ARTS () HOLY TRINITY

Procession of Advent Lessons & Carols

12.2.2022 7:30 P.M.

Savior of the Nations, Come: An Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival by Michael Burkhardt with readings from scripture and the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Hymn: Lost in the Night

Finnish Song LOST IN THE NIGHT Tr. Olav Lee, b. 1859, alt. a Finnish folk tune Choir: 1. Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish Choir: 2. Must we vain - ly be a - wait - ing the mor - row? Choir: 3. Sor - row - ing wan - d'rers, in dark - ness vet dwell - ing, All: 4. Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing: Long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness van - quish, to Shall those who have light no light let bor - row. us Dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling, Riv ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing, Plain - tive - ly heav - ing full sigh of a an guish. Giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor row? Death's dread - ed dark - ness for ev - er dis - pel ling. Bring - ing all peo - ples Sav - ior re - deem a ing. Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon? Will help vou us soon? Will help vou soon? us Christ is com ing soon! Christ is com - ing soon! Come and Come and save us soon! save us soon!

Handbell Anthem: Night of Stars

J. S. Bach

Organ Voluntary: Andante from Pastorale in F-Dur, BWV 590

A Litany for Advent

O Lord Jesus, you are WISDOM: **Savior of the nations, come.** Come, and teach us.

O Lord Jesus, you are RULER: **Savior of the nations, come.** Guide us with your mighty arm.

O Lord Jesus, you are the BRANCH OF JESSE: **Savior of the nations, come.** Renew our faith in your promises.

O Lord Jesus, you are the KEY OF HEAVEN: Savior of the nations, come. Open our hearts to receive you.

O Lord Jesus, you are the DAYSPRING: **Savior of the nations, come.** Shine into the darkness of our lives.

O Lord Jesus, you are the KING: **Savior of the nations, come.** Make us one family in your name.

O Lord Jesus, you are EMMANUEL: **Savior of the nations, come.** Be with us now and evermore. Amen.

Processional Hymn: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

All stand.



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Be seated.

Hymn: My Soul Gives Glory to My God

At stanza 4, women sing first; men begin the stanza when women reach #2.



Reading: Celebrating Advent

Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come



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Reading: One Single Name

Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

All stand at the conclusion of the introduction.

MENDELSSOHN Charles Wesley, 1707-88, alt. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-47 her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry All: 1. Hark! The to the Christ, the ev high - est heav'n a - dored; Choir: 2. Christ, by er -3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of All: and mer - cy mild, new - born King; Peace on earth be - hold him come, last - ing Lord! Late in time life all he brings, Righ - teous - ness! Light and to ye God rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all and sin - ners vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Off - spring of a Mild he lays his Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. the skies; With th' anna - tions, rise; Join the tri-umph of Pleased in God-head see; Hail th' in-car-nate De - i - ty, Born that we no more may die, Born to glo - ry by, gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!" to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.flesh with us sec - ond birth. from the earth, Born to give us raise us the new-born King!" Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo-ry to "Glo-ry the new-born King!" Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, to Hark! The her-ald an - gels sing, "Glo-ry the new-born King!" to

Be seated.

Reading: The Turning Around of All Things



Hymn: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming







Hymn: He Comes to Us as One Unknown



Reading: God is a God of Bearing

Anthem: Rejoice! Rejoice! The Savior Comes

Rejoice, rejoice, the Savior comes, the Savior promised long; let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song. He comes the prisoners to release, in evil bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield. He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of God's grace to bless the humble poor. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heaven's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

Hymn: The King of Glory

All stand at the conclusion of the introduction.

KING OF GLORY Willard Jabusch an Israeli folk melody Refrain All: The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es. lift O - pen the gates be - fore him, your voic - es. up Cantor: 1. Who King of how shall call him? is the glo - ry; we Gal - i - lee, cit - y 2. In all vil - lage, Men: of in or broth - er; Da-vid's Son, our Trebles: 3. Sing then of Sav - ior and 4. He his life for the pledge of sal - va - tion. All: gave us. con - quered sin ris - en. All: 5. He and death; he tru - lv has a - ges. Trebles: He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of He goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness. all Gal - i - lee nev - er an oth - er. In of was him - self sins of the na - tion. He took up - on the And he vi - sion. will share with us his heav - en - ly

Be seated.

Reading: Prince of Peace

Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Now My People





Hymn: Joy to the World

All stand at the conclusion of the introduction.





All are welcome to a festive reception in the Fellowship Hall (on the lower level).

Our thanks to all who contributed to this time of fellowship and refreshment.

Handbell Choir

Frederica Cohen, Brad Crock, Amy Indorf, Jennifer Keller, Hannah Miller, Hayley Phillips, Sonya Nagle, Cathy Snelson, John Stefanik, Jacquie Wert, Rich Williams

Vocal Choir

Sopranos: Connie Archbold, Emily Hall, Hannah Miller, Renee Ruchotzke, Dottie Wise, Deb Zudell-Dickey Altos: Jennie Adams, Frederica Cohen, Dana Eckert, Diann Jenkins, Marissa Pezzuolo, Hayley Phillips Tenors: Rick Slevira, Marshall Thomas, Dick Willett Basses: Tom Baumgardner, Will Bowers, Brad Crock, John Guran, Howie Hall, Randy Ruchotzke

Readers Katie and Amanda Archbold, Harriet Moxon, Gregg Loesch, Nan Riemenschneider, Bob Keener, Greg Mitchhart, The Rev. James Eckert, The Rev. Lor Breyley, The Rev. Becki Verbridge

Brass Ensemble Frederica Cohen, Kathleen Duncan, Tim Riley, Nicole Scafidi, Tim Shaffer

> Orff Instrumentalists Harriet, Joe and Joy Moxon

> > Percussionist Joe Moxon

<u>Organist</u> Deacon Linda Kempke

Choir Director Deacon Ruth Anderson

> Reception Pianist Guytano Parks

BIOGRAPHY

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945

The life and work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer is both intriguing and inspiring to people of all denominational backgrounds. Even though he only lived 39 years, his writings, sermons, and life of faith in witness to Christ Jesus has had a monumental impact on the Church at large.

Born in Berlin in 1906, Bonhoeffer grew up a prodigy and, at the early age of 14, declared to his relatively nonreligious family his desire to study theology and to serve as a pastor. By the age of 21, he had received his doctorate in theology from Tübingen University in Berlin. His doctoral dissertation centered on the idea of what it means to be a "communion of saints," and that communities of believers should be at the heart of the faith journey. He later studied for a year at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he experienced first-hand both the spirituality of African-Americans and their fight for civil rights, furthering his ideas of a faith community.

In 1931 he returned to Berlin to teach, and watched several colleagues and Christians succumb to the nationalist ideas of the Third Reich. He served as pastor, teacher, and theologian during one of the most difficult times in history for church leaders. In 1933 he helped form the "Confessing Church," breaking away from the Evangelical Church after it had added the "Aryan Clause" to its confession. In response to Hitler being named "Führer," the Confessing Church announced that it believed that there could be only one "Führer", or leader for the Church, and that leader was Christ. Bonhoeffer helped establish an underground seminary after sympathizing pastors were expelled from the state church's seminaries. Two of Bonhoeffer's best-known books, *The Cast of Discipleship* and *Life Together* were written during this time of religious persecution.

In 1939 Bonhoeffer returned to New York and Union Theological Seminary in order to escape the trouble in Germany and to avoid being drafted into military service. After a month of intense spiritual turmoil regarding his decision to leave the dangers of his native land, his overwhelming concern for the people left behind won out. Accepting what he knew to be God's will, Bonhoeffer returned to Germany just before war broke out.

Because of his many international contacts, Bonhoeffer helped pass information to aid the resistance movement and to aid several Jews in escaping the country. In time, he concluded that Hitler needed to be removed and became involved in a plot to assassinate him. The plan was discovered, and he was arrested in April of 1943.

Bonhoeffer spent the last two years of his life in prison. Two books of letters, written to a friend and to his fiancé, have been published as *Letters and Papers from Prison* and *Love Letters from Cell 92*. One of the letters written to his parents during his first Christmas as a prisoner described how much more meaningful this season had become for him, the surroundings of the very first Christmas being fairly similar to his own. His letter related that when a prisoner to sin believes and knows that Christ came to suffer and die for him, he has been made part of the community of faith that breaks down all barriers, and prison walls become meaningless.

In the spring of 1945, Bonhoeffer was removed from prison and was taken to Flossenburg, an extermination camp. With only three weeks remaining before American forces were to liberate Flossenburg, Bonhoeffer was executed. The tree from which he was hanged still stands and bears a plaque that reads: *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a witness to Jesus Christ among his brethren.*

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In 1914, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church built its present building on North Prospect Street. The organ was a gift of the Seiberling family in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Seiberling, charter members of this congregation. It was built by the M.P. Moeller Organ Company of Hagerstown, Maryland, and dedicated December 13, 1914. The instrument was composed of 44 ranks of pipes and was considered one of the finest organs of its day. It incorporated all the latest advances in its construction, and its tonal palette was very much in line with the tonal qualities popular at the time.

In the mid-1950s, it became apparent that the instrument was in need of replacement or major rebuilding. The congregation engaged Dr. William Barnes, probably the most famous organ architect of his day. On his recommendation, the organ was redesigned and rebuilt by the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas, incorporating some of the principles of the movement that was taking shape at the time to return to more classical organ building. The tonal design of the organ was restructured and the rebuilt organ specification now included 47 ranks of pipes.

Between 1970 and 1973, eight ranks of pipes and a new three-manual console were installed by the Schantz Organ Company of Orville, Ohio. The pipework continued to move in the direction of a more classical sound. By the early 1980s, it again became apparent that the organ was in need of evaluation, due in large part to problems with the heating system and some water damage. A task force was formed to study and evaluate the problems and make a recommendation. They engaged Thomas E. Gieschen of Concordia College, River Forest, Illinois, as a consultant. In his report, Dr. Gieschen recommended that the organ be rebuilt rather than be replaced, primarily because of the expense of the pipework. The Berghaus Organ Company of Bellwood, Illinois, was awarded the contract. Dr. Gieschen and Leonard Berghaus worked to ensure that the instrument would be designed in as classic a manner as possible.

While in fact the organ was rebuilt, from a technical point of view, it could be considered a new instrument. The major work on the organ included gutting the chambers, removing the screen of dummy pipes, rebuilding and rescaling most of the retained pipes, installing new slider chests, and completely revoicing the instrument. The Choir division was changed to a Positiv. Twenty-nine ranks of new pipework were added.

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