



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**July 5, 2020**

**MEDITATION**

“Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. Failure is delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end. Failure is something we can avoid only by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing.”  
Denis Waitley

**PRELUDE**

Prelude in G Major

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

**Jason Kissel, *organist***

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**All: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Lord, hear;  
Lord, forgive;  
Lord, do.  
Hear what we speak not;  
forgive what we speak amiss;  
do what we leave undone;  
that not according to our words, or our deeds,  
but according to your mercy and truth,  
all may work for your glory,  
and the good of your kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Maria Ware (1798)

# GATHERING HYMN 150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore His throne re - joice;  
He is our guide and friend; To us He'll con - de - scend;  
On heav-en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

Praise is His gra-cious choice; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
His love shall nev - er end; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
Sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## **CONFESSION**

If we say we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But when we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you**  
**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,**  
**help us amend what we are,**  
**and direct what we shall be,**  
**that we may delight in your will**  
**and walk in your ways**  
**to the glory of your holy name.**

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

The mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting.  
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
We are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come And Fill Our Hearts

*sung three times*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

The musical score is written for a 3/4 time signature in the key of D major. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes the lyrics: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.' The second system includes the lyrics: 'Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia! Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no. Al-le-lu-ia!' Above the second system, the chords Em, C, Em, A, and D are indicated. The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## ANTHEM

It Is Well With My Soul

Philip Bliss  
arr. Eric Nelson

*Sung by the full Sanctuary Choir of First & Franklin Presbyterian Church,  
during a service of worship in 2014, with pianist Mark Markham.*

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well with my soul;  
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trumpet shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

~Horatio Gates Spafford (1873)

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**HYMN OF RESPONSE 403**

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE ONE

1. Chway jim ma tun oo ree goo joo Uh jjee joh un chin goon jee  
 2. She hum guhk juhng mo dun kway rom Um nun sah rahm noo goon gah

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?

Kuhk juhng keun shim moo guh oon jim Oo ree joo ggeh mat ggee seh  
 Boo jil up see nahk shim mahl go Kee doh duh ryuh ah ray seh

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged: Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Joo ggeh sah juhng ah ray jahn ah Pyung wha uht jee mot ha neh  
 Ee run jin shil ha shin chin goo Uh dee dah shi iss ul ggah

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor-rows share?

Oo ree du ree uht jjee ha yuh Ah rel joo rul mo rul kka  
 Oo ree yak ham ah shi oh nee Uh jjee ah nee ah ray kka

All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev-ery weak - ness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
 Cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please use the chat forum to enter your prayers and we will share those as a part of our communal worship.*

O God, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayers.**

**PURPLE RIBBON LIST**

06/22/2020	Kylia Moore	1	Female	Unknown
06/23/2020	Arthur Allen	44	Male	Unknown
06/24/2020	Quintez Barnett	19	Male	Unknown
06/24/2020	Lionel Yancy	49	Male	Unknown
06/24/2020	Donte Smith	38	Male	Unknown
06/25/2020	Eric Jones	49	Male	Unknown
06/25/2020	Ronald Gladney	35	Male	Unknown
06/28/2020	Paul Behler	67	Male	White
06/28/2020	Eric Kirk	35	Male	Unknown
06/29/2020	Asmar Holland	32	Male	Unknown
06/29/2020	Marque Jackson	43	Male	Unknown

*Each ribbon represents a life lost to homicide in Baltimore City. We name them each week and hang a purple ribbon on the outside of Park Ave. to remind us to pray for the perpetrators of these acts of violence, and to remind us of our calling to challenge the systemic injustices of our time.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day  
 our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our debts,  
 as we forgive our debtors;  
 and lead us not  
 into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.**



This is the Lord's Table.  
Christ, our Lord, invites those who love him.  
Come to the feast which he has prepared.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer continues*

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Merciful God, we give thanks

That you have invited us to this Table.

We give thanks that you have received us

as members of the body of Christ

and have affirmed us as a community of faith.

Lead us to live as faithful and dedicated disciples

in service to all the world;

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN 413**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, All who bear its dai - ly stress,  
2. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, Wast - ed work and wast - ed play,  
3. For all days are days of judg - ment, And the Lord is wait - ing still,  
4. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y Be the cit - y of de - spair?

All who cry for peace and jus - tice, All who curse and all who bless:  
Call to mind the word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."  
Draw - ing near a world that spurns Him, Of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.  
Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment is written in treble and bass clefs.

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**FELLOWSHIP**

## Giving at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church

The ministry of the First & Franklin Church depends on your generous giving, especially in these difficult times. Click the link to give your offering: [GIVE](#). Please consider using an "automatic payment" for your church giving, or mail your offering to the church office at 210 West Madison Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Your gifts will be processed by the church office.

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Rob Hoch, Pastor**

**Jason Kissel, Minister of Music & Organist**

**Taylor Brooks, Tech Support**

**Marianne Shick, soprano, hymn leader**

**The First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir, anthem recordings**

*Pastor Rob's schedule runs from Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(not including Sunday). To meet with Rob, please set up an appointment.*

### CONGREGATION GIVING

June 1, 2020	\$ 2,920.00
June 8, 2020	\$ 5,828.00
June 15, 2020	\$ 2,547.00
June 22, 2020	\$1,755.00
June 29, 2020	\$4,075.00
June PayPal (to date)	\$2,152.36

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OFFERINGS

As we all recognize real concerns for our friends who will experience hardships through this disruption in regular routines, so too, we need to be mindful that your weekly contributions are critical to helping us maintain the financial obligations of the church. Payroll, mortgages, electricity and the rest are needs we must continue to cover, and your continued support of your pledges will be even more important while we are tele-worshipping. In addition to accepting your pledges by mail to the church office, we have recently added a PayPal link to the top of our new website which will allow us to process donations with this link: [GIVE](#). Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

### MORNING PRAYER | 7:00am

Please join us online: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Zoom Event Click: [MORNING PRAYER](#)

Facebook Live: [Facebook](#)

If you're a person of prayer but not a morning person, please visit our Facebook page where you can participate in the daily prayers of this community virtually.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING POSTPONED to JULY 12th, 2020

**The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on July 12, 2020**, immediately following worship to conduct the following business

- Receive the Budget for FY 2020-2021;
- Vote on the Terms of Call for Rev. Robert Hoch, Ph.D.;
- Vote on Nominations for Officers (Ruling Elders/Deacons);
- Vote on Nominations for the Egenton/Roberts Fund.

More instructions about how we will determine a quorum, take questions, vote, and so on in an online format will be provided as we get closer to the meeting.

### FOOD PANTRY AT FIRST & FRANKLIN

Because of your generosity, the food pantry is well stocked and we are now able to distribute bags of food weekly. The traffic is very light as word of the pantry has not traveled far, so at this point, we feel we can easily accept donations as well as distribute food every Saturday between 12:00 and 2:00 p.m. We know many in Baltimore are stressed because of food security. If you or someone you know is experiencing this, please take advantage of the pantry and share the word with others.

For the safety of volunteers and visitors, we will maintain the least amount of contact with each other and with the food items as possible. Volunteers must wear masks and gloves are available. We will also keep a log of visitors for contact tracing purposes. Only volunteers will be allowed inside Reid Chapel. Food, which has sat inside for a week, is pre-bagged and handed to the visitors outside Reid Chapel.

How can you help? We need volunteers to help collect and distribute food every Saturday. A bonus you will receive for volunteering during this crisis is a visit (from a safe distance) with others in our

church community! Sabrina Schumann is coordinating the volunteers. You may reach her by email at [ssschuma@gmail.com](mailto:ssschuma@gmail.com) or phone 240-481-6929.

We will also need donations of shelf stable foods. The following are suggested items:

Canned Meat: tuna, chicken, ham, mini-hot dogs...

Canned Vegetables: green beans, tomatoes, corn, potatoes, spaghetti sauce, beans (navy, black, kidney, pork and beans, etc.)

Dried Foods: any pasta in a box, Mac 'n cheese, beans, rice, and soups like ramen noodles

Cereals: Boxed, oatmeal, cream of wheat

Odds and Ends: Crackers, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, paper towels

Paper and plastic bags for packing

If you, or someone you know, could use some help to get by during these difficult days, please spread the word and come participate.

Thank you,

The Peacemaking Committee

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP | July 7 | 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

Join us for a satisfying talk with Paul in his Letter to the Galatians. If “satisfying talk” and “Paul” aren’t quite natural partners in your vocabulary, bring a beverage of your choosing to take the edge off, and together we’ll quaff a pint of Pauline theology!

#### **Topic: Theology on Tap**

Time: Jul 7, 2020 7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84235923038>

Meeting ID: 842 3592 3038

One tap mobile

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 842 3592 3038

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84235923038>

## **COVID19 TESTING SITE | MADISON AVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | July 9, 2020**

5 Volunteers are needed for Madison Avenue Presbyterian's COVID-19 Testing Site on July 9, 2020. If you are able to help out, please send an email to the office at [information@firstfranklin.org](mailto:information@firstfranklin.org) by July 7, 2020. Time to be announced.

## **PANDEMIC 2020 | THROUGH THE LENS OF THE PROPHETS**

**Steady. Aim. Click! Everyone is invited to participate!**

Back in 2016, we invited you to sharpen your “lens” of signs of God. Now in 2020, as we pass the 100+ day mark and head into the second half the year, the global pandemic has many of us quarantined in our own little worlds without too much human interaction except by Zoom or phone. Even in our isolation we believe that there are signs of God all around us, and maybe even more so now that our minds are less distracted and our eyes are open. We invite you to grab your camera and see and share your interpretation of God’s presence in the world. Be surprised and open to God-sightings and God-sighs in the world around you.

Through August 15, 2020, send your photos\* via email to: [spire\\_series@verizon.net](mailto:spire_series@verizon.net)

\*Submitting a photo and text means you agree to allow us to use your photo, name and text on social media.

Please include your name, the date and location of the picture, and 2-3 short sentences you would like to share about your inspiration or how you “see” God in the picture. **ONE PICTURE PER PERSON** please.

Watch our First & Franklin Facebook page for reminders and maybe a peek at some of the photographs we have received. We will put together a slideshow to showcase all of the submissions.

## **PASTOR'S BLOG**

Please click on the link below to read the latest editions of the Pastor's Blog:

<https://www.firstfranklin.org/category/pastors-blog/>

## **DID YOU MISS A SUNDAY?**

Or did you want to re-visit a particular sermon from our congregational life?

Please visit: [Sermons](#)

## **NEED TECH HELP? OR SOME EXTRA SUPPORT AROUND ACCESSING OUR ONLINE SERVICES?**

Please call Taylor Brooks and he'll set up a time to visit with you about your tech needs. His contact information is below:

Taylor Brooks, Audio Engineer/Electronic Gizmo Wunderkind

Contact by phone or email: 336-341-2294

[asoundresource@gmail.com](mailto:asoundresource@gmail.com)

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### **Prayers from 6/28/2020**

Pray for the children and adults in detention at the border. Dear God, keep them safe from harm. [Deborah]

For Jason Kissel on his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Prayers for our brothers and sisters in Taguasco. [Betty]

For the Mt. Vernon Community. [Randy]

Prayers for Coila as she undergoes testing.

Prayers for my sons, one who is traveling and the other who is on hold from working in a restaurant. [Marla]

Prayers for Laura's Mom who was released from the hospital. [Laura & Beth]

Prayers for my friend Tommy in Memphis who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. [Scot]

Thanks for the life of Rob Hoehn, surely one who gave the cup of water when needed. [Mike]

Prayers for my son, Nick, who is seeking his way out of depression and brain trauma. [Mendy]

Prayers for my parent's neighbor, Mrs. Penn who has COVID and is in the hospital. [Onyeka]

### **Prayers from 6/21/2020**

Prayers for David Dadds as he continues with some health issues. [Paul & Frank]

Pray for those who see Jesus as a bully, see the Church as just one more unjust institution and suffer under oppression of all kinds, on this day mostly for those who are in a sexual or gender minority group. [Mike J.]

Pray for those who never had a father or had an abusive one. [Marla]

Pray for the poor People's Morale Justice Jubilee. [Susan H.]

Prayer of thanks for Sonce Reese and her work on General Assembly. [John]

Prayers for Madison Ave Presbyterian Church's efforts to bring help to their community this weekend. [Jim & Betty]

Thanks for Cherlyn Thornton for joining us today.

Happy Anniversary to Connie & David Fischel, Jan & Doug Savin, and Rob & Rebecca Hoch who are all celebrating in June.

## SESSIONAL STATEMENT ON RACISM

Dear First & Franklin Family,

In our joint Pentecost Sunday service with Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church on May 31, our congregations read together a confession written together by Rev. Rob Hoch of First & Franklin and Rev. Phyllis Felton of Madison Avenue. This confession served the purpose of reconciling the histories of our two churches--one predominantly White and one predominantly Black--but is also a recognition of the flashpoint in the history of our country through the recognition of the latest murders of unarmed Black Americans under the knee of white supremacists and law enforcement. We committed to saying their names and we confessed our sin of complacency with the system that was founded on racist principles by racist people to preserve racial inequity and White supremacy in this country.

George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. Tony McDade. Ahmaud Arbery. Sandra Bland. Freddie Gray. Eric Gardner. Tamir Rice. Trayvon Martin. Michael Brown. Philado Castile.

Amplified by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis at the hands of a police officer, our country seems to have come to another moment of reckoning--one that would be deliberately harmful to ignore. It is the staunch position of First & Franklin Presbyterian Church that Black Lives Matter. With no condition or hesitation, we affirm that ALL BLACK LIVES MATTER--Black men matter, Black women matter, Black children matter, Black LGBTQ+ individuals matter--not only because of who we say they are but, more importantly, because of who God says they are. All people in this world are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14) in the image of God Almighty (Gen. 1:27), who commands us to do justice and love mercy (Mic. 6:8). First & Franklin is committed to living out these words of God in our church community, in our city, and in the world.

In his book *How To Be An Antiracist*, Black author, activist, and educator Ibram X. Kendi quotes the Black theologian Tom Skinner, who says "Any gospel that does not...speak to the issue of enslavement, injustice, and inequality--any gospel that does not want to go where people are hungry and poverty-stricken and set them free in the name of Jesus Christ--is not the gospel." We confess and acknowledge that the position of predominantly White churches in this country has often been on the side of the oppressor. We confess and acknowledge our own church body's culpability in perpetuating and causing racial harm. We humbly and optimistically commit to doing the antiracist work necessary that will lead to reconciliation, empowerment, and the uplift of our Black siblings. We commit to using our platform to uplift and amplify Black voices, viewpoints, and leaders. Because we believe that no one is born to hate, we commit to raising our children in an environment that is racially conscious and rooted in the radical and inclusive love of Jesus Christ to ensure a bright future for the Black community.

With humility, we request prayers and guidance as we continue to look inward at our own shortcomings and focus our attention outwards to fulfill God's command to love our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

The First & Franklin Session

*Written by Sarah Lloyd, Session Elder, on behalf of the First & Franklin Session, June 13, 2020*



That's a wrap! It is bittersweet to have finished the 10th Anniversary season of The Spire Series on a virtual platform, rather than in our beautiful sanctuary for the 4th Annual Baltimore Piano Marathon. What a blessing to have secured the enthusiasm and willingness of 5 masterfully-creative local pianists along with the expertise of our sound technician, Taylor Brooks, and our fearless leader, Jason Kissel. It was certainly a successful first encounter with the virtual music scene.

We were able to stream the piano performances together into a cohesive and entertaining afternoon and present it simultaneously on three different platforms - Zoom, Facebook Live and YouTube. Taylor reports that we had over 1,000 people participate for some period of time over the 2+ hours of programming, with most staying for at least 40 minutes and well over 100 of them stayed for the entire performance.

For your convenience in case you missed the program on May 24th, we have the recording on our Spire Series Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/The-Spire-Series-154559821242358/>) as well as on our YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2QwYlynh7VYhxAYt-9cm2g>).

To purchase a "virtual ticket" or to make a general donation to the Spire Series. <https://www.firstfranklin.org/the-arts/the-spire-series/>

I encourage you to watch, comment and SHARE the links with others here and around the globe! What an easy way to promote our Series from the comfort of your own couch (no judgment here!) In addition, I offer my hope that if you or your friends were entertained for even a portion of the program, you would consider giving your financial support to The Spire Series in order to help us continue to bring music and arts to the city of Baltimore. I ask, because without hosting in person, we lost a great deal of funding that would have occurred with ticket purchases at the door. To-date, we have had only a small handful of folks contribute to the Piano Marathon with a purchase of a "virtual ticket" and we sincerely thank all of those who were able to make a contribution to the program, including those who financially support our Series with their annual Subscription. What this means is that more than 1,000 people enjoyed our concert last week, and many more after the event, but few took action to make a donation to help us pay the pianists and develop programming for upcoming seasons. These losses for the season were compounded by the cancellation of two other concerts that were to be held this spring due to the closure of the city and venues from the pandemic conditions. If you do share the links with friends, please remind them of the opportunity to make a donation as they are able.

We appreciate your support and look forward to bringing you more music during our 11th season this fall.

Beth Seeley, Spire Chair  
The Spire Series Committee  
Jason Kissel, Minister of Music & Organist