

MESSIAH
George Frederic Handel

4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 4, 2022

Central United Methodist Church, Traverse City, Michigan

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Jeffrey Cobb, Director of Music
Chris Lane and Linda Stephan, Pastors

<u>No.</u>	<u>Page</u>	
1	3	Overture
2	7	Recitative for Tenor – Comfort ye my people (Isaiah 40:1-3)
3	10	Air for Tenor – Ev’ry valley shall be exalted (Isaiah 40:4)
4	16	Chorus – And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed (Isaiah 40:5)
5	24	Recitative for Bass – Thus saith the Lord (Haggai 2:6-7; Malachi 3:1)
6	27	Air for Bass – But who may abide the day of His coming? (Malachi 3:2)
7	36	NMC Grand Traverse Chorale – And He shall purify the sons of Levi (Malachi 3:3)
8	47	Recitative for Alto—Behold a virgin shall conceive (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23)
9	47	Air for Alto and Chorus—O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion (Isaiah 40:9) <i>(Chorus, be prepared for entrance on pg. 54, letter H.)</i>
12	66	Chorus – For unto us a Child is born (Isaiah 9:6)
13	77	OFFERTORY – Pastoral Symphony
14	79	Recitative for Soprano – There were shepherds abiding in the field (Luke 2:8-9)
15	80	Recitative for Soprano – And the angel said unto them, fear not (Luke 2:10-11)
16	81	Recitative for Soprano – And suddenly there was with the angel (Luke 2:13) <i>(Chorus, be prepared for immediate entrance on No. 17, p. 82.)</i>
17	82	Chorus – Glory to God (Luke 2:14)
18	87	Air for Soprano – Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! (Zechariah 9:9-10)
19	94	Recitative for Alto—Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened (Isaiah 35: 5,6)
20	94	Air for Alto—He shall feed his flock like a shepherd (Isaiah 40:11, Matthew 11: 28,29)
26	122	NMC Grand Traverse Chorale – All we like sheep have gone astray (Isaiah 53:6) <i>(Chorus, be prepared for immediate entrance on p. 130, at the Adagio.)</i>
	130	Chorus – And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6)
29	139	Recitative for Tenor – Thy rebuke hath broken His heart (Psalm 20-21)
30	140	Air for Tenor – Behold, and see if there be any sorrow (Lamentations 50:12)
31	141	Recitative for Tenor – He was cut off out of the land of the living (Isaiah 53:8)
32	141	Air for Tenor – But thou didst not leave His soul in hell (Psalm 16:10)
40	174	Air for Bass – Why do the nations so furiously rage (Psalm 2:1,2)
42	189	Recitative for Tenor – He that dwelleth in heaven (Psalm 2:4)
43	189	Air for Tenor – Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron (Psalm 2:9)
45	204	Air for Soprano – I know that my Redeemer liveth (Job 19:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20)
46	210	Chorus – Since by man came death (1 Corinthians 15:21-22)
47	214	Recitative for Bass – Behold, I tell you a mystery (1 Corinthians 15:51-52)
48	214	Air for Bass – The trumpet shall sound (1 Corinthians 15:52)
52	231	Air for Soprano – If God be for us (Romans 8:31, 33-34)
53	237	Chorus – Worthy is the Lamb that was slain (Revelation 5:12-13) <i>(Conclude on p. 246 one measure before F; turn to p. 193)</i>
44	193	Chorus – Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth (Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16)

Laura Osgood Brown, soprano
John Bragle, tenor

Lindsey Anderson, alto
Keith Brown, baritone

VIOLIN I

Paul Sonner
Eric Lawson
Tina Qu
Carolyn Collins

VIOLA

Renee Skerik
Michael Ouzounian
J Berry
Ann Schoelles

OBOE

Lynn Hansen
Michael Beery

BASSOON

Lauren Murphy

VIOLIN II

Kaylee Erlewein
David Reimer
Kim Teachout
Mary Miller

CELLO

Elizabeth Bert
Cris Campbell

TRUMPET

Kenneth Larson
Josh Wagner

DOUBLE BASS

Gary Gatzke

TIMPANI

Bob Sagan

Jeffrey Cobb, conductor

Thomas Bara, organ

Special Guest Performance by the NMC Grand Traverse Chorale and Chamber Singers

MESSIAH PERFORMANCE DEDICATIONS

This year’s performance is dedicated to the people of Ukraine and other war-torn regions in the world, whose citizens are in search of safety, freedom and peace.

2021	In honor of Margaret Knapp’s 97th birthday	2006	In memory of Mary Jewell
2019	Dave Parrish in recognition of his many years of service to the Traverse City music community	2005	In memory of Dr. Robert Conn
2018	Byron Hanson in recognition of his many years of serving the music department at Central Church.	2004	In memory of Dr. James Mudgett
2017	In honor of all the peacemakers who unify us through their acts of compassion and stand up for harmony in the face of divisiveness.	2003	To the glory of God and in honor of all who have helped make 25 years of Messiah Sing possible
2016	In honor of the power of music to unify in times of diversity	2002	In honor of Laurence Smith
2015	In honor of the refugees of the world	2001	To all who exalt His name in the quest for world peace
2010	In honor of the Churches who offer Safe Harbor to the homeless	2000	In honor of Byron Hanson
2009	In honor of the Musicians in our Chamber Orchestra	1999	In honor of Robert H. Murphy, and Dean and Janet Bailey
2008	In honor of the 150th Anniversary of Central United Methodist Church	1998	In honor of Ann Biederman
2007	In honor of John Ellinger	1997	To the Glory of God and to all those who are Heroes for Peace on Earth!
		1996	In memory of the Reverend Donald J. Scranton, Pastor Emeritus
		1995	In honor of Arch Beasley

Mark Your Calendar!

Future MESSIAH SING DATES: December 3, 2023; December 8, 2024; December 7, 2025.

SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday December 11 9:00am and 11:00am
featuring: the CUMC WELL music team, Chancel Choir, and Handbells.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES, Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Traditional Candlelight Services of Lessons and Carols
9:00 p.m. Outdoor Carols and Candlelight

**We sincerely appreciate the Sponsors, Patrons, Benefactors, and Underwriters
of today's Messiah performance**

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Special

thanks to the Traverse Symphony Orchestra
for the generous loan of their timpani.

**Please return all borrowed scores upon the conclusion of today's performance to the
Cass Street Foyer. You are also cordially invited to greet our conductor and soloists as
you leave through the Gathering Place.**

**While our afternoon concert is free to all, an offering will be taken to assist with
production expenses.** Our sincere appreciation to the numerous people who continue
to give us so many hours to make possible this, our forty-fourth annual MESSIAH SING.

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