

Adore Him

A MUSICAL CELEBRATION
of CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 11, 2022, AT 10 A.M.
BRECKSVILLE UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST
23 Public Square
Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Adore Him

A Musical Celebration of Christmas

Words and Music by Ken Bryars

I. Overture

including:

Angels from the Realms of Glory Henry Thomas Smart

For Unto Us a Child Is Born George Frideric Handel

O Come All Ye Faithful John Francis Wade

II. Adore Him

"With our song we bring / our praises as an offering.

Let us adore Him, / Jesus Christ, the King."

III. Redeemer Medley

including:

He Will Come to Redeem Us

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Melody from a 15th century French Processional

Evelyn Seager, soprano

Redeemer Come

IV. Our Redeemer

Allison Colbert, alto; Cliff Cribbs, bass

"We don't know how all of this will happen, / yet, in our hearts, one thing is very clear:
God's promise of redeeming love is coming. / The advent of redemption is near."

V. Glory to God

Anne Melfo, soprano

"In the city of David, a Savior is born,
a Savior who is Christ, the Lord."

VI. Born to Save Us

"Born to save us, born to free us, / born to heal the brokenhearted
and give sight to the blind."

VII. We Seek (the Savior King)

"We know in our hearts He is holy. / That's who we've come to see.
The star shining bright in the eastern sky / will lead us to royalty."

VIII. Let Us Adore Him

"Shepherds came to worship Him lying there in the hay.
The wise men sought and found the King and bowed in humble praise."

IX. Praise Medley

including:

**Jesus, You're Worthy of Praise
Bow Down and Worship the Lord
Exalt Him and Give Him All the Praise**

X. Worship the Lord

Sue Maier, tenor

"All the angels of heaven are singing out His praise.
Let's join right in, in praise to Him, our hands and voice we raise."

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**A reception will follow today's service downstairs in Pilgrim Hall.
Please join us!**

Narrators

Carol Miller
David Pastor

Soprano

Anne Melfo
Evelyn Seager
Rose Kaval

Alto

Allison Colbert
Jan Renovetz
Bridget Sproul

Tenor

Sue Maier
Mary Pat Murphy
Doug Wrights
Jill Zedan

Bass

Cliff Cribbs
Jon Thompson

Instrumentalists

Betsey Wilson, flute
Becky Anderson, flute
Adrian Gonzalez, oboe
Nicole Martin, clarinet
Steve Ostrow, trumpet and violin
Craig Ramsey, drums
Bob Chandler, percussion

Program

Anne Melfo
Gayle Colbert, Pianist Assistant



We gather this morning having weathered a brutal global pandemic. Many of us fell ill, many lost loved ones. Many continue to experience isolation, fear and helplessness, as the search goes on for vaccines to protect against newly emerging variants. So you might ask, what is there to be thankful for? As for me, I am grateful for life, for family and friends, for our BUCC community, for my jobs and for this world – with all its beauty and challenges. Also, I am grateful that Jesus came down among us, to show us a better way to live. I don't always live up to his example, but who does? (Certainly not his original disciples!) Finally, I'm grateful that we're together here today, and that I can wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy New Year.

-- Dave Debick