



*Sanctuary
Singers*
Building Community
One Note at a Time

First Unitarian Universalist Church, Omaha, Nebraska
Sanctuary Singers Annual Concert
May 19, 2024

Conductor's Notes –

Greetings and heartfelt gratitude for joining us at our annual choir concert, celebrating the culmination of a year filled with beautiful choral music at First Unitarian Universalist Church. We're thrilled to gather together to mark the conclusion of our season. Our repertoire is a diverse blend of melodies inspired by the timeless verses of poets like Walt Whitman, Langston Hughes, William Wordsworth and more. Through our performance, we aim to illuminate the profound beauty of nature and the boundless potential inherent in dreams and imagination—a vision cherished by all.

This Jubilant Song

Music by Douglas Wagner

Words adapted from "A Song of Joys" by Walt Whitman

We sing, we sing this jubilant song,
We sing with voices clear and strong.
That dart as lightening,
The joys of our spirits are set free!

We sing of leaves and trees,
Of rivers rushing to the sea.
We sing of rain on green hill sides,
Of flying clouds through endless skies.

We sing, we sing this jubilant song.
We sing with voices clear and strong

We sail forth on waves of song,
From tall ships bound for ports
Along the vast expanse of time employs.
We sail on, full of joy!

In Time of Silver Rain

Music by Audrey Snyder

Words by Langston Hughes

In time of silver rain
The earth
Puts forth new life again,
Green grasses grow
And flowers lift their heads,
And over all the plain
The wonder spreads
 Of Life,
 Of Life,
 Of life!

In time of silver rain
The butterflies
Lift silken wings
To catch a rainbow cry,
And trees put forth'
New leaves to sing
In joy beneath the sky
As down the roadway
Passing boys and girls
Go singing, too,
In time of silver rain
 When spring
 And life
Are new.



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Pure Imagination

Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, Arr. Matthew Nielsen

Come with me and you'll be
In a world of pure imagination
Reach out, touch what was once
Just in your imagination

We'll begin with a spin
Traveling in the world of my creation
What we'll see will defy
Explanation
If you want to view paradise
Simply look around and view it
Anything you want to, do it
Wanna change the world?
There's nothing to it

There is no life, I know
To compare with pure imagination
Living there, you'll be free
If you truly wish to be

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

*Music by Jasper Randall
Words by William Wordsworth Longfellow*

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:

Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

The Dream Keeper

*Music Rolio Dilworth
Words Langston Hughes*

Bring me all of your dreams,
You dreamers.
Bring me all of your
Heart melodies
That I may wrap them
In a blue cloud-cloth
Away from the too rough fingers
Of the world.



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Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air

Words and Music by Greg Gilpin

Over my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be some love somewhere.

Over my head, I hear singing in the air.
There must be some joy somewhere.

I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

Over my head, I hear music in the air.
There must be some peace somewhere.
There must be some joy somewhere.
There must be some love somewhere.

My Wish for You

Music by John Carter

Words by Mary Kay Beall

I wish you the sunshine of springtime,
I wish you a song's sweet refrain;
All the best things that life has to offer,
I wish you till we meet again.

I wish you the soft winds of summer,
I wish you the ripple of rain, I wish you the
All the best things that life has to offer,
I wish you the best things till we meet again.
Dreams that come true for you,
Skies ever blue for you,
A friend that is yours alone;
Sun that will shine for you,
All that is fine for you,
And a love of your own.

I wish you the wonder of winter,
And days that are golden as grain;
All the best things that life has to offer,
Loving and living,
Hoping and giving,
I wish you till we meet again;
I wish you till we meet again!



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2023 – 2024 Sanctuary Singers Roster

Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Kay Lynn Goldner	Connie DeFazio	Daniel de Riancho	Daryl Hansen
Beth Hoyt	Clacy Olson	Grant Langdon	Lloyd Olson
Christina Noriega	Carol Ramsey	Charlie McMahon*	Gary Randall
Peg Pidgeon	Elyse Thompson		
Marie Sedlacek	Elaine Wells		
Shari Woodbury*			

*= debut season

William A. Miller, Conductor

J Gawf, Accompanist