



*A Festival  
Of Psalms*

*Monday, July 24, 2023*

*7:00pm*

*Central United Methodist Sanctuary*

# Program

† You are invited to rise in body or spirit | UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

GATHERING MUSIC Nathan Clements, *piano*

## Here I Am, Lord

arr. Jack Schrader

Text and Music by Daniel L. Schutte

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright, Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

● — Here I Am, Lord | Verse 1 — ●

*7 Then I said, "Here I am, I have come – it is written about me in the scroll. 8 I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart." 9 I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know. 10 I do not hide your righteousness in my heart; I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help. I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from the great assembly.*

● — Psalm 40:7-10 NIV — ●

## As the Deer

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Text and Music by Marty Nystrom

*As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you; you alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

● — As the Deer — ●

*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"*

● — Psalm 42:1-3 NIV — ●

# Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Tedd Smith

DUKE STREET

Music by John Hatton/Text by Isaac Watts

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!*

●— Jesus Shall Reign | Verses 1 & 5 —●

*5 May he endure[a] as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all  
generations. 7 In his days may the  
righteous flourish and prosperity abound  
till the moon is no more. 8 May he rule  
from sea to sea and from the River[b] to the  
ends of the earth.*

●— Psalm 72:5,7-8 NIV —●

## Make A Joyful Noise: THE CORONATION ANTHEM

Commissioned for The Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III & Queen Camilla Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord for he hath done marvelous things. And his holy arm hath gotten him the victory. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. O, make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth. Make a loud noise, rejoice and sing his praise. Let the sea roar, the world and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills be joyful together. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth. Make a joyful noise, rejoice and sing his praise. For he cometh to judge the earth. And with righteousness shall he judge the world. And the people with equity. O, make a joyful noise unto the Lord all the earth, Sing unto the Lord with the harp and the voice of a psalm.*

*With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise.*

*Make a joyful noise before the Lord The King.*

●— Make A Joyful Noise —●

*1 O sing unto the Lord  
a new song; for he hath  
done marvelous things:  
his right hand, and his  
holy arm, hath gotten  
him the victory. 4  
Make a joyful noise  
unto the Lord, all the  
earth: make a loud  
noise, and rejoice, and  
sing praise.*

●— Psalm 98:1,4 KJV —●

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. John Carter

LOBE DEN HERREN

Music by Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me  
adore him! All that hath life and breath,  
come now with praises before him! Let the  
amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.*

●— Stanza 5 of the Hymn —●

*21 Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,  
you his servants who do his will.  
22 Praise the Lord, all his works  
everywhere in his dominion.  
Praise the Lord, my soul.*

●— Psalm 103:21-22 NIV —●

## LARGO FROM "XERXES"

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Nathan Clements, *organ*

*Remaining in a lilting 3/4 time signature, once the voice enters it is clear that Handel uses techniques such as word painting to accentuate the lyrics of the aria. The celestial notes that the voice hits in the climatic parts of the aria radiate beauty and offers us an insight into Xerxes' admiration towards the plane tree. When the voice enters, the accompaniment stops, and this gives the voice space to grow into the notes and lyrics effectively. The lilting 3/4 time pushes the voice to create this endless stream of emotions as he/she sings each line (in the case the solo voice on the organ). The opera was a commercial failure and only ran for five performances. It was only much later on in the 19th Century that Ombra mai fú was rediscovered, and is now known as one of Handel's most famous and popular vocal works, with many transcriptions written for various instruments. - Alex Burns*

## WELCOME

Nathan Clements

## PSALM I

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## THE HEAVENS DECLARE

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Nathan Clements, *piano*

*1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. 3 They have no speech, they use no words: no sound is heard from them. 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth. 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.*

# THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

arr. John Ness Beck

Based on ST. COLUMBA | Text by Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Choir | Nathan Clements, *piano*

*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.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear  
Lord, beside me, Thy rod and staff my comfort  
still; Thy cross before to guide me.*

*And so through all the length of days,  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.*

*Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise.  
within Thy house forever. Amen*

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*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of  
righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a  
table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth  
over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord for ever.*

●— Psalm 23 KJV—●

# DO NOT BE AFRAID

Bernard Sexton

Choir | Frank Casstevens, *piano*

*Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. God is  
always by your side. Do not be afraid. For he  
who dwells in the shelter of the Lord, who  
abides in the Almighty  
shade, says to the Lord "My refuge,  
my rock, my God in whom I trust."*

*Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. God is  
always by your side. Do not be afraid. You need  
not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow  
that flies by day. His angels guard you at his  
command, keep you in all your ways.*

*Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. God is  
always by your side. Do not be afraid. Though  
mountains fall to the depths of the sea, though  
the waters may rage and foam, the Lord of hosts  
is always there, Jacob's God our stronghold.*

*Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. God is  
always by your side. Do not be afraid. One  
thing I ask, for this I long: To live in the house  
of the Lord, and dwell with him all the days of  
my life, where he shall keep me safe. Do not be  
afraid. Do not be afraid. God is always by your  
side. Do not be afraid.*

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*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

●— Psalm 27:1 NIV—●

## I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES

Thomas Keesecker

Choir | Frank Casstevens, piano

*I will bless the Lord at all times. The praise of God shall be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord. Let the humble hear and rejoice, I will bless the Lord at all times.*

*I sought the Lord who answered me and delivered me from all my fears. I sought the Lord who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.*

*I will bless the Lord at all times. The praise of God shall be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord. Let the humble hear and rejoice, I will bless the Lord at all times.*

*Look to God and radiant, Let your face shine like the sun. Look to God and radiant, Let your face shine like the sun.*

*I proclaim the greatness of God, Let us exalt God's name together! Taste and see the Lord is good, Happy they who trust in God! I proclaim the greatness of God.*

*I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears. I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.*

*I will bless the Lord at all times. The praise of God shall be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord. Let the humble hear and rejoice. I will bless the Lord at all times.*

*I sought the Lord who answered me. I will bless the Lord at all times. The praise of God shall be on my lips.*

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*1 I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. 2 I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. 3 Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. 5 Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. 6 This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. 9 Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. 11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, 13 keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. 14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; 16 but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth. 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. 18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. 19 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; 20 he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. 21 Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. 22 The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.*



✠ A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD      Martin Luther (1483-1546)  
 EIN FESTE BURG      arr. Aaron David Miller

Choir | Frank Casstevens, *piano*

Stanzas 1, 2, & 4: All in unison | Stanza 3: Choir

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, a bul-wark nev-er fail-ing;  
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, our striv-ing would be los-ing;  
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly powers, no thanks to them, a-bid-eth;

our help-er he a-mid the flood of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing.  
 were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choos-ing.  
 the Spi-rit and the gifts are ours, thru him who with us sid-eth.

For still our an-cient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and  
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je-sus, it is he; Lord Sa-ba-y  
 Let goods and kin-dred go, this mor-tal life al-so; the bod-y

power are great, and armed with cru-el hate, on earth is not his e-qual.  
 oth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the bat-tle.  
 they may kill; God's truth a-bid-eth still; his king-dom is for-ev-er.

*1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;*

● — Psalm 46:1-2 KJV — ●

BE STILL

Mary McDonald

Choir | Frank Casstevens, *piano*

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.*

*Come unto Me, My child, be still, Come unto Me, My child be still, and know that I will give you rest, will give you rest. I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.*

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.*

*Peace My peace I leave with you; My peace, I give unto you. Peace. Peace. Peace. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still, Be Still. Be Still.*

*'Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.'*

● — Psalm 46:10 NRSVA — ●

# LORD, I NEED YOU

arr. Phillip Keveren

Text and Music by Reeves/Stanfill/Maher/Nockles/Carson  
Nathan Clements, *primo* | Frank Casstevens, *secondo*

*Lord, I need You, oh, I need You*

*Every hour I need You*

*My one defense, my righteousness*

*Oh God, how I need You*

●— Chorus of Lord, I Need You —●

*25 Whom have I in*

*heaven but you?*

*And earth has nothing*

*I desire besides you.*

●— Psalm 73:25 NIV —●

# GREAT IS OUR GOD

arr. Craig Courtney

Incorporating TO GOD BE THE GLORY by William H. Doane

Text by Craig Courtney and Fanny J. Crosby

Choir | Frank Casstevens, *piano*

*Shout with joy, all the earth. Make a joyful noise all ye lands. Sing forth the glory of His name for great is our God! Behold the works of the Lord; His deeds on our behalf. Let the sound of His praise be heard abroad for great is our God!*

*He has preserved our lives. He has kept our feet on dry ground. Let us rejoice in Him, rejoice in Him for great is our God! He has tested us, He has refined us as silver, for great is His love, for great is His love, Let us rejoice in our God.*

*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 lifegate that all may go in.*

*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 thru Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done! O praise Him, O praise Him, O praise the Lord!*

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*1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth! 2 Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. 3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you. 4 All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name." [a] 5 Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind! 6 He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot – come, let us rejoice in him. 7 He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations – let not the rebellious rise up against him. 8 Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard; 9 he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping. 10 For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. 11 You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. 12 You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance. 13 I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you.*

●— Psalm 66:1-13 NIV —●



# HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE

Daniel Kallman

“The Homes of Donegal”, Traditional Irish ballad

Choir | Frank Casstevens, *piano*

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me. My soul is longing and fainting the courts of the Lord to see. My heart and flesh they are singing for joy to the living God. How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me.*

*Even the sparrow finds a home where he can settle down, and the swallow she can build a nest where she may lay her young within the courts of the Lord of Hosts, my King, my Lord, and my God. And happy are those who are dwelling where the song of praise is sung.*

*And I'd rather be a doorkeeper and only stay a day than live the life of a sinner and have to stay away. For the Lord is shining as the sun, and the Lord is like a shield; and no good thing does God withhold from those who walk the way.*

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me. My soul is longing and fainting the courts of the Lord to see. My heart and flesh they are singing for joy to the living God. How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me.*

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*1 How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! 2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.[c] 5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. 6 As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.[d] 7 They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. 8 Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob. 9 Look on our shield,[e] O God; look with favor on your anointed one. 10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

● — Psalm 84:1-10 NIV — ●

# REVIVE US AGAIN

arr. Mary McDonald

Music by J.J. Husband (1760-1825) | Text by W.P. Mackay (1839-1885)

Nathan Clements, *piano*

*Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.*

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory.  
Hallelujah! Amen. Hallelujah!  
Thine the glory, Revive us again.*

● — Stanza 4 of Revive Us Again — ●

*6 Will you not  
revive us again,  
that your people  
may rejoice in you?*

● — Psalm 85:6 NIV — ●

# CONSOLATIONS

Richard Donn

Incorporating "Consolation" Op. 30, No. 3 from Songs Without Words  
by Felix Mendelssohn

Nathan Clements, *piano*

*"When the cares of my heart are many your consolations cheer my soul."*

●— Psalm 94:19 NRSVA —●

# SHOUT TO THE LORD

Darlene Zschech

Choir | Nathan Clements, *piano*

*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.*

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

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*4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; 7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; 9 let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.*

●— Psalm 98:4,7-9 NIV —●

# PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

arr. Mark Hayes

## JOYFUL SONG

Music by Chester G. Allen (1838-1878)

Nathan Clements, *piano*

*Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim! Hail him,  
hail him! Highest archangels in glory! Strength and  
honor give to his holy name! Like a shepherd,  
Jesus will guard his children.*

*In his arms he carries them all day long.*

*Praise him! Praise him!*

*tell of his excellent greatness. Praise him!*

*Praise him! ever in joyful song.*

●— Stanza 1 of Praise Him! Praise Him! —●

*1 Praise the Lord.[a]*

*Praise the Lord, you his servants;  
praise the name of the Lord.*

*2 Let the name of the Lord be praised,  
both now and forevermore.*

*3 From the rising of the sun to the  
place where it sets,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

●— Psalm 113:1-3 NIV —●



# REMARKS

Nathan Clements

## POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE MILITARY MARCH NO. 4 OP. 39

Edward Elgar | arr. Adolf Schmid

Nathan Clements, *piano*

*Happy are the people who are in such a state;*

*Happy are the people whose God is the Lord!*

● — Psalm 144:15 NKJV — ●

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# *Participants*

## Choir

Part I: Jess and Sammie Febus

Part II: David Paschal & David Clements

Accompanist: Frank Casstevens

Director: Nathan Clements

## Pianists

Nathan Clements & Frank Casstevens

## Audio-Visual

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