



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



150TH ANNIVERSARY HYMN FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 15, 2023 AT FOUR O'CLOCK
DR. ANTON ARMSTRONG, CONDUCTOR

PRELUDE

Royal Brass Music..... Nicholas Guy

Sonata de Chiesa Charles Callahan

- 1. Invocation
- 2. Kyrie Eleison
- 3. Rondeau

The Rejoicing

Sonata pian’e forte Giovanni Gabrieli

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome.....Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!
All: Praise God in his sanctuary. Praise God in his mighty firmament!
One: Praise God for his mighty deeds. Praise God for his loving kindness.
All: Praise God with trumpet sounds. Praise God with timbrel and dance!
One & All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

† Hymn: God Is Here.....Abbot’s Leigh
arr. Ferguson

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Opening Prayer Rev. Dr. Stephen Handy

GOD IS HERE



1. God is here! As we ___ Your peo - ple meet to
4. Lord of all, of Church ___ and King - dom in an



of - fer praise ___ and prayer, may we find in
age ___ of change ___ and doubt, keep us faith - ful



ful - ler mea - sure what it is ___ in Christ ___ we share.
to ___ the gos - pel, help us work ___ Your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world ___ a - round us, all our
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait ___ the com - ing
have ___ to give, re - ceive; we, ___ who can - not



of ___ the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
live ___ with - out You, we ___ a - dore ___ You! We be - lieve!

(Choir only)

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore.
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

A Lesson from the Old Testament..... Rev. Dr. Stephen Handy

1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive."

Anthem: O How Amiable..... Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter
into the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
they will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handywork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

(from *Psalms 84 & 90*)

A Lesson from the Old Testament..... Rev. Dr. Yolanda Pierce

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

† Hymn: When the Morning Stars TogetherWeisse Flaggen
arr. Ferguson

See Music and Lyrics on page 5

Anthem: God of Life (from *The Seasons*) F. J. Haydn

God of Life! God of Might! Merciful God!
Honor, laud, and praise to you,
infinite, merciful God, almighty God!

A Lesson from the Gospel..... Rev. Dr. Chris Donald

Matthew 7:24-27

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

WHEN THE MORNING STARS TOGETHER



Choir: 1. When the morn- ing stars to - geth - er Their Cre - a - tor's
All: 2. When in syn - a - gogue and tem - ple Voic - es raised the
Choir: 3. Voice and in - stru - ment in un - ion Through the a - ges
All: 4. Lord, we bring our gift of mu - sic; Touch our lips and



glo - ry sang, And the an - gel host all shout - ed
psalm - ists' songs, Of - fer - ing the ad - o - ra - tion
spoke your praise, Plain - song, tune - ful hymns, and an - thems
fire our hearts, Teach our minds and train our sens - es,



Till with joy the heav - ens rang, Then your wis - dom
Which a - lone to you be - longs, When the sing - ers
Told your faith - ful, gra - cious ways. Choir and or - ches -
Fit us for these sa - cred arts. Then with skill and



and your great - ness Their ex - ul - tant mu - sic told,
and the cym - bals With the trum - pet made ac - cord,
tra and or - gan Each a sa - cred of - f'ring brought,
con - se - cra - tion We would serve you, Lord, and give



All the beau - ty and the splen - dor
Glo - ry filled the house of wor - ship,
While, in - spired by your own Spir - it,
All our pow'rs to glo - ri - fy you,



Which your might - y works un - fold.
And all knew your pres - ence, Lord.
Po - et and com - pos - er wrought.
And in serv - ing ful - ly live.

† Hymn: When in Our Music God is Glorified..... Engleberg
arr. Ferguson

Verse 1

**When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried
Alleluia!**

Verses 3 and 4: Choir Alone

Verse 5

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia!**

Anthem: With What Shall I Come? Rosephanye Powell

With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself to God on high?
Shall I come with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Give my first born for my transgression,
fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
God has told you, O mortal.
God has told you what is good;
to do justice, love kindness,
to walk humbly with your God.
With justice I come before the Lord.
With kindness I come before the Lord.
With love shall I come. With these shall I come.
(adapted from *Micah 6:6-8*)

Denise Baker, violin

A Lesson from the New Testament Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.”

† Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name..... Grosser Gott
arr. Ferguson

Verses 1-3: Choir Alone

Verse 4

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit:
three we name thee, though in essence only one;
undivided God we claim thee,
and adoring bend the knee
while we own the mystery.**

Anthem: How Great Thou Artarr. Dan Forrest

O Lord my God! How great Thou art!
O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art.
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how great Thou art, how great Thou art.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and fell the gentle breeze.
And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"
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Anthem: Amazing Grace.....arr. Keith McCutchen

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brough me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

† Hymn: O God Our Help In Ages Past.....St. Anne
arr. Ferguson

All: 1. O God, our help in ag - es past, our
Women: 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your
Choir: 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
Choir: 4. A thou - sand ag - es in your sight are
Men: 5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream soon
All: 6. O God, our help in ag - es past, our
 hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that
 bears us all a - way; We fly for - got - ten,
 hope for years to come, still be our guard while
 storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 you are God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 as a dream dies at the o - p'ning day.
 trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Benediction Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon

Postlude: Hornpipe (from *Water Music*)..... G. F. Handel

† *The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*
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CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano 1
Sarah Dunnevant
Lee Fentriss
Aria McDaniel
Kimberly Pace-Furse
Kristin Pennington
Melissa Richardson

Soprano 2
Bethany DiSantis
Carla Fox
Emma Jackson
Betty MaGee
Jan Morrison
Kim Patterson

Baritone
Tyler Bowman
Cameron Culver
Patrick Dunnevant
Rob Hancock
Jason Limbaugh
J. L. Nave
Ken Nelson
Chris Peacock

Alto 1
Hollie Dueker
Becky Heywood
Kathleen Hiltz
Chase Jeffords
Carol Poston
Carol Stewart
Maggie Ward
Jonna Whitman

Alto 2
Rachel Asmus
Tatum Earp
Susan Harrell
Ellen Messerly
Anne Neff
Caroline Peacock
Colleen Phelps
Theresa Santillan
Andie Smith
Peg Werts

Tenor 1
Andrew Campbell
Chase Lowery
Andrew Lynn
Brian Payne
Wayne Underhill
John Wiseman

Tenor 2
Doug Arnold
Clark Perkins
Matt Smyth
Day Werts
Nico Zavala

Bass
Steve Hyman
Neil Lambert
Chris Muller
Ted Wiltsie
Andrew Risinger

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Soprano
Patricia Cullum
Rebecca Frame
Laura Gray
Christy Hathcock
Emma Jackson
Lucy Majors

Alto
Bevin Gregory
Linda Lundin
Emily McCord
Pam Rice
Lee Warren

Tenor
Kyle Collier
Scott Wolfe
Jon Cooper

Bass
Rob Bigelow
Evan Burton
Doug Brown
Sean Jernigan
Pierce O'Brien
Keith Ramsey
Casey Reed
Ben Troxler

LITURGISTS

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon, Senior Pastor at West End United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Stephen Handy, Senior Pastor at McKendree United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Yolanda Pierce, Dean of Vanderbilt Divinity School
Rev. Dr. Chris Donald, Vanderbilt University Chaplain

MUSICAL LEADERSHIP AND ASSISTANCE

Dr. Anton Armstrong, conductor
Dr. Matthew Phelps, Minister of Music, pianist
Andrew Risinger, Associate Minister of Music, organist
Nico Zavala, Music Intern

BRASS ENSEMBLE

Jeff Bailey, trumpet
Joel Treybig, trumpet
Josh Scalf, trombone
Evan Clifton, trombone

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vocal Arts Nashville

October 29, 2023

4:00 PM

Tom Lerew, conductor

Annual Candlelighting Service

December 10, 2023

5:30 PM

Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Choir
Children's and Youth Choirs, Handbell Choirs

Carol Crowell Memorial Organ Recital

January 28, 2024

4:00 PM

Amanda Rene Mole, organist

Lenten Recitals

Thursdays in Lent beginning February 15th
12:00 PM, light lunch follows

ABOUT DR. ANTON ARMSTRONG, CONDUCTOR

The 2023-24 season is Anton Armstrong's 34th year as Conductor of the St. Olaf Choir, marking him as the longest tenured conductor in the ensemble's storied 112 year history. He is the Harry R. and Thora H. Tosdal Professor of Music at St. Olaf College, becoming the fourth conductor of the St. Olaf Choir in 1990 after ten years in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he served on the faculty of Calvin University and led the Calvin Alumni Choir, Calvin Campus Choir, the Grand Rapids Symphony Chorus and the St. Cecilia Youth Chorale. He is a graduate of St. Olaf College and earned advanced degrees at the University of Illinois (MM) and Michigan State University (DMA). He is editor of a multicultural choral series for Earthsongs Publications and co-editor (with John Ferguson) of the revised St. Olaf Choral Series for Augsburg Fortress Publishers. In June 1998, he began his tenure as founding conductor of the Oregon Bach Festival Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy. Dr. Armstrong currently serves as Chair of the National Board of Chorus America and has returned to serve on the National Board of The Choristers Guild.

During the 2023-24 season Anton Armstrong will lead choral festivals at Carnegie Hall, New York, NY and Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Nashville, TN. He will also serve as a guest lecturer and clinician at the University of Illinois, Duke University and Baylor University. In October 2023, he will return as President of the Jury of the Busan International Choral Festival in Busan, South Korea. Additional guest conducting appearances will take place in Charlotte, NC, Santa Fe, NM, and Manassas, VA. In June 2024 he will lead the St. Olaf Choir on their first tour to South Africa.

Dr. Armstrong has frequently conducted ensembles and appeared before regional, national and international gatherings of the American Choral Directors Association, International Federation of Choral Music, National Association for Music Education, Choristers Guild, American Guild of Organists, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Organization of American Kodaly Educators and the Orff-Schulwerk Association. In recent years he has guest conducted such noted ensembles as the Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square, the Utah Symphony and Symphony Chorus, the Utah Voices and Salt Lake City Symphony, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Westminster Choir, the American Boychoir, The Houston Chamber Choir, The Vocal Arts Ensemble of Cincinnati, The Phoenix Chorale, Indonesia Youth Choir, and the Ansan City Choir, South Korea. He has also collaborated in concert with Bobby McFerrin and Garrison Keillor.



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