God, bless the Lord; you fire and heat, bless the Lord; you winter and summer, bless the Lord; sing praise and magnify God forever!

You dews and frost, bless the Lord; you frost and cold, bless the Lord; you ice and snow, bless the Lord; you nights and days, bless the Lord; you light and darkness, bless the Lord; you lightning and clouds, bless the Lord; sing praise and magnify God forever!

Let the earth bless the Lord; you mountains and hills, bless the Lord; all you green things that grow on the earth, bless the Lord; you wells and springs, bless the Lord; you rivers and seas, bless the Lord; you whales and all who move in the waters, bless the Lord; sing praise and magnify God forever!

All you birds of the air, bless the Lord; all you beasts and cattle, bless the Lord; all you children of mortals, bless the Lord; you people of God, bless the Lord; you priests of the Lord, bless the Lord; you servants of the Lord, bless the Lord; sing praise and magnify God forevermore!

You spirits and souls of the righteous, you pure and humble of heart, bless the Lord.

Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Sing praise and magnify God forever! Amen.

+ in NEED to GOD, SUSTAINER +

HYMN

736: God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

St. 1-Solo

St. 2, 3, 4 - All

COMMENTARY

HYMN

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

NORWICH

Choir:

Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, Grain of life and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

All:



READING

creation waits with longing

HYMN

713: O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

All stand and sing:

St. 1 – All, unison

St. 2 – All, harmony

St. 3 - Organ alone

St. 4 – All, unison



+ in HOPE to GOD, REDEEMER +

COMMENTARY

HYMN

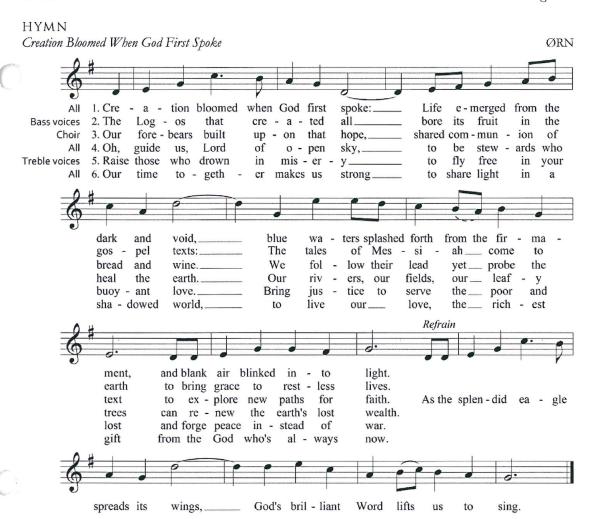
726: Light Dawns on a Weary World

TEMPLE OF PEACE

St. 1-3 - All

READING

the Lord is the everlasting God



ANTHEM

Ancient Waters Warmed with Life

Ralph M. Johnson

Ancient waters warmed with life, Swimming creatures found their way, Crashing waves rolled onto shore, Creator God, Spirit—more.

Anchored roots of trunks and limbs, shimmering leaves, light divine, Nests and birds, new life you bring, Nurturing God, Spirit—sing.

Breath of life we live in You, Light of all beyond the sun, Stars of heaven and of earth, Wondrous God, Spirit—birth.

Light of Christ, of love, of peace, Calm our weary ways with joy, Daughters, sons from stories past, Whispering God, Spirit—vast.

Ever circling seasons, years,
To the place where tears will cease,
'Round the earth for all who roam,
Gathering God, Spirit—Home!

PRAYERS & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN (see facing page) Oh, Worship the King

All stand and sing:

St. 1 – All, unison

St. 2 - Bass voices

St. 3 – All, harmony

St. 4 – Treble voices

St. 5 - Choir

Interlude

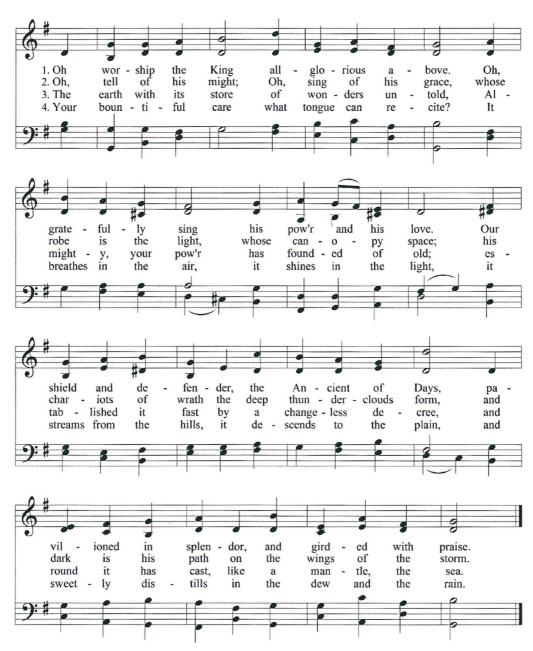
St. 6 – All, unison

POSTLUDE

Chorale Prelude on "Now Thank We All Our God"

HANOVER

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



5 (Choir)

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

6 (All)

O measureless might, ineffable love, while angels delight to hymn you above, the humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Commentary

Wayne Weissenbuehler (The Phyllis & Richard Duesenberg Endowed Chaplain Chair) is a retired pastor and former bishop of the ELCA's Rocky Mountain Synod, was a longtime contributor to The Lutheran magazine, and an adjunct faculty member at Wartburg Seminary. He currently serves as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Burlington, IA, where his wife, Pastor Susanne Smith, also serves an ELCA congregation. They are fast becoming acclimated to life on the Mississippi River. This year marks Weissenbuehler's fifth summer serving as chaplain for Lutheran Summer Music.

Organ

Gregory Peterson (The Regina Holmen Fryxell & Patricia Schad Leege Endowed Chapel Organist) is head of the music department at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he is also professor of organ and church music and serves as college organist. He is the conductor of Luther Ringers, which he founded in 2008. He holds degrees from the University of Iowa (DMA), Yale University (MM), and Luther College (BA) Prior to his appointment at Luther in 2005, he served the historic Old South Church in Boston, Massachusetts, as organist and minister of music. He is an internationally acclaimed recitalist and a member of Concert Artist Cooperative of Sebastopol, California.

Chapel Choir

Zebulon M. Highben (*The Paul Bouman Chapel Choir Director*) is Director of Choral Activities at Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio, where he conducts four choirs and teaches conducting, choral methods, and applied voice. Previously Highben served Lutheran and Presbyterian congregations in Michigan, Minnesota, and Ohio. His choral compositions and arrangements are widely published and performed, garnering awards from ASCAP, the American Composers Forum, and the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. Highben studied at Ohio State University (BME), Luther Seminary and St. Olaf College (MSM), and Michigan State University (DMA). He has served on the LSM faculty since 2005.

Handbell Choir

Jeffrey Scott Doebler serves as professor of music and director of music education and bands at Valparaiso University. He has been conducting handbell choirs for nearly 25 years. Doebler founded the LSM Handbell Choir in 1996 at Luther College. He also founded church handbell choirs in Valparaiso, Indiana, and Shakopee, Minnesota, and re-founded the handbell choir at Valparaiso University. Doebler holds music education degrees from Luther College (BA), Valparaiso University (MM), and the University of Minnesota (PhD). He has served Lutheran Summer Music as concert band conductor, handbell choir conductor, summer program director, and faculty affairs coordinator.

Composer-in-Residence

Ralph M. Johnson is a composer and church musician living and working in the Twin Cities. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College and the University of Minnesota and has studied composition with Ronald A. Nelson, Arthur Campbell, Paul Fetler, and Dominick Argento. Johnson's music has been performed by the St. Olaf Choir, Magnum Chorum, the Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy of the Oregon Bac! Festival, and Nautilus Music-Theater of St. Paul, among others. In addition to his composing activities, Johnson currently serves as director of worship and music at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis.

LEADERS & PARTICIPANTS

Flute/Piccolo

Hannah Leffler

Trumpet

Paul Morton

Lance Domingue

Horn

Bruce Atwell

Trombone

Dylan Chmura-Moore

Bass Trombone

Michael Smith

Percussion

Andrew Veit

Violin

Caroline Nordlund

Tess Varley

Viola

Kirsti Petraborg

Cello

Samuel Nordlund

Bass

Dave Carbonara

Saxophone

Colin Young

Guitar

Thea Wilkens-Reed

Piano

Cole Burger

John Stender

Mezzo-Soprano

KrisAnne Weiss

Readers

George Hogan

Cheryl Lemmons

Worship Assistants

John Stender

Jens Hurty, intern

2014 Lutheran Summer Music Chapel Choir

Zebulon M. Highben, The Paul Bouman Chapel Choir Director Haley Olson, Chapel Choir intern

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2014 Lutheran Summer Music Handbell Choirs

Jeffrey Scott Doebler, Conductor Megan Rustad, Handbells intern

> Morgan Brumm Rachel Dorn Natalie Johnson Matthew Olmstead Brady Pierce Elizabeth Radford Charles Reinmuth Gabriel Schirn Faye Titcombe Paul Westermann

⁺ program interns

SOURCES: HYMNS & MUSIC

When Morning Gilds the Skies | Tune: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) | Setting: Dan R. Edwards, © Cantabile Press, GP 2012

Reflections on "Endless Song" | Tune: ENDLESS SONG, Robert Lowry (1826-1899) | Setting: Michael Ryan, © Lorenz Publishing Co., RR-03-14-26

Creating God, Your Fingers Trace | Text: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934), © The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Co. | Tune: PROSPECT, W. Walker's Southern Harmony, 1835 | Setting: Ralph M. Johnson (b. 1955), © Neil A. Kjos Music, ed. 6366 | for the Senior Choir of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN

Let the Whole Creation Cry | Text: Stopford A. Brooke (1832-1916), alt. | Tune: SALZBURG, Jacob Hintze (1622-1702) | Setting: Jeremy Bankson (b. 1975), © MorningStar Music, MSM-20-604; stanza 2 harm. by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Many and Great | Text: Joseph R. Renville (1779-1846), para. Philip Frazier (1892-1964), alt. | Tune: LAC QUI PARLE, Dakota tune

All Creatures Worship God Most High | Text: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), trans. composite | Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623 | Settings: intro. by Larry Finke, © Concordia Publishing House; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), © Oxford University Press; st. 4 by Zebulon M. Highben (b. 1979), © Augsburg Fortress; st. 5 by Vaclav Nelhybel (1919-1996), © Hope Publishing Co.

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed | Text: Ramon and Sario Oliano, para. James Minchin (b. 1942), trans. Delbert Rice, © James Minchin, admin. Asian Institute for Liturgy and Music | Tune: GAYOM NI HIGAMI, Ikahalan (Philippines) trad. | Setting: Zebulon M. Highben | for the 2014 LSM Hymn Festival

All You Works of the Lord, Bless The Lord | Text: Benedicite, omnia opera (Daniel 3:35-65) | Music: Kenneth Jennings (b. 1925), © Augsburg Fortress, 0-8006-4531-6 | commissioned by Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, and dedicated to its Senior Choir and John Ferguson, Music Director

God the Sculptor of the Mountains | Text: © John Thornburg (b. 1954) | Tune: JENNINGS-HOUSTON, Amanda Husberg (b. 1940), © Abingdon Press, admin. The Copyright Co.

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth | Text: Jean Janzen (b. 1933), after Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1413), alt. | Tune: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings (b. 1936) | Setting: Zebulon M. Highben, © Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-4514-2424-9

O God of Every Nation | Text: William W. Reid Jr. (b. 1923), © The Hymn Society, admin. Hope Publishing Co. | Tune: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th century

Light Dawns on a Weary World | Text: Mary Louise Bringle (b. 1953), © GIA Publications | Tune: TEMPLE OF PEACE, © William P. Rowan (b. 1951), admin. GIA Publications

reation Bloomed When God First Spoke | Text: © Carol Gilbertson (b. 1944) | Tune (ØRN) and Setting: © Gregory Peterson (b. 1961) | for the 150th anniversary of Lutheran congregations in Decorah, Iowa

Ancient Waters Warmed with Life | Text: © Laurie Richardson Johnson (b. 1955) | Music: © Ralph M. Johnson | Commissioned in honor of the 53-year history of the Reformation Singers and its predecessor, the Lutheran Brotherhood Singers, and premiered by the 2014 LSM Chapel Choir | "for Ronnie"

Oh, Worship the King | Text: Robert Grant (1785-1838), alt. | Tune: HANOVER, William Croft (1678-1727) | Setting: Ronald A. "Ronnie" Nelson (1927-2014), © Celebrations Unlimited, CU-224 | For the 1993 Summer Session of the Lutheran Institute for Theological Education in the Pacific Northwest

Chorale Prelude on "Now Thank We All Our God" | Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger (1598-1662) | Setting: Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

SOURCES: READINGS

We praise you, O God, and Come, then, Lord, and help your people | excerpted and adapted from the Te Dew Laudamus, variously attrib. to Ambrose (337-397), Augustine (354-430), or Nicetas (ca. 335-414)

Many and great, O God, are your works | Susan Palo Cherwien (b. 1953), from Crossings: Meditations for Worship © MorningStar Music

And God stepped out on space... | James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938), "The Creation," from God's Trombones

Creation waits with longing | Romans 8:18-25, New Revised Standard Version

The Lord is the everlasting God | Isaiah 40:21, 27-31, New Revised Standard Version

The Maker, the Lover, the Keeper | Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1413), from Revelations of Divine Love, as found in Treasures Old and New: Images in the Lectionary by Gail Ramshaw, © Fortress Press

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Festival Band Concert Center for Faith and Life Thursday, July 17, 2014

7:00 PM

Festival Choir Concert

Center for Faith and Life Friday, July 18, 2014 7:00 PM

Festival Orchestra Concert

Center for Faith and Life Saturday, July 19, 2014 7:00 PM

You are also invited to join us for closing worship:

Festival Closing Worship

Center for Faith and Life Sunday, July 20, 2014 8:30 AM Porch Brass 9:00 AM Service of Holy Communion