

The Music Ministries of the Church of St. Francis Xavier present

LET ALL THE PEOPLE SAY!

Amen!

A virtual concert

Featuring musical performances by the Church of St. Francis Xavier
Virtual Choir, Xavier Players and Bell Choir
under the Musical Direction of John Uehlein

Readings presented by Christina Amendolia, Nancy Lorence,
Carlos Martin, Larry Ruth and Stephanie Samoy

Artistic Direction by Associate Producer Jacqueline C. Perez

Produced, Filmed and Edited by Joel Dabu

Executive Produced by John Uehlein and Pastor Fr. Ken Boller, SJ

Streaming Live on Sunday, November 15, 2020
7:00pm Eastern / 6:00pm Central

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Prelude Music

*The Bell Choir of St. Francis Xavier Church
playing
Jacob's Ladder
African-american Spiritual*

Introduction and Welcome "Why Amen?"
*Jacqueline C. Perez, Assistant Director of Music Ministries
and Artistic Director for this concert*

Nada te turbe

By Jacques Berthier

*Text: based on a prayer by St. Teresa of Avila
Taizé*

*Maggie Greene, soprano
Joel Dabu, cello; Suzanne Saturday, flute
The St. Francis Xavier Choir*

1 Peter 5:5b-11

Read by Stephanie Samoy

"God bestows favor on the humble"

Favor and Bless Us Lord

*by Grayson Warren Brown
Lynda Stewart-Kennedy, soloist
John Uehlein, Pianist
The St. Francis Xavier Choir*

A New Psalm of Emptiness and Hope
by Vinita Hampton Wright

Read by Larry Ruth

Vinita Hampton Wright, inspired by John 16:20-23, considers what it means to mourn in a time of pandemic. She is a practitioner of Ignatian Spirituality and a spiritual director. A published author, she serves as managing editor of the trade books department of Loyola Press.

Shelter Your Name

by Danielle Rose

Maggie Greene, soloist

Quartet:

Cristelle Sens-Castet, Cara Caponi, Dugan McGinley, Sidney Marquez Boquiren

Restorative Justice: Greater Proximity, Greater Mercy

Love is the motive, but justice is the instrument - Reinhold Niebuhr (1821-1971)

"Daily Meditation from September 11, 2020" by Richard Rohr

Center for Action and Contemplation

Read by Nancy Lorence

Excerpt from "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson

Read by Carlos Martín

The Least of These

by Janét Sullivan Whitaker

Mike Douris, soloist

John Uehlein, pianist

The St. Francis Xavier Choir

Pandemic by Lynn Ungar

read by Christina Amendolia

from Richar Rohr's Daily Meditation from the Center for Action and Contemplation:
When I consider the call to contemplative awareness and solidarity...I cannot think of a better practice than the exquisite poem "Pandemic" from poet and minister Lynn Ungar. It was written in the early days of the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States before most of us were asked to stay at home. Even in those first moments, she envisioned a way of responding to the crisis with love, not fear. The wisdom of this poem goes far beyond the circumstances of the pandemic. May it serve as a guide as we embark on the work ahead of us - striving to eradicate the "viruses" of white supremacy and systemic injustice in the United States and the world. The Rev. Dr. Lynn Ungar is a minister in the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Larger Fellowship an online congregation for isolated religious liberals. She is the author of "Bread and Other Miracles." The poem, Pandemic inspired Mark Sedek to compose "Reach," a musical setting of the poem for piano and chorus.

Total Praise

by Richard Smallwood

Cristelle Sens-Castet, Lynda Stewart Kennedy, Anna Zhukovskaya, sopranos

Maggie Greene, Dee Kittany, Boreta Singleton, mezzo-sopranos

Cara Caponi, Genevieve Flagello, Ann Harris-Jacobs, altos

John Uehlein, pianist and director

Closing Remarks

John Uehlein, Director of Music Ministries

Alleluia! Give the Glory

*By Bob Hurd and Ken Canedo
Ladd Boris and Maria Brinkmann, soloists
John Uehlein, piano
The St. Francis Xavier Choir*

music for the Acknowledgements

Amen from "Lilies of the Field"

*traditional Gospel Song
John Uehlein, soloist
The St. Francis Xavier Choir*

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Bell Choir of the Church of St. Francis Xavier

Orlando Adiao, Roseann Bonadia, Frank Cappucci, Mike Douris, Brian Hotaling, Glenn O'Brien, Colleen O'Neill, Joanne O'Neill, Adel O'Regan, Cat Rode, Paul Sarro

Soloists

Maggie Greene "Nada Te Turbe" and "Shelter Your Name"

Lynda Stewart Kennedy "Favor and Bless Us Lord"

Mike Douris "The Least of These"

Maria Brinkmann "Alleluia! Give the Glory"

Ladd Boris "Alleluia! Give the Glory"

John Uehlein "Amen"

Virtual Choir of the Church of St. Francis Xavier

Altos:

Maria Brinkmann, Cara Caponi, Genevieve Flagello, Kathleen Hannan, Ann Harris-Jacobs, Dee Kittany, Martha Mendez, Jacqueline C. Perez, Boreta Singleton, Lynda Stewart Kennedy, Caitlin Wright

Basses:

Alan Ahles, Sidney Boquiren, Bob Choiniere, Mike Douris, Barry Gilman, Jim Hurley, John Uehlein

Sopranos:

Marianne Clinton, Pierina Davidson, Kathryn Fisher, Julie Flynn, Maggie Greene, Susan Guercio, Elizabeth Hodur, Marti Holmes, Cristelle Sens-Castet, Kim Thompson, Traci Tournoux, Anna Zhukovskaya

Tenors:

Ladd Boris, Joel Dabu, Kevin Tuerff, Dugan McGinley, Mark McManus, Gary Trout

Virtual Xavier Players of the Church of St. Francis Xavier

Joel Dabu, Cello and Percussion
Suzanne Saturday, Flute

Lectors (in order of appearance):

Stephanie Samoy: 1 Peter 5: 5-11, the Bible

Larry Ruth: "A New Psalm of Emptiness and Hope" by Vinita Hampton Wright

Nancy Lorence: "Daily Meditation from September 11, 2020" by Richard Rohr

Carlos Martín: Excerpt from "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson

Christina Amendolia: "Pandemic" by Rev. Dr. Lynn Ungar

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Mission Statement

The church of St. Francis Xavier, a Roman Catholic parish in the Jesuit tradition, strives to be a prophetic, welcoming community, and an inclusive witness to the presence of Christ Jesus in our midst. Mindful of our utter reliance on God, and need for God's grace, we rejoice together in our celebration of the sacraments and proclamation of the Gospel.

As a people of hope, we commit ourselves through prayerful and creative discernment to respond to God in our time by:

Being a respectful community

Where seekers and their questions are welcomed,

Where injustice is challenged,

Where the poor, the alienated and the marginalized find a home,

And where people are refreshed, reconciled and renewed.