



Jesus, Still Lead On!
Friday, July 29, 2022, 7:30 p.m.
Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA, USA

PRELUDE OF CHORALES (6:45 ON THE CHURCH GREEN) Don Kemmerer, Conductor

The Center of Our Faith

Christ, and Him Crucified Nola Reed Knouse (b. 1956)
Christ and him crucified remain our confession of faith.

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. C. Riddick Weber Festival Chaplain
(Standing)

HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET (146 A)
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

O may this gracious God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blessed, who reign in highest heaven:
the one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

(Sitting)

Soloists for this evening's concert are members of the Festival Chorus.

INVOCATION

Advent and Christmas

Morning Star, in Darkest Night Georg Friedrich von Hellström
(1825-1912)

Morning Star, in darkest night, who the world with joy makes light,
Jesus dear, come be near, shine in my heart's temple here!

Your most radiant, glorious light far exceeds the sun so so bright;
you shall be, constantly, as a thousand suns to me.

Morning Star, my soul's true day, come to me without delay;
come be near, Jesus dear, shine in my heart's temple here! Amen.

O Dearest Jesus, Holy Child Georg Friedrich von Hellström
(1825-1912)

O dearest Jesus, holy child, O thou our greatest treasure, thy smile so full of mercy mild is grace beyond all
measure. Come, Jesus, come, abide with me.

Lent

Truly, He Has Borne Our Frailty Johannes Herbst
(1735-1812)

Truly, he has borne our frailty and took on him all our sorrows. For our transgressions he was wounded, and for
our iniquities he was battered. The judgment lay on him so that we may have peace, and by his afflictions we
find our healing.

Go, Congregation, Go – Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs John Antes
(1740-1811)

Go, congregation, go and see thy Savior in Gethsemane. There is a scene which with amaze must strike thee,
there astonished gaze: thy Maker prays. Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was
wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace lay upon him;
and with his stripes we are healed.

The Great Sabbath

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.
(*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.*)

James C. White (2015)

HYMN: *The Grave Today is Holding*

The grave today is holding our Lord, our life, our love,
within its depths enfolding the heights of heav'n above.
In death, most gracious Savior, you proved our dearest Friend,
the only path which leads us to life which knows no end.

PASSION CHORALE (151 A)

Your Sabbath rest, dear Savior, we celebrate with joy;
to praise its solemn splendor our highest gifts employ.
Lead us to rise victorious, as you burst bonds of hell,
to join in hymns most glorious your saving power to tell.

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SOLO: *Wiederholts mit süssen Tönen*

Johann Ludwig Freydt

This repeat in tones harmonious, behold the Man!
Sing of my belov'd melodious, behold the Man!
On thy dying look, dear Savior, I will fix my eyes forever;
I am never tired to gaze at thy lovely, suffring face.

(1748-1807)

Symphony in D Major
Andante Grazioso

J. C. Röhner
1774-1837)

Easter

(Standing)

Hymn: *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

SLEEPERS WAKE (230 A)

“Wake, awake, for night is flying,” the watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Where are the virgins, pure and wise?
The bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care and faith's bold prayer, to meet the bridegroom, come, prepare!”
Zion hears the watchmen singing, and in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious, the strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her star's arising light has come!
“Now come, O blessed one, Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Hail, hosanna!
We answer all in joy your call, we follow to the wedding hall.”

Now let all the heav'ns adore you, let saints and angels sing before you
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal, where, joining with the choir immortal,
we gather round your radiant throne.
No eye has seen that light, no ear the echoed might of your glory;
yet there shall we in your vict'ry sing shouts of praise eternally!

(Sitting)

Come, Thank Our Great Savior Johann Friedrich Peter
(1746-1813)

Come, thank our great Savior with rapturous singing!
who conquers our foe, him forever subduing,
He lives and he reigns, the great King of all glory;
let all the world hear our hallelujah's story.

So praise our great Savior with jubilant singing,
who won our salvation, the victory gaining.
So live, living Savior, the Fount of our singing,
until our hallelujah on high is ringing!

August 13

We Are Members David Moritz Michael
(1751-1827)

We are members of Christ's body, of his own flesh and his very bones. We are called to serve God's children, to feed the hungry and those who thirst; welcome strangers, visit prisoners, to clothe the naked and serve their needs. We are members of Christ's body, and we will serve God's children and care for their needs; for as we serve those, we serve our God!

All Saints

O Be Faithful Unto Death Heinrich Lonas
(1838-1903)

O be faithful unto death, O be true, and I will give to you the crown of life!

Christ the Chief Elder

HYMN: *We Lift Our Hearts, Dear Savior* INNSBRUCK (79 A)
arr. Brian Henkelmann

All: We lift our hearts, dear Savior, Redeemer and Creator,
 for your humility;
 your wondrous name is holy, and yet you come most lowly
 as Elder of our Unity.

Choir: For us, the days we're living a blessed taste are giving
 of heaven here below;
 for your most gracious presence reveals the highest essence
 of wonders we can see and know.

All: Dear Author of Creation, our Refuge and Salvation,
 for all in grace you bled:
 we take your hands, nail-riven, as pledge eternal given:
 be now and evermore our Head.

Sent Forth Into the World

HYMNS

Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won;
and although the way be cheerless,
we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us,
let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe to our home we go.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring,
make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us,
still support, console, protect us
till we safely stand in the promised land.

(Standing)

Sing hallelujah, praise the Lord! Sing with a cheerful voice;
exalt our God with one accord, and in his name rejoice.
Ne'er cease to sing, O ransomed host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
until in realms of endless light your praises shall unite.

There we to all eternity shall join th'angelic lays
and sing in perfect harmony to God our Savior's praise.
He has redeemed us by his blood, and made us kings and priests to God;
for us, for us the Lamb was slain! Praise ye the Lord again.

But not for us alone this news was brought by Christ our Lord.
'Twas meant for all the world to hear, and thus with one accord
with all God's children ev'rywhere his name and sign with pride we bear.
To us, to us, this task is giv'n: To spread God's word. Amen.

BENEDICTION

(Sitting)

Bless Each One Jill Bruckart

(b. 1955)

Bless each one, and make of us a blessing. Jesus, Savior, make of us a blessing.

Hear us.

*You are invited to a reception
honoring Nola Reed Knouse and Gwyneth Michel
in the Christian Education Building
following the concert.*