
♫ CHORAL NOTES ♫

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Sixteenth Notes

♫ *What a March!* It came in like a lion with Moses (**Children's Choir**) and a Mozart Missa Brevis (**Chamber Singers**)...and then it went out like a Lamb with Jesus walking that "Lonesome Valley" at the end of wonderful Palm Sunday worship with the fantastic **Festival Choir and Orchestra**. Special thanks go to Tina Carroll for preparing the **Children's Choir** for both of those beautiful services. In the middle of March the **Chancel Choir** successfully sang an *a cappella* spiritual! Thank you for all your Lenten offerings.

♫ The **Chancel Choir** welcomes **additional singers** to sing selections on Good Friday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. (practice at 6:00 p.m.), as well as on Easter Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. (arrive at 10:00 a.m., plus practice at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 1). And if the spirit moves you, join them after Easter each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. to learn music for April 25 and May 2 worship at 11:00 a.m.



- ♫ Celebrating April "**Happy Birthdays!**" are Joan Whitman (7), Todd O'Connor (19) and Don Mueller (27).
- ♫ **Exciting news** for Crossroads' worship and music ministries: Session has increased Jenee O'Connor's position to half-time to reflect her current worship contributions, simultaneously increasing Jenny Valenta's position to full-time to provide 20 hours of administrative support to Worship Ministries. Praise the Lord!

Psalm of the Month

Psalm 103 is a grand hymn of thanksgiving for God's great goodness to His beloved (NRSV):

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**BLESS
THE LORD,
O MY
SOUL**
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PSALM 103

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. ²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits— ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us. ¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him. ¹⁴For He knows how we were made; He remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; ¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. ¹⁷But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.

¹⁹The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His Kingdom rules over all. ²⁰Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, obedient to His spoken Word. ²¹Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers that do His will. ²²Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

SPRING 2010 CHOIR CALENDAR (Chancel Choir in bold; subject to change)

| <i>Sunday Services (unless noted otherwise); Chancel Choir 10:15 a.m. call time in music room for 11:00 a.m. services</i> | <i>Thursday Evening Rehearsals</i> | |
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| Click on underlined titles to access free online sound clips! | March 25 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 7:00–9:00 Festival Orch. 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir | Saturday, March 27 9:00–11:30 a.m. Festival Dress Rehearsal (Children 10:45–11:30) |
| March 28: <i>Palm/Passion Sunday</i> Children’s Choir, Festival Choir and Orchestra at identical 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services “ Hosanna to the King! ” (Medley, arr. Bruce Greer) “How Blest Are Those” (Assurance, Hymnal #184) “ Ancient of Days ” (Gary Sadler/Jamie Harvill, arr. Williamson) “ How Deep the Father’s Love for Us ” (Stuart Townend, arr. Shipp) “ Passion Suite ” (Medley, arr. Benjamin Harlan) “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” (Spiritual, Hymnal #80) | April 1: <i>Maundy Thursday</i> (7 p.m.) New!: NO Chancel Choir at service or rehearsal | April 2: Good Friday Chancel Choir (7 p.m.; rehearse 6 p.m.) “Lamb of God” (arr. F.M. Christiansen) “ When He Died upon the Tree ” (arr. Patrick M. Liebergen) “ Beneath the Cross of Jesus ” (arr. Albert Travis/Benjamin Harlan) New!: 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir rehearsal |
| April 4: Easter Sunday (choir rehearse 10 a.m.) Chancel Choir , Chancel Ringers and Brass at 11:00 a.m. service “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (arr. M. Roger Holland II) “ Praise the God of Resurrection! ” (John Parker/Mark Hayes) “ An Easter Flourish ” (Jon Paige/David Angerman) “ I Know That My Redeemer Lives ” (John Hatton/arr. Dobrinski) “ Hallelujah Chorus ” from <i>Messiah</i> (G.F. Handel) | April 8 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir | |
| April 11 No choirs scheduled | April 15 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir | |
| April 18 New!: No choirs scheduled (Chancel Choir moved to April 25) | April 22 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir | |
| April 25 New!: Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “Psalm 103” (Robert C. Clatterbuck) “ I Watched My Savior ” (Bryan Chapell/Craig Courtney) | April 29 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir | |
| May 2 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service “ Thou Art Holy ” (Reginald Heber/John Dykes/Craig Courtney) | May 6 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir | |
| May 9: <i>Mother’s Day</i> Chancel Ringers and Kingdom Kids at 11:00 a.m. service | May 13 7:30–9:00 Chancel Choir | |
| May 16 <i>Confirmation</i> at 11:00 a.m. | May 20 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir | |
| May 23 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service | May 27 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir 8:00–9:00 Chancel Choir | |
| May 30 Chancel Choir at 11:00 a.m. service | June 3 6:30–8:00 Festival Choir | Saturday, June 5 9:00–11:30 a.m. Festival Dress Rehearsal |
| June 6 Festival Choir and Orchestra at identical 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services | June 10 7:30–9:00 Chamber Singers (<i>only one rehearsal!</i>) | |
| June 13 Chamber Singers at 11:00 a.m. service | <i>Happy Summer, Singers!</i> <i>Regular rehearsals resume on September 2!</i> | |

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