



*The Greater Bridgeport Chapter
of the American Guild of Organists
presents*

The 2nd Annual
Community Choral Festival
Sunday, March 6, 4:00 PM

*Featuring over 200 voices from area choirs combined
as a single Massed Choir performing
favorite anthems and hymns*

United Congregational Church
877 Park Avenue & State Street, Bridgeport, CT

Program

- Prelude — Variations on an Easter Theme** -John Rutter
Galen Tate, Jeffrey Wood, dual organists
- Welcome, About Our Program**
Rev. Sara D. Smith, John Polo, Constance Chase
- Improvisation—Hymn to Joy**
Dr. John Michniewicz, organist
- *Processional Hymn— Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee** (see insert) -Ludwig Beethoven
Constance Chase, director; Dr. John Michniewicz, organist
- Femina Melodia Drummers**
- Come, O Come, Our Voices Raise** -Alec Wyton
Frank Martignetti, director; Dr. John Michniewicz, organist
- Psalm 150** -Cesar Franck
Dr. Carole Ann Maxwell, director; Galen Tate, organist
- *Bring Many Names** (see insert) -Brian Wren
Dr. Carolina Flores, director; David Harris, organist
- Light a Candle—Norma Pfriem Children's Choir** -Marta Keen
Delia Motavalli, Anika Vanderwal, duet; Traci Galla, director
- Come Away to the Skies— United Congregational Church, Bridgeport** -Paul Halley
Allegra DeVita, soloist, Dr. John Michniewicz, director
- Gloria—Femina Melodia, Southbury** -Guillaume Dufay
Jan Gregory, director
- *For The Healing of the Nation** (see insert) -Henry Purcell
Frank Martignetti, director; Galen Tate, organist
- Message—Community of Hope**
Rev. Sara D. Smith, Esq
- Offering/Special Thanks**
John Polo
- Singing Hallelujah All Day—Messiah Baptist Church, Bridgeport** -Eddie Robinson
Jonathan Berryman, director

Followers of the Lamb - Stratford Methodist Church -Shaker Melody, arr. Robert Wetzler
Rev. Meg Williams, director

Verleih uns Frieden (Grant Us Peace) -Felix Mendelssohn
Dr. Carolina Flores, director; Jeffrey Wood, organist

Verleih uns Frieden gnädlich, Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten!
Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace throughout all generations;

Es ist doch ja kein Anderer nich, Der für uns könnte streiten,
Thou art alone our sword and shield, Lord who dost guide the nations.

Denn du, unser Gott alleine.
Defend us, O God, we pray thee.

Like A Mighty Stream -Moses Hogan
Constance Chase, director; Dr. Joe Utterback, pianist; Dr. John Michniewicz, organist

***Recessional Hymn—God of the Ages** (see insert) -George Warren
Dr. Carole Ann Maxwell, director; Jeffrey Wood, organist

Postlude— Allegro assai Vivace from Sonata I -Felix Mendelssohn
Jeffrey Wood, organist

***for those able, please stand**

Please join us directly after the concert in the Pilgrim Hall for a reception.

Special Thank You

The choral directors, musicians, singers, and our Greater Bridgeport American Guild of Organists (AGO) chapter want to thank you for joining us today. We are thrilled to use our voices to bring awareness to the needs of urban outreach.

We want to thank the many volunteers that brought food and helped behind the scenes preparing our many choirs for this performance today.

Thank you to the staff at the United Congregational Church, Pascale Millien-Faust, for the endless music copies and program production, to Carrie Watson for organizing the reception, and so many more individuals helping with security, shuttling, recording, and audio setup.

Net proceeds from today's concert will benefit the Norma F. Pfriem Urban Outreach Initiatives, bringing hope to our community. Programs include Project Learn After School Tutoring, Children's Cultural Center, Parent Resource Center, Parish Nurse Healthcare, Weekly Community Support, Thanksgiving Feast, Senior Care, Cancer Support, Addiction Recovery, Urban Workcamps, Community Gardens, and English Education. If you would like to help as a volunteer for one of our many programs please see Rev. Sara Smith or call 203.335.3107.

Our Directors and Musicians

Constance Chase— Artistic Director, the Connecticut Chamber Choir, Trumbull; Director, West Point Glee Club; Adjunct Professor, Applied Voice at Western Connecticut University, and Vice-President, CT Chapter NATS; Author “Prescriptions for Choral Excellence”, Oxford University Press.
www.connecticutchamberchoir.com

Dr. Carolina Flores - Director of Music for St. Theresa RC Church, Trumbull, and Instructor of Music, Manchester Community College.

David Harris – Director of Music, Saint Thomas Aquinas RC Church, Fairfield; Music Director for shows at various venues throughout Fairfield County; Recitalist; Entertainer. www.davidharrisproductions.com

Frank Martignetti - Director of Choral Activities & Adjunct Professor of Music, University of Bridgeport; Artistic Director, Mystic River Chorale, Doctoral fellow in Music Education, New York University. Active church musician; former high school teacher. www.frankmartignetti.com

Dr. Carole Ann Maxwell— Artistic Director, The Mendelssohn Choir of CT; Director of Choral and Liturgical Music, Fairfield University; Conductor, Summer Festival Chorus, Quick Center of the Arts, Fairfield University.
www.mendelssohnchoir.com

Dr. John Michniewicz – Minister of Music, United Congregational Church, Bridgeport; Assistant Professor and Director of the Academic Music Program, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield; Recitalist; Composer; Choral Conductor; Past-Dean, Greater Bridgeport Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Galen Tate – Director of Music, Saint Thomas More Church, Darien; Assistant Director of Choral Programs, Accompanist and Adjunct Professor of Music at Sacred Heart University; Accompanist for United and New Haven Chorales; Recitalist.

Dr. Joe Utterback – Director of Music, First Congregational Church, Stratford; Grammy-nominated Composer; Jazz Pianist and Entertainer; Adjunct Professor at Sacred Heart University. www.joeutterback.com

Jeffrey Wood – Director of Music, St. Mary Church, Milford; Accompanist, Connecticut Chamber Choir and Fanfare Consort; Recitalist.
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Participating Choirs

Our Massed Choir is represented by the following groups, Choral Directors and Church Musicians:

United Congregational Church, Bridgeport – Dr. John Michniewicz

Norma Pfriem Children's Choir at United Congregational Church– Traci Galla

Connecticut Chamber Choir, Trumbull – Constance Chase

First Church Congregational Stratford – Dr. Joe Utterback

Messiah Baptist Church, Bridgeport – Jonathan Berryman,

Golden Hill United Methodist Church, Bridgeport – Dan Pettit

First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield – Laurie Birch

Stratford United Methodist Church – Rev. Margaret Williams

Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Fairfield – Sandra Shaw Murphy

St. Theresa RC Church, Trumbull—Dr. Carolina Flores

Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport – Liz Frohrip

Nichols United Methodist Church, Trumbull – Gregory Horton

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Fairfield – David Harris

Christ Episcopal Church, Stratford – Dorothy Cameron

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Huntington – Bernadette Aubin Allan

Femina Melodia & Drummers, Southbury – Jan Gregory

Monroe United Methodist Church – Julie Chrislip

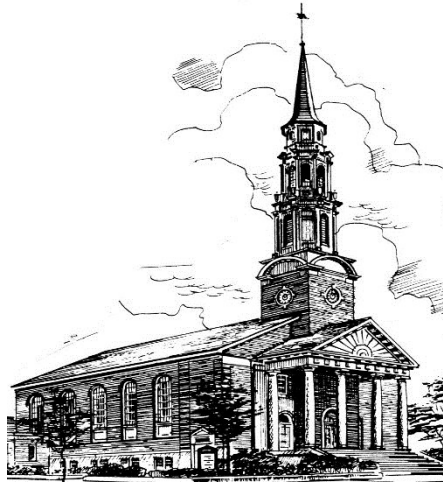
First Church Congregational Fairfield – Jared Stellmacher

United Presbyterian Church, Milford – Jennifer Gregg

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Trumbull – Dr. Elna Christova

St. Mary's RC Church, Milford – Jeffrey Wood

Concerts at United Series



United Congregational Church

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Bridgeport, Connecticut

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10:00 AM in Main Sanctuary

The United Congregational Church, a welcoming community -