

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

CONCERT CHOIR
CHAMBER SINGERS
ALUMNI AND FAMILY CHOIR

Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

PROGRAM

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY CONCERT CHOIR

Unclouded Day American Folksong, arr. Shawn Kirchner

O they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
They tell me of a home far away,
And they tell me of a home
Where no storm-clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O the land of cloudless days,
O the land of an uncloudless sky,
O they tell me of a home
Where no storm-clouds rise:
O they tell me of an unclouded day.

O they tell me of a home
Where my friends have gone,
They tell me of a land far away,
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
Sheds its fragrance through the unclouded day.

They tell me of a King in his beauty there,
They tell me that mine eyes shall behold
Where He sits on a throne
That is bright as the sun
In the city that is made of gold!

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY CHAMBER SINGERS

Joy Meade, conductor

Daniel Dorthy, piano and organ

Creation..... William Billings
(1746-1800)

Psalm 139

When I with pleasing wonder stand,
and all my fame survey,
Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand.
Thus built my humble clay.
Our life contains a thousand springs
and dies if one be gone.

Strange that a harp of thousand strings
should keep in tune so long.

Membra Jesu Nostri.....Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

III. Ad Manus

Soloists:

Solo 1: Tiah Masood

Solo 2: Nadia Griffith

Trio: Elizabeth Lebo, Timothy Tien, Josiah Evans

Quid sunt plagae istae
in medio manuum tuarum?

What are these wounds
in the midst of thy hands?

Salve Jesu pastor bone,
Fatigatus in agone
Qui per lignum es distractus
Et ad lignum es compactus
Expansis sanctis manibus.

Hail Jesus, good shepherd,
wearied by the struggle,
who are stretched upon the tree
and art nailed to the tree
by thy holy hands outstretched.

Manus sanctae, vos amplector
Et gemendo condelector
Grates ago plagis tantis
Clavis duris, guttis sanctis
Dans lacrimas cum oculis.

Holy hands, I embrace thee
and sighing, I am delighted in thee
I give thanks for such great wounds
for the hard nails, the sacred drops
Granting tears with kisses.

In cruore tuo lotum
Me commendo tibi totum.
Tuae sanctae manus istae
Me defendant, Jesu Christe
Extremis in periculis.

washed in Thy blood
I commend myself wholly to thee,
may these, thy holy hands
defend me, Jesus Christ,
in dire danger.

..... Caroline Shaw
Movement II. In medio (b.1982)

Quid sunt plagae istae
in medio manuum tuarum?

What are these wounds
in the midst of thy hands?

Go ye now in peace and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel his presence here beside you, showing you the way.
In your time of trouble when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,
Know that the Lord will never leave you, He will bring you courage.
Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live,
Will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world.
Go ye now in peace.

Mennonite Doxology..... Thomas Ken
(1637-1711)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
~Thomas Ken, 1674

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Peter Lutkin
(1858-1931)

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
~Numbers 6:23

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Sopranos

Hope Adedokun – Phoenixville, PA
Mandy Bevenour – Mechanicsburg, PA
Gloria Casey – Plum, PA
Orphie Hartman* - Hollidaysburg, AP
Julia Laessig – Newtown Square, PA
Victoria Lang* - Hummelstown, PA
Eliana McFate* - New Market, MD
Kay Reyburn – Cochranville, PA
Kacie Watkins – Telford, PA
Abby Weller* - Grove City, PA
Amelia Weller – Grove City, PA
Evelyn White – Holliston, MA
Macy Wright – Vienna, VA

Altos

Shelby Beadle – Harrisburg, PA
Clara Bellot – Lakewood, CO
Anna Cameron – Erie, PA
Emily Evans – Duncannon, PA

Elizabeth Lebo* - Mountville, PA
Tiah Masood* - Robertsdale, PA
Anne McIlvaine* - Lancaster, PA

Kristin Nolt* - Ephrata, PA
Annie Rizzo - Royersford, PA
Jordan Rodgers – Colchester, CT
Hannelore Rydquist – Nanuet, NY

Tenors

Ben Anspach – Frederick, MD
Quinn Cameron – Conneautville, PA
Michael Casey* - Plum, PA
Matthew Harris – Prospect Park, PA
Greysen Kemper – Harrisburg, PA

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Tenors

Daniel Lin* - Westwood, NJ
Gabriel Nater Padro* - Carlisle, PA
Elijah Palmer* - Mechanicsburg, PA
Peyton Rohrbaugh – Spring Grove, PA
Deacon Shearer* - Myerstown, PA
Tim Tien* - Selangor, Malaysia

Basses

Alex Bohm – Tunkhannock, PA
Nathan Bowman – Lancaster, PA
Ryan Cascarella – Lititz, PA
Nicholas Epps – Trenton, NJ
Josiah Evans* - Elizabethtown, PA
Daniel Micsion* - Souderton, PA
Clint Miller – Mechanicsburg, PA
Isaac Neuenschwander – Pasadena, MD
Dekenon Pollock* - Mount Union, PA
Bryant Rohrer* - Duncannon, PA
Patrick Schussler – Etters, PA
Benjamin Wenger – Mechanicsburg, PA

***Denotes Chamber Singers**

Messiah University Musica Nova: Student Compositions

December 10 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Guitar Ensemble

December 15 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

February 14 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphony Orchestra

February 21 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Kuhlman Competition

February 23 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Concert Choir

March 23 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Combo

March 25 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Opera Workshop - A Night of Opera: Opera Scenes Program

March 27 • Climenhaga Building, Poorman Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Piano Ensemble Concert "Silent Film"

April 1 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

April 7 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Symphonic Winds

Messiah University Brass Choir

April 8 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Wind Ensemble

April 9 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Chamber Ensembles

April 14 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Handbell Choir

April 26 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:30 p.m.

Messiah University Jazz Ensembles

April 26 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Spring Choral Showcase

April 30 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Musica Nova: Student Compositions

May 1 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Messiah University Guitar Ensemble

May 3 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 1:00 p.m.

Messiah University Vocal Jazz

May 3 • High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall, 4:00 p.m.

Messiah University Percussion Ensemble

May 3 • High Center, Parmer Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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