



# MUSIC OF *Thanks & Praise* A HYMN FESTIVAL

Featuring guest composer Lee Afdahl,  
the Alleluia Ringers, Chancel Choir and brass quartet.

Lift your voice with us!

**4pm SUNDAY, NOV. 19**

We are a community of faith, seeking to provide nourishment for the hungry of life. We welcome all people, inclusive of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, and circumstances of life.  
Welcome to White Bear Lake United Methodist Church!

**PRELUDE** *Give Thanks for Life* by David Cherwien | Doug Nelson

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT** *Handbell Processional* | Lee Afdahl

**OPENING HYMN** *When in Our Music God is Glorified*, arr. By Cathy Moglebust | No. 68 v.1 all sing, v. 2 Choir sings v.3 & v.5 all sing

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise:  
**who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed  
us, Who still guides us on to the end of our days.**  
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
**Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
**the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.**  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
**till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"**

**ANTHEM** *Come Ye Thankful People Come*, arr. Lee Afdahl | Handbells

**READING** from Annie Dillard's *The Writing Life*

**HYMN** *Built on a Rock* arr. By Lee Afdahl | v.1 all sing, v. 2. Choir sings, v. 3 Handbells, v. 4 Organ, v. 5 all sing

**READING** *What We Need Is Here*, Wendell Berry

**ANTHEM** *O God Beyond All Praising*, arr. By Lee Afdahl | Handbells & Brass

**HYMN STORY** Lee Afdahl

**HYMN** *God We Sing Your Glorious Praises* by Lee Afdahl | v. 1-3 Choir only, v. 4 all sing (see screen for lyrics)

**READING** Psalm 96:1-9 | Reader: Roberta Schmidt

**HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress* | v. 1 Choir sings, v. 2 all sing, v. 3 Choir sings, v. 4 Organ & Handbells, v. 5 all sing

**ANTHEM** *The Music of the Spheres* by Kevin McChesney | Handbells, Brass & Timpani

**BLESSING**

May the One who creates us go with us and before us,  
May the One who saves us receive our thanks and our  
praise,  
May the One who gives wisdom guide us in the way of  
peace. **Alleluia!**

Go and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God.  
Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing.  
Go and work for justice and wholeness for all people.  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE** *"Now Thank We All Our God" March Triumphal* by Sigfrid Karg-Elert | Organ & Brass

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\*Donations received this evening, placed in the baskets by the doors, will be used to fund the children's choirs at WBLUMC.\*

# TODAY'S MUSICIANS & PRODUCTION TEAM

Guest conductor, Lee Afdahl  
Alleluia Ringers Director, Peteria Cochran Routt

Alleluia Ringers: Sarah Stotesbery, Susan Fautsch, Heather Broneak, Marcia Lantto, Cindy Hawkinson, Josie Hill, Carol Effertz, Carolyn Keith, George Hartman, Peteria Cochran Routt, Joy Ballou, Monarch Justice

Chancel Choir

Doug Nelson, organ; Daniel Fretland, trumpet; Brad Shermock, trumpet;  
Patrick Pridemore, French horn; David Stevens, trombone;  
Paul Budde, tuba; Robert Adney, timpani

Godfrey Holzbach, sound technician; Dean Gray, PowerPoint



**Lee J. Afdahl** is the Director of Music Emeritus of First Presbyterian Church of Rochester, Minnesota. A graduate of Luther College, Decorah, IA, Lee is a church musician with fifty years of experience in leading active programs of choral and handbell ensembles in Michigan and Minnesota.

Lee Afdahl is frequently a conductor and clinician for handbell conferences, choral workshops, and church music conferences internationally. He has conducted festival conferences for the Handbell Musicians of America at the local, area, and national levels, for handbell classes of American Guild of Organists, Fellowship of United Methodists, Presbyterian Association of Musicians, and international handbell events in England, Japan, South Korea, and Australia. Mr. Afdahl has served the Handbell Musicians of America as Michigan Chair for Area 5, Chair of Area 7, and is a Past President of the national board of the organization. He represented the organization as a conductor at the International Handbell Symposia in Adelaide, Australia in 1994, Liverpool, UK in 2012 and Jeju, South Korea in 2014. Lee has taught intermediate and advanced conducting for HMA Seminars, and most recently taught conducting for certification for HMA. Lee is an active organ recitalist and published composer and arranger of handbell, instrumental, and choral music with over one hundred compositions and arrangements in print.

## Upcoming Events

### Bach 140: An Advent Cantata

On December 17, the Chancel Choir will perform one of J. S. Bach's most famous cantatas, #140 (Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme/Awake! A voice calls to us). In this cantata, the coming of the Christ child is compared to the "bridegroom for the soul." Bach wrote well over 330 of these cantatas, and this particular one was first performed in Leipzig on November 25, 1731. The Chancel Choir will be singing the work in the original German, but translations will be provided on the screens. Scientists have postulated that listening to the music of Bach makes us smarter; may it be so. Be smart; come hear this fantastic presentation of choir, soloists, strings, oboe, and organ on December 17!

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