

REDEDICATION OF ORGAN AND DEDICATION OF CHIMES

PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRESENTATION

We present this organ for re-dedication and these 1929 Deagan chimes for dedication, the gift of William and Kathryn Stephenson and members of this congregation, for the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Jennifer Stephenson Dilisio.

DEDICATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we rededicate this organ and dedicate these chimes to the praise of Almighty God.

People: **Praise God in the sanctuary!
Praise God in the mighty firmament!
Praise God for mighty deeds!
Praise God with trumpet sound!
Praise God with lute and harp!**

Pastor: We rededicate this organ and dedicate these chimes to the cultivation of a high art: to the interpretation of the message of the masters of music, to an appreciation of the great doxologies of the Church, and to the development of the language of praise that belongs both to earth and to heaven.

People: **Praise God with strings and pipe!
Let everything that breathes praise God! Praise God!**

Pastor: We rededicate this organ and dedicate these chimes to wedding marches, to thanksgiving on festal occasions, and to such inspiration in the service of song that all people may praise the Lord.

People: **O sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord all the earth, in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord!**

Pastor: We rededicate this organ and dedicate these chimes to the healing of life's discords, and the revealing of the hidden soul of harmony; to the lifting of the depressed and the comforting of the sorrowing; to the humbling of the heart before the eternal mysteries and the lifting of the soul to abiding beauty and joy by the gospel of infinite love and good will.

Let us pray: O God, whom the generations have worshiped with concord of sweet sound, be pleased to accept this organ and these chimes as a song of praise to you. Grant that their music, with accompanying song, may come as a blessed benediction upon all who worship here.

People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

KATHRYN STEPHENSON PIPE ORGAN FOUNDATION

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MOELLER ORGAN FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY RECITAL

On Sunday evening, September 10, Dr. Joby Bell, University Organist and Associate Professor of Music at the Mariam Cannon Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University, will present an evening of organ music to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the installation of our Moeller organ. The original dedication recital was played by Dr. George Markey on Sunday, September 10, 1967. Several pieces played by Dr. Markey will be performed by Dr. Bell to honor the fiftieth anniversary. More details to follow.

The 1927 Deagan organ chimes,
housed in the Chancel organ chamber and restored in 2015,
are dedicated to the memory of

Mary Jennifer Stephenson Dilisio (1958-2002),
daughter of William and Kathryn Stephenson,

and with thanksgiving to

Mr. Toby Brown	Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Inez Kilby
Mr. and Mrs. Barry and Nancy Collins	Mr. and Mrs. Prescott and Marie Little
Ms. Anna Kate Davis	Mr. and Mrs. Allen and Emily Mills
Mr. Billy Green	Mr. and Mrs. John and Debi Nelson
Mr. Richard Green	Mrs. Diane Peterson
Rev. Patrick Hamrick	Ms. Maryjo Prestridge
Mr. J. Frank Harrington	Mrs. Bertie Sterling
Mr. and Mrs. Pete and Phyllis Johnson	Anonymous

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This plaque will commemorate today's dedication.