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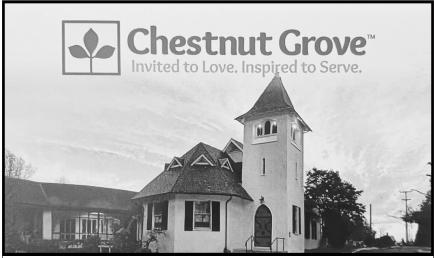






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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Good evening,

As President of the Deer Creek Chorale, I want to welcome you to our Spring Concert - a unique collaboration with Deer Creek Chorale, Charm City Sings Chamber Chorus, the Goucher College Choral Society and guest instrumentalists.

The theme of today's performance, Let All the World Sing, is a great anthem of faith and a bold call to serve. The text reinforces our dual mission of choral artistry and community service, which is unique from other community choirs – allowing our members to engage in the community-at-large by dedicating time and effort to help others.

Our 2025 Community Service Project was a huge success! We worked with Project C.U.R.E., one of the largest nonprofits in the world that collects and distributes medical supplies and equipment to doctors and nurses in more than 135 resource deprived countries, to collect Kits for Kids. The Kits contain personal hygiene and basic medicine cabinet items every parent should have to care for their children.



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Sincerely,

Stephanie Davis President, Deer Creek Chorale

PROGRAM

Welcome - Greg Arment, Deer Creek Chorale Assistant Director

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly.

The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing.

The church with Psalms must shout, No door can keep them out.

But above all the heart must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.

As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Descant: Phoebe Simlote, Jocelyn Sharpes

You taught me the courage of stars before you left
How light carries on endlessly even after death
With shortness of breath
You explained the infinite
And how rare and beautiful it is to even exist.
I couldn't help but ask for you to say it all again
I tried to write it down, but I could never find a pen
I'd give anything to hear you say it one more time
That the universe was made just to be seen by my eyes.

In Time of Silver Rain

..... Langston Hughes/André Thomas (2023)

In time of silver rain, the earth puts forth new life again, green grasses grow, and flowers lift their heads. and over, all the plain, the wonder spreads Of life, Of Life, Of Life!

In time of silver rain, the butterflies lift silken wings to catch a rainbow cry, and trees put forth new leaves to sing in joy beneath the sky as down the roadway passing boys and girls go singing, too, in time of silver rain When spring and life are new.

Sing Out, My Soul..... Davies/Marques L. A. Garrett (2020)

Sing out, sing out, sing out my soul!

Sing out my soul, your songs of joy,

Sing as a happy bird will sing, beneath a rainbow's lovely arch in early spring. Think not of death, strive not for gold.

Train up your mind to feel content, What matters then how low your store?

It matters not, What matters then how low your store?

What we enjoy and not possess, Makes rich or poor.

Sing out my soul, your songs of joy! Sing out!

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Look to this day: For it is life, the very life of life.

The bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty.

For yesterday is but a dream and tomorrow is only a vision; and today well-lived, makes yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

Look to this Day!

Bring me all of your dreams, you dreamers,

Bring me all of your heart melodies that I may wrap them in a blue cloudcloth away from the too-rough fingers of the world.

I'm the one who can make the difference,

Yes, I will make the difference;

Against all odds I can live to share my love with others.

Yes, I will make the difference, I can make it!

Take my hand as we make this journey

Across the land.

I had the courage to keep going on. I had the faith when all hope was gone.

I had the strength to keep holding on. I can make the difference, yes I can!

We will make the difference. Yes, we can make it. We will make it! Take my hand!

INTERMISSION

COMBINED CHOIRS

Guest Conductor, Heidi Ackerman

O God, we extol thee: O Lord God we sing thy praises.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

Angels cry aloud to thee; all the Heavens and universal powers praise thee.

All the Cherubim and Seraphim with unceasing voice do proclaim thee:

Holy, Holy, Lord God, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Earth and the heavens are filled with thy glory, with the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious chorus, the chorus of Apostles and all the prophets do praise thee for evermore.

Lord, to thee do the Martyrs lift their voices for evermore.

And the Church doth acknowledge thee, throughout all the world.

Father of majesty unbounded; And thy own, thy only Son is deserving of all our praise;

Holy Spirit, the spirit most comforting. Thou, O Christ, King of glory,

The everlasting Son of the Father, Thou didst take our nature that thou might deliver us.

And though immoral, wast born of mortal womb.

When the pangs of death thou hadst overcome, then thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to believers.

Thou dost sit in the Father's glory, dost sit at his right hand.

We believe that thou shall come to be our judge.

We therefore beg of thee, help thy servants, Lord. Comfort them, thy servants, whom

thou hast redeemed with thine own blood.

With all thy saints, let us be numbered. Keep us in thy heavenly glory.

Save all thy people, Lord, Save them and bless thine heritage forever.

Help them and rule them. Lift them up forever. Each day we extol thee and praise thee;

And we praise thy name forever more.

In thy great goodness, Lord, in thy goodness help keep us sinless throughout all this day.

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, show thy mercy unto us. We trust in thee, O Lord. All my hope, O Lord, is in thee, so let me never be confounded.

1. SPLENDOR

St. Ambrose (340-397)

Splendor paternae gloriae, de luce lucem proferens, lux lucis et fons luminis, diem dies illuminans. Splendor of God's glory, brings forth light from light, light of light, light's living spring, Day, all days illuminates

2. CARITAS

Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

Caritas abundat in omnia, de imis excellentissima super sidera, atque amantissima in omnia, Quia summo regi osculum pacis dedit. Love abounds in all, from the depths most excellent to beyond the stars, and loving toward all, she has given the highest king the kiss of peace.

3. NOX

traditional Greek

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy

Aurelius Prudentius Clemens (348-413)

Nox et tenebrae et nubila, confusa mundi et turbida Caligo terrae scinditur percussa solis spiculo Night and darkness and fog, confused world and turmoil dark gloom tears the earth beats and stabs the sun

4. MUNERA PACIS

Pope Gregory (540-604)

Tenor Soloist Trey Haugen

Ecce jam noctis tenuatur umbra, Behold, already night and

shadows taper off

Lux et auroræ rutilans coruscat: Light and dawn sparkle and quiver

Supplices rerum Dominum canora We humbly beg the Lord

through song

Voce precemur: Our voices pray:

Ut reos culpæ miseratus, omnem Though we are guilty, view us

with compassion

Pellat angorem, tribuat salutem, Banish anguish, bestow health Donet et nobis bona sempiternae Grant us everlasting goodness

Munera pacis. Give us peace

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

5. ILLUMINARE

HIS Canticle of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Illuminare his qui in tenebris Illuminate those in darkness et in umbra mortis sedent: and in the shadow of death sit direct our footpath in the way of

viam pacis. peace.

PROGRAM NOTE ON ILLUMINARE

Illuminare is Elaine's first extended work, consisting of five movements for SATB chorus and chamber orchestra. Using lesser-known sacred Latin texts, the five sections create a narrative arc with common thematic material woven throughout. With a majestic and bright opening in D major, Illuminare begins with a radiant flurry of 16th notes representing the entrance of Light. Then the voices enter in powerful unison, and the Ambrosian hymn text bursts into a punctuated and joyful "Gloriae" section. As the music turns to a softer legato passage, a portion of the peace theme is revealed in the cello—a theme that will emerge several times throughout the work. The music then returns to the joyful rhythmic momentum of the beginning. The second movement features the women's voices and portrays a tender season of beauty. The elegant words of Hildegard von Bingen hearken back to an image of Eden—a time of goodness and purity. After a slow and gradual ascent to the word "pacis" (peace), a brief moment of the peace theme gracefully reappears in the cello, concluding with serene sustained tones. Movement three takes a dramatic shift. Sensing an ominous shadow on the horizon, the choir sings the traditional Kyrie text (Lord have mercy). Then, a percussive B minor blast of fury disrupts the world as the text turns to "Nox et tenebrae" (night and darkness). Accented rhythms and mixed meter further create chaos, confusion, and despair. In movement four, the darkness begins to fade and the peace theme emerges once again, yet this time lingering in a minor mode. The shadows of the night clear away and the choir ascends to the word "Lux" (light). Yearning for the peace they once knew, the singers plead a heartfelt prayer, culminating in a dramatic crescendo to "munera pacis" (grant us peace). Then, suddenly, the music becomes still and calm. The peace theme that has been whispered throughout the work is finally revealed to be the voice of Christ gently assuring us: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you." The orchestra swells to affirm these comforting words, then concludes by echoing the beauty of movement two—now with a new

hope of an even greater peace. At the arrival of the final movement, joy is restored as the orchestra gradually returns to full force. Energetic rhythms support the soaring vocal lines as the choir sings from the prophecy in the Canticle of Zechariah: "illuminare his qui in tenebris" (illuminate those in darkness). Then a return to brilliant D major and rhythmic material from movement one blaze forth to declare: Light has triumphed to guide us toward a brighter future.





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Founded in 2007, the Deer Creek Chorale, a 501c3 tax-exempt arts organization, provides artistic and community service opportunities for the amateur musician. The Chorale is a multi-generational choir with over 80 non-



auditioned singers from Maryland's Baltimore and Harford counties and Southern Pennsylvania. A varied and challenging repertoire encourages vocal technique, musicianship and expression. Under the umbrella of the Chorale are the Youth Choirs (Jubilate and Vivace) and a select Chamber Choir and ladies ensemble, Ebb and Flow. The Chorale seeks to develop the potential of singers at all levels of experience.



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Martha S. Banghart, DCC Artistic Director, provides the force and vision

2007. A career Maryland music educator, Ms. Banghart has dedicated her energies toward developing the Deer Creek Chorale into a compassionate, talented, inter-generational choir dedicated to enriching the greater Baltimore community with meaningful experiences in the choral arts. Ms. Banghart is

guiding the Deer Creek Chorale since its inception in

committed to exposing her choristers to a myriad of guest clinicians and has led the choir in the study and performance of many major works. Her choirs have performed internationally in the United Kingdom, China, Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany and Italy. Another trademark of the Deer Creek Chorale is its commitment to community service. Each year the organization collaborates with another nonprofit either locally or globally. Commissioning new works is another important aspect of Ms. Banghart's work. Many of these commissions have been through a Chorus America consortium or sponsored by individual donors. Ms. Banghart is passionate about the benefits of singing at any age both physically and spiritually. Singing is a lifelong activity and one that educates and inspires. The creation of the youth choir in 2016 was one of Ms. Banghart's goals. As a result, the combined programs presently serve ages 6 through 86 with many opportunities for the groups to work together and learn from each other.

Ms. Banghart is an active member of the National Association for Music Education, American Choral Directors Association and Chorus America. She made her directorial debut at Carnegie Hall in 2018. Her awards include Teacher of the Year, Humanitarian Award, Teacher of Excellence in Maryland, and a Director of Note. She continues to study voice and vocal pedagogy and maintains a private voice and classical guitar studio. She has served as a national consultant, adjudicator, guest conductor, soloist, and clinician. She and her husband maintain three homes and, whether in Canada, Maryland, or Sanibel, Florida; Ms. Banghart is active in the music scene.

Greg Arment, DCC Assistant Director has been active as an educator, church musician, and accompanist in various parts of Maryland since 2005. A Jarrettsville native and graduate of North Harford High School, his first professional musical activity was as the organist at St. Paul and Norrisville United Methodist Churches while he was in high school. He received his Bachelor of Music degree from Susquehanna University and his Master of Music degree from Anderson University, both in Music Education. Greg taught elementary and middle school music in Wicomico and Baltimore counties for nine years before moving into a Teacher Coach position. While in Wicomico County, he played in pit orchestras and served as the rehearsal accompanist for the Community Players of Salisbury. He is also the Director of Music and Organist at Orems United Methodist Church in Middle River. He lives in Parkville with his wife, Melissa, and

Roy L. Belfield, Jr., Goucher Choral Society Director and DCC Accompanist, a native of Petersburg, Virginia, began his undergraduate studies in music at Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Morehouse College in Atlanta, two Master's degrees in music education and organ performance from

daughters, Lena and Eliza.

Florida State University in Tallahassee, and the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music. He has done additional studies in vocal pedagogy and choral conducting at the University of Alabama, Pennsylvania State University, and the University of Southern California. As an educator, Dr. Belfield taught students from pre-school to college for twenty-three years. As a church musician, he has served six denominations throughout the country. As an accompanist, Belfield has collaborated with numerous choirs, vocalists, and instrumentalists. As composer and arranger, Dr. Belfield has written works for chorus, voice and piano, and organ. Colla

Voce, Hal Leonard Corporation, MorningStar Music, GIA Publications, and Wayne Leupold Editions published his choral and organ works. The American Organist and the Choral Journal have published Dr. Belfield's scholarly articles. Dr. Belfield is currently Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choirs and Orchestra at Goucher College in Maryland. He also serves as accompanist for the Frederick Chorale.

Heidi Ackerman, Guest Conductor, is the founder of Charm City Sings

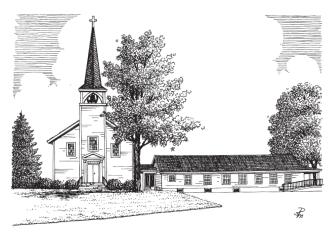
and is a sought-after conductor, clinician, and vocalist.

With extensive experience conducting professional ensembles, she has retrained her focus on community choruses; diversifying ensembles through dynamic programming and invigorating membership by harnessing the joy of singing together. Thanks to Heidi's passion, magnetic personality, and fast-

paced rehearsal style, Charm City Sings has experienced significant growth since establishing in 2022. Ms. Ackerman also serves as Musical Director of The Frederick Chorale and as assistant conductor to Maestro Anthony Blake Clark with the esteemed Baltimore Choral Arts Society. As a prior educator, Heidi is in demand as a choral clinician and enjoys guest conducting engagements across the country. Equally accomplished as a vocalist, Heidi was brought to Washington DC from the west coast in 2013 by The United States Army Field Band. As an enlisted conductor of the Soldiers' Chorus, she conducted concerts across the USA and Puerto Rico. As a soloist, she graced the stages of Carnegie Hall with the New York Pops, Severance Hall with the Cleveland Pops, The Kennedy Center with the National Symphony Orchestra, and The Henry Ford with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Ackerman performs around the DC/ Baltimore area, including her one-woman shows, Cat Calls: a Feminist Cabaret and Stages Tour. Her drive to impact lives through shared music led to a concert series at the Maryland Correctional Women's Facility. Prior to joining the Army, Ms. Ackerman was a teacher and freelance musician in Arizona. She sang three seasons with Arizona Opera and soloed with the Phoenix Symphony on Mendelssohn's Elijah. She earned a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Arizona State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Choral Conducting and Education from Northwestern College, IA. When off the podium, you can find Heidi in the audience cheering on her husband, SFC Dustin Mollick, saxophonist with the United States Army Blues.

Michael Semancik, Guest Conductor, is the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Philadelphia Gay Men's Chorus and a distinguished figure in the field of music education and choral conducting. His credentials include a M.M. in Choral Conducting from the University of Delaware and a B.S. in Music Education from Slippery Rock University and he most recently served as Assistant Professor and Director of Choirs and Orchestra at Goucher College in Baltimore. Prior to his stint at Goucher, he spent over 11 years as the Director of Choral Activities at Morris Knolls High School in New Jersey, where his choirs earned accolades and performed at prestigious venues such as the White House and Carnegie Hall, and abroad in Ireland, Czech Republic, Latvia, and Lithuania to name a few.





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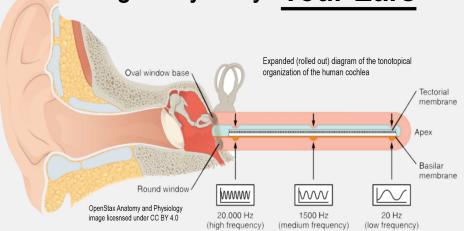




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