First United Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

and the

Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Endowment Foundation

present the

52nd Anniversary Celebration Concert for the Möller Opus 10260

Sunday, September 8, 2019, 5:30pm with

Clara Gerdes, Organist

Organ Sonata In G Major, op. 28 (1895)	Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
I. Allegro Maestoso	
L'Ascension (1933)	Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
I. Serene Alleluias	
Paean (from Six Pieces for Organ, 1940)	Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

An Interval

Trois Danses, op. 6. (1932)	Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986), tr. Clara Gerdes
I. Divertissement	
Gershwinesca	Naji Hakim (b. 1955)

A light reception follows in the narthex.

About the Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Endowment Foundation, Inc.

The Kathryn Stephenson Pipe Organ Endowment Foundation was established in honor of Kathryn Stephenson, who first served as organist at First Methodist, Charlotte, from 1965-1973 and then later in the early 2000's. She was instrumental in the design of this pipe organ.

The 1967 M.P. Möller Opus 10260 presents itself as historically and locally unique in construction quality among other instruments of the same era. It represents a creative pinnacle in J.P. Möller tonal design, with inherent versatility towards multiple musical styles from Renaissance polyphony to the smorgasbord of late 20th and early 21st century classical music, making the instrument a true American classic pipe organ.

The Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization, has a vision of underwriting a variety of events that highlight the use of the pipe organ through venues such as concerts, educational workshops, and new musical compositions to the benefit of the Charlotte metro arts community and patrons, and to help with the costs associated with the continuous maintenance needed for such a grand instrument.

All contributions are tax-deductible.

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