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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# GOSPEL MASS

by Robert Ray

Sunday, February 25, 2024  
3:00 pm

**East Liberty Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir**

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director

Gerald Savage, Piano  
James Johnson, Drums  
Lorenze Jefferson, Bass



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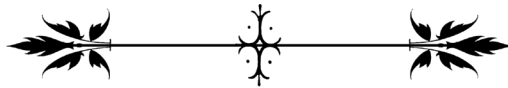


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# Program

*Please silence all electronic devices during this afternoon's performance.*

- Festal March** Florence Price (1887-1953)  
Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
- Sacred Fire** Sarah Class (b. 1979)  
Grahame Davies (b. 1964)  
Gail Novak Mosites, *soloist*
- You Can Tell the World** Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)  
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *soloist*
- Ecstasy** Amy Marcy Chaney Beach (1867-1944)  
Robin Thompson, *soloist*
- What Business You Got with Me** Libretto by Tameka Cage Conley (b. 1977)  
(from *A Gathering of Sons*) Music by Dwayne Fulton  
Adrianna Cleveland, *soloist*
- Shy One** Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979)  
W.B. Yeats (1865-1939)  
Tessa Morris, *soloist*
- He's Got the Whole World in His Hand** Margaret Bonds



## **Gospel Mass**

Robert Ray (1946-2022)

I. *Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)*

Judd Poeske and Robin Thompson, *soloists*

In the name of the Creator, in the name of the Son,  
In the name of the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Three in One.

Oh Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Oh Lord, have mercy.

Oh Lord, have mercy on me (Lord). Send us a Savior, set my soul free (Lord).

Give us Your word and teach us to pray (Lord). I want to praise and serve you always.

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob look down, have mercy upon us.

Oh Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison. Oh Christ, have mercy.  
Oh Christ, have mercy on me (Christ). Send us Your comfort, grant us Your peace (Christ).  
You are the way, the truth, and the light (Christ). I love you more each day and each night.  
Jesus, the Rock of salvation, the Light of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Oh Lord, have mercy. Kyrie eleison. Oh Christ, have mercy. Christe eleison. Oh Lord, have mercy.

II. *Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest)*

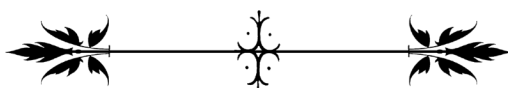
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *soloist*

Glory to God in the highest; peace to all those of good will.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee.  
We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee.  
Lord God, Hope of heaven, Holy, Almighty One.  
Glory be to Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, the blessed only Son.  
Glory to God in the highest; peace to all those of good will.  
Thou who takes away all the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Thou who takes away all the sins of the world, receive our prayers.  
Thou who sits at the right hand of God the Holy Almighty in heaven, have mercy on us.  
For only Thou art holy, only Thou art the Lord. Only Thou art holy, only Thou art most high.  
Only Thou art holy, only Thou art the Lord. Only Thou art holy, only Thou art most high.  
We come to praise Your name today, we want to serve You in every way.  
Let the loud hosannas ring, shouting the praises to God our King.  
In the name of the One God; in the name of the Son;  
In the name of the Holy Ghost; the Blessed Three in One, the Blessed Three in One. Amen!

III. *Credo (I Believe in God)*

Adrianna Cleveland, *soloist*

I believe.  
I believe in God, Creator Almighty.  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
Who was conceived, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost.  
Born of the Virgin Mary, (Lord) suffered under Pontius Pilate.  
Crucified, died, and was buried, He descended into hell.  
On the third day, He arose.  
He ascended to heaven, from death He was set free.  
Now He sits at the right hand, and He's waiting for you and me.  
He will judge all the world. He will judge you and me.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit and the Holy catholic church.  
I believe, Lord, in one baptism for the remission of sin and rebirth.  
I believe in the resurrection and the communion of saints in this world.  
I believe when my life is over, I'm going home just to live with my God.  
I believe...I believe in God and in the Holy Ghost.  
I believe, I believe in God!



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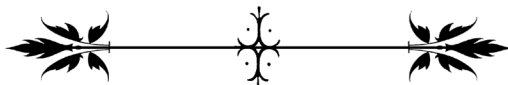
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## Adoration

Florence Price

Edward Alan Moore, *organist*



### IV. *Acclamation (Hallelujah, Praise the Lord)*

Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Let us praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Let us praise the Lord.  
Praise God with stringed instruments. Praise God with dance.  
Praise God on the psaltery and harp. Everything that hath breath ought to praise the Lord.  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Hallelujah, praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Let us praise the Lord.

### V. *Sanctus (Holy Lord God of Hosts)*

Todd Farwell, Tessa Morris, Logan Williams, *soloists*

Holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Hosanna be to Thee, in the highest, who gave me victory.  
There was a man sitting by the roadside. He was blind; he could not see.  
Then the Master of the earth and skies touched his eyes,  
And he looked around saying, Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Hosanna be to Thee, in the highest, who gave me victory.  
Another man lay by a poolside, thirty-eight years with his infirmity.  
Then the Lord troubled the water.  
The man rose and he jumped for joy saying, Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Hosanna be to Thee, in the highest, who gave me victory.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We will always sing, always sing Thy praise, sing Thy praise.  
Hosanna in the highest. Sing hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Like the blind man and the lame man, I was lost, living in sin.  
Then I opened up my heart one day. I let the Savior in.  
Now I shout, saying, Holy, holy Lord God of hosts.  
Hosanna be to Thee, in the highest, who gave me victory. Holy, holy Lord Jesus...Holy!

### VI. *Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)*

Adrianna Cleveland, Tessa Morris, Judd Poeske,  
Denise Sheffey-Powell, Robin Thompson, Logan Williams, *soloists*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
For You came to die for me, suffered, bled, and died, died on Calvary.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.  
In Your word You showed us how; we are trying, Lord. Hear our prayer right now.  
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



# Performers



## EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR

**Dr. Edward Alan Moore**, *Organist/Music Director*

### *Sopranos*

Kathy Beach  
Adrianna Cleveland \*  
Debbie Hurrell  
Emma Johnson  
Pamela Kimmel  
Gail Novak Mosites  
Denise Sheffey-Powell \*

### *Altos*

Adelia Frye  
Cathleen Malmstrom  
Beth Minnigh  
Tessa Morris \*  
Linda Sanders  
Paulette Silver  
Robin Thompson \*  
Colleen Vermillion

### *Tenors*

Jeff Fritz  
Will McCullough  
Judd Poeske  
Matt Stufft  
Bee Wang  
Logan Williams \*

### *Basses*

Keith Beach  
Tim Chaplin  
Arleigh Dickerson  
Todd Farwell \*  
David Jennings-Smith \*  
Philip Kaufholz  
Doug McCullough  
Jon Nelson  
Andrew Wilkinson

\* *Section Leaders*

### Audio/Sound/Streaming Technicians

**Tim Benedict**  
**Wayne Gaines**



In loving memory of our dear friends who were part of our choir community when we last sang the *Gospel Mass* on February 15, 2015:

**Sonya-Marie Morley** (1975-2024)  
**Dr. Ida Arlene Joiner** (1962-2023)  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo** (1976-2018)

# Weekly Worship Schedule



## **TAIZÉ SUNG PRAYER**

**Wednesdays, 7 pm**

**Chapel**

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

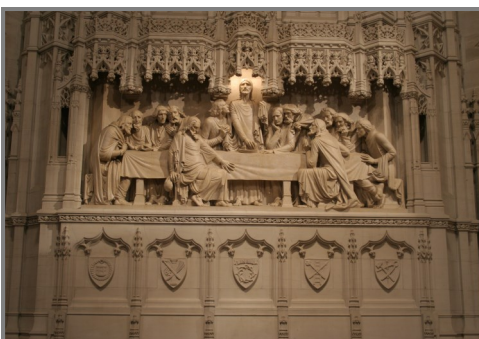


## **JOURNEY WORSHIP**

**Sundays, 8:45 am**

**Social Hall**

A gospel/contemporary service for a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ.



## **SANCTUARY WORSHIP**

**Sundays, 11 am**

**1st floor Sanctuary**

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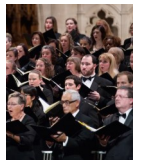
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## Upcoming Concerts

Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 3:00 PM

### **MENDELSSOHN CHOIR OF PITTSBURGH**

The Mendelssohn Choir returns for their first post-Covid *Cathedral Concert* as they welcome their new music director, Daniel Singer.



Friday, May 24, 2024 at 7:30 PM

### **THE BRASS ROOTS & ORGAN**

*Daniel Nesta Curtis, conductor* • *Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ* • *Nancy Galbraith, composer*

Premiere of a new piece for brass ensemble and organ by Pittsburgh composer Nancy Galbraith in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> season of The Brass Roots in residence at ELPC.



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# Robert Ray

(1946-2022)

Robert Ray was professor emeritus of music at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Prior to St. Louis, Dr. Ray served as an accompanist and coach at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he founded the university's Black Chorus in 1968.

Premiered in 1979 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass* has been sung by choirs around the world. Based on the text of the Catholic Mass, the work has achieved an ecumenical appeal, allowing choirs from all denominations to embrace these texts in a gospel music style.

