Christ, Our Song
Great Hymns of the Faith

15th Annual Seminary Community Hymn Sing
Alumni Chapel | 7:30 | Free Admission
Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Dr. Paul Plew & Dr. Scott Bersaglia
Hymn Sing Choir & Seminary Orchestra

Seminary Orchestra Roster
Dr. Scott Bersaglia, Conductor

VIOLIN I
Neal Green, Concertmaster
Catherine Banister
Helga Lumbrix
Gerald Quiggins
Michael Devereaux
Paul Buck
Susan Hooe

VIOLIN II
Sheri Quinn, Principal
Tracy Reed
Rachel Borengeasrer
Wendy Hupp
Carolyn Biggs
Rebecca-Faith Richey
Luneita Cotton
Kara Lewis
Esther Crookshank

VIOLA
Jacqueline Rosky, Principal
Denise Titus
Samuel Meade
Mircea B. Ionescu
Sharon Serrano

CELLO
Robin Chappars, Principal
Patricia Brannon
Debbi Garrett
Joseph Lumbrix

BASS
Jacquie Kuhens, Principal
Tony Lucas
Richard Bealer

HARP
Rozanna Thompson

FLUTE
Linda Lancaster

PIECOLO
Susan Buchart

OBOE
Leonard E. Sjogren
Peggy Mull

CLARINET
Tony Smith
Sharon Cates
David Bybee

BASSOON
Wayne Wellman
John Heyburn

HORN
Michele Chapman
Sandra Fralin
Dawn Rister
Colin Dorman
JoAnn Utter

TRUMPET
Chris McDonald**
Allen Gilfert

TROMBONE
Mark Kersting
Wallace Kotarski

BASS TROMBONE
Stewart Bridgman

TUBA
Marc Richardson

TIMPANI
Jenny Branson

PERCUSSION
Zada Wagaman*
Tom Smart

*Founding Member
(30 years of service)

**Orchestra Assistant

Recognition of Professor Carl L. Stam
Dr. Nathan H. Platt, Pastor of Worship and College, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Roseville, MI
Dr. David L. Gregory, Interim Dean, Camden Carroll Library, Morehead State University, KY
Welcome! Whether you have grown up singing hymns or are just now discovering them, we are glad you have come. The heritage of the Church's song is vast; no worship community can sing them all. We hope that this evening you will revisit some hymns you may have sung yesterday or years ago, and come to know and love some that you may never have sung before. May each time we sing these great hymns stamp them deeper on our hearts.

Christ is the Church's Song. She has no other. Singing in worship is not only a mandated spiritual discipline for the church (Col. 3, Eph. 5) and every believer's Christian calling, it is also a gift—God's gift to us and, by His grace, our humble gift to Him. Congregational singing is, in the words of hymn scholar Erik Routley, both our "duty and delight." The congregation—not a soloist, band, orchestra, or choir—is the true voice of the Church. God listens for each of our voices and hearts when we sing. Instrumental worship music is the artist's beautiful offering to the Lord which ornaments this song. When we sing to Christ, we also join our voices with those of believers now worshipping around the throne of God in what has been called the "communion of saints." Let us join with saints of old and with one another this night in celebrating Christ, our Song.

This is a community Hymn Sing. We are thankful for the vision of former Dean Lloyd Mims in starting this tradition fifteen years ago, and for so many in the Seminary family, in this community, and beyond who have contributed to Hymn Sings over the years. Special thanks to President R. Albert Mohler, Jr., for the establishment of the Academy of Sacred Music in 2009 to promote a rich spectrum of musical excellence at Southern Seminary. Heartfelt thanks are due the members of Seminary Orchestra—now in its 31st year—for sharing their talents and expertise to add a glorious richness to the Hymn Sing. We thank all the students, church, and community friends who have come from near and far to sing with skill in the Hymn Sing Choir. Above all, many thanks to each of you who has come to sing as part of the "great congregation" (Psalm 22:25) on this special evening.

This evening’s Hymn Sing is dedicated to Professor Carl L. Stam. Professor of Worship and Founding Director of the Institute for Christian Worship (www.sbts.edu/icw) since 2000, Carl Stam is a tireless exponent of richly biblical worship, hymn singing, choral excellence, and radical discipleship. In all his ministries—whether mentoring students, teaching in the classroom, conducting Oratorio Chorus, serving as minister of music and worship (Clifton Baptist Church), or writing, his passion for God's glory is evident and contagious. His Worship Quote of the Week (www.wqotw.org) goes to several thousand pastors, church musicians, missionaries, and friends who are interested in biblical worship and prayer. This 15th Annual Southern Community Hymn Sing is dedicated to him with our deep thanks for his example of vibrant, Christ-anchored faith, and for showing us more of the glory of God in Christ in worship and song.

Before We Sing

Dear all our friends:

Welcome to the 31st Annual Southern Community Hymn Sing on March 14, 2012. gilt: The Master’s College and Graduate School in Southland County, CA. Last year, over 2,000 people attended this event, which was dedicated to our outstanding professor, Dr. Carl L. Stam. In total, over 18,000 people have participated in the annual Hymn Sing since its inception in 1997. The Hymn Sing is not only a music event, but it is also a community event where students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends come together to celebrate the power of music and worship.

This year, we are excited to have Dr. Randy Stinson as our featured speaker. Dr. Stinson is the Dean of Church Ministries at the Southern Seminary. Prior to his current position, he served as the Director of the Chapel Orchestra and Assistant to the Associate Dean of Music and Worship Leadership in the School of Church Ministries.

We would like to extend a special thank you to the members of the Seminary Orchestra for their outstanding performance last year. The orchestra has provided a rich musical backdrop for the Hymn Sing over the years, and we are grateful for their continued support.

In addition to the Seminary Orchestra, we would also like to recognize the contributions of several other groups and individuals who have made the Hymn Sing a success. These include the Campodilone Singers, the University of Kentucky Singers, and the Kentucky State University Singers. Thank you all for your dedication and hard work.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to everyone who has supported the Hymn Sing over the years. Your continued support has been invaluable in making this event a success. We hope to see all of you again this year, and if you are unable to attend, we encourage you to listen to one of the many recordings of previous Hymn Sings available online.

Thank you for being a part of this wonderful event. We look forward to seeing you on March 14th.

Sincerely,

The Hymn Sing Committee

Dr. Esther R. Crookshank
Director, Academy of Sacred Music

Dr. Randy Stinson
Dean, School of Church Ministries
O Word of God Incarnate

1. O Word of God Incarnate, O Wis-dom from on high, 
   Re-ceived the God's gift host un-fur-led; gold,

2. The Church from Thee, ber Mas-ter, 
   In-car-nate, O E-ter-nal, Thy, 

3. It float-eth like a Sav-ior, a 
   Mas-ter, a Sav-ior, a 

4. O make Thy Church, dear Sav-ior, 
   Mas-ter, a Sav-ior, a 

We praise Thee for the cred-ture, that ra-diance that 
It is the chart and com-pass, Thy pil-grims by 

a lan-tern to our dark-ness foot-steps, pic-ture's still 
mid-clouds and to our hea-v'n drawn rocks and 

William W. How (1823-1897), alt.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Dr. Jason Allen, V.P. of Institutional Advancement

All hail the power of Jesus' name (Coronation) #314

Oli-ver Hold-en, arr. Camp Kirkland

Come, thou Fount of every blessing (Nettleton) #98

Mack Willberg

The King of love my Shepherd is (St. Columba) #69

Tradi-tional Irish, arr. Dan Forest

For the beauty of the earth (Dix) #638

Konrad Kocher, arr. Arthur Luck

We come, O Christ, to Thee (Darwall) #24

John Darwall

O worship the King (Lyons) #24

Joseph Kraus, arr. Arthur Luck

Jesus, Lover of my soul (Martyrs) #167

Simeon B. Marsh

Amazing grace (New Britain) #104

American folk tune, arr. Rebecca Chu

O Word of God Incarnate (Aurelia)

Samuel S. Wesley

A mighty fortress is our God (Ein' Feste Burg) #656

Martin Luther, arr. Rebecca Chu

Processional March on St. Nomine (For all the saints)

Ralph Vaughan Williams–Earl Rosenberg

Recognition of Professor Carl L. Stam

Drs. David L. Gregory and Nathan H. Platt

O God, our help in ages past (St. Anne) #122

William Croft, arr. John Rutter

Postlude: We're Marching to Zion (Marching to Zion)

Robert Lowry, arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Prelude: O God, our help in ages past (St. Anne)

William Croft, arr. Gordon Young

We come, O Christ, Thee to (Darwall) #24

John Darwall

Aurelia

Samuel S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Selection of Psalms and Hymns, 1864

Psalms and Hymns, William W. How (1823-1897), alt.
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth, and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth, and, O, the transport of delight with which my cup overfloweth!

And so, through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house for ever!

Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)
Hymns Ancient & Modern, 1868

Amazing Grace

Stanza 5:
The earth will soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine, but God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

John Newton (1725-1807)
Oney Hymns, 1779

Scripture Readings

I Samuel 7:3-12, 15
John 1:1-4, John 14:1-6
Psalm 46:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 90:1-5, 12, 14, 16-17

E. Margaret Clarkson (1915-2008)
We Come, O Christ, to Thee
(IVCF), 2nd. ed., 1950

We Come, O Christ, to Thee

1. We come, O Christ, to Thee, Thy true Son of God and man, paid; Thy, live King;
2. Thou art the Way to God; Thy wisdom dwells in us.
3. Thou art the Truth! All to know Thee is to love, mand.
4. Thou art the Life: to know Thee is to live, seek, rest, true
5. We worship Thee, Lord, our Savior and our King.

by whom all things consist, in whom all life began;
Thou source of every skill. External Verity!
the more abundant life that earth may never give.
Thou of our youth and strength a-dor-ing-ly we bring:
Thou so fill our hearts we live solved and we move and stand; Thy love an-swer to our life in us and in Thy love.

Wee, Lord! We live in Thee and Thy life in us and in Thy love to Thee!

E. Margaret Clarkson (1915-2008)
Hymns (IVCF), 2nd. ed., 1950

Scripture Readers

Dr. Bruce Keisling, Associate V.P. for Academic Resources and Seminary Librarian
Mrs. Marsha Omanson, Instructor, Written Communication, Boyce College & Southern Seminary
Mr. Hiram Rollo, Minister of Music and Worship, Walnut Street Baptist Church
Dr. Kevin L. Smith, Assistant Professor of Church History and Pastor, Watson Memorial Baptist Church