



First Unitarian Church
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Come, Let Us Sing!



SOPRANO

Christine Astley
Debra Benschneider
Jean Gough
XueMei Jiang
Kristine Johnson
Marie Teresa Shamgochian
Nancy Smith
Heather Souare
Alesia Tringale
Georgette Vachon
Ellen O'Neall Waite
Linda Chatalian Wyatt

TENOR

Ben Beckwith
Rosamond Bennett
Brad Benschneider
Dick Kruse
Lauren Ota
Paul Ropp

Chris Tower

ALTO

Jane Beckwith
Helen Campbell
Stephanie Jacques
Marcia Leonard
Kathleen Rooney
Marjorie Ropp
Susan Stafford
J Ellen Thompson
Katherine Tower-Ludwig

BASS

Jerry Bellows
James Demetry
Gordon Gurney
Glen Hersey
Steve Knox
Alan O'Neall
David Spanagel
Scott Taylor

Kathleen Corcoran & David Blodgett
Martha & Bill Densmore
Henry & Jane Dewey
Gordon & Claire Gurney
Mr & Mrs Merrill W Higgins
Mrs Dorothy Hurlburt
Elizabeth Judd

Cathy & Peter Levine
Jack Lund
Jean McDonough
The Rev Barbara Merritt
Barry & Mahroo Morgan
Thomas Mountain
Bill & Missy Nicholson
Penelope B Rockwell
Paul and Marjorie Ropp

Rev Thomas and Susan Schade
Marie T. Shamgochian
Robin & Linc Spaulding
Anne Whipple
Mrs. Alfred Whiting
Nancy Wilson & Dick Harris
Anonymous

Production

Underwriters

Jesse & Susan Anderson
Joan Bagley
Roz Bennett
Mrs Howard Booth
Mrs. Elizabeth Burguet
Dr William & Mrs Isabel Carleton

Sacred music speaks a universal language. No matter what our religious or philosophical convictions, this music touches the heart and the soul. Under the direction of Will Sherwood, the choir at the First Unitarian Church of Worcester sings an expansive repertoire of classical, modern, spiritual and traditional favorites.

First Unitarian is a strong and vital congregation with a history that goes back to the very first years of our new nation. As one of the first churches in the country to call a heretical Unitarian minister, it was founded in 1785 by a small gathering of free thinkers, who celebrated freedom of belief and religious expression. Great music has been a part of this tradition throughout the years, touching the souls and hearts of all who hear. In 2000, a steeple and roof fire caused major damage to the sanctuary and pipe organ. The congregation and community responded fervently to rebuild "stronger and better." The Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ was completely rebuilt and, along with improved sanctuary acoustics, inspires and comforts all who hear the glorious sounds. To honor an inspiring music program and to celebrate the restoration of the church and its organ, the choir, soloists, and instrumentalists join together to bring to you this joyful noise for all children of God to enjoy.

Will Sherwood, AAGO, ChM,
Director of Music & Organist
Madeline Browning, flute
Carolyn Browning, harp
Bob Gordon, timpani
Bruce Hopkins, trumpet
Debra Benschneider, soprano
Jean Gough, soprano
Alesia Tringale, soprano
Catherine Galbreath, house manager
Marie T. Shamgochian, librarian
Bob Gordon, recording engineer
David Nase, Will Sherwood photographers

