



March 9th, 2009

SPRING CHORAL FESTIVAL

Mozart *Regina Cæli*
Beethoven *Mass in C*
Brahms *Schicksalslied*

Sunday, March 22, 2009
3:00 P.M.

featuring
Glen Ridge Choral Society and Orchestra

Thomas Mustachio
MUSIC DIRECTOR

– TICKETS –

In Advance: \$15 • \$12 Seniors • \$6 Students
At the Door: \$18 • \$15 • \$8

Reception following the concert

THIS CONCERT IS PART OF THE
GLEN RIDGE COMMUNITY CONCERTS SERIES

Regina Cæli (Queen of Heaven) is one of the four Marian antiphons; hymns to the Virgin Mary. The text involves an affirmation of the resurrection of Jesus. Legend has it that St Gregory the Great heard angels chanting the first three lines of the hymn one Easter morning in Rome, while following barefoot in a great religious procession the icon of the Virgin painted by Luke the Evangelist. He was thereupon inspired to add a fourth line to the hymn.

Mass in C by Beethoven was composed in 1807, to a commission from Prince Nikolaus Esterházy. The work is often overshadowed by his immense *Missa Solemnis*, written some fifteen years later. Many, however, consider the *Mass in C* to be the superior work.

Schicksalslied (Song of Destiny) is a short, powerful work for chorus and orchestra composed by Johannes Brahms between 1868 and 1871. The text is that of Friedrich Hölderlin's poem *Hyperions Schicksalslied*. Brahms discovered the text in an early volume of Hölderlin's verse, and immediately began sketching a setting, although it took him several years to complete it. The poem describes the bliss of the gods and the sufferings of humankind.

Each Thursday evening since January, our Chancel Choir has been dividing its rehearsal time. From 8pm to 9pm, guests join them and they become the *Glen Ridge Choral Society*. The next hour the Chancel Choir alone rehearses its music for the Sunday worship services. It is a difficult schedule to balance, but they've done an admirable job. Please show your support of our dedicated choir and our very own concert series by attending! Consider treating a friend! What a great way to introduce someone to Glen Ridge Congregational Church in a completely non-threatening way. Tickets will be on sale during coffee hour the next two Sundays.

~Tom Mustachio

The Third Sunday of Lent
March 15th, 2009

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8:15 Chapel Communion Service
10:15am Worship/Church School

The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Stinson, Preaching
The Rev. Cynthia F. Reynolds, Presiding

Sermon: *Communicating From the Heart*
Matthew 12:34

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Child Care for the very young provided.
11:30am Fellowship

Greeting you on Sunday morning will be confirmand Ian Ogilvie, his sponsor, Andy Song, and the Ogilvie family. The head usher will be Jim O'Grady, assisted by Tim Delorm, Sharon Harms, John Smalley, Tom Wright and David Ellertson. The Acolyte will be Harlan Schade. The Videographer will be Ed Harris. Counters in the Treasurer's Office, Alden Provost and Jim Watson. Pam and Art Dawson will deliver the flowers.

✠ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ✠

- ◇ *At home:* Tom Horton, Lauren Smith, Ruth Payne, Lorraine Rieder, Susan Booth, Karen Augis, Phyllis Domenic, Fred Polixa, Madeline Edgar, Scott Spoerl, Robert Martin Schaeberle, Sandra Lefkovitz, Mary Keller, Bob Runge, Jim O'Brien, Bob Kansky, Barbara Underwood, and Jack Cusick.
- ◇ *In extended care facilities:* Ed Warren (Altera Sterling House, Stuart FL), Lacle Stites, Art and Marilea Schlobohm (Green Hill), Betty Bishop (Carolina Meadows), Don Olson (Job Haines), Ron Goebel (Gates Manor).

Friends & family of our church: Ruth Mustachio, Andrea Row, Lewis Luring, Neil Connaghan, Maureen Sherman, Helen Brabham, George Boltnew, Georgianna Booth, Agnes Joy Busk, Anna Withington, Jill Reintjes, Dan Glitzer, Sue Potter, Merrill Roberts, Joan and Frank Lytle, Barbara Acosta, Claire Meeker Xenikakis, Thomas Bright, Jim O'Brien, Sr., Amanda Oliver, Jean and Barry Frere, Jim Marturano, Elizabeth Knox, Gilda Oliver, Pat and Betty Vigliotti, Paula Newman, Frank Pescatore, Mary Embree, Jeff Glock, Bill Phillips and UCC Missionaries Jon and Dawn Barnes in South Africa and Back Bay Mission in Biloxi. The men and women of the Armed Forces serving overseas in harm's way.

CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT

The Council will retreat this Saturday, planning, discussing & working for the good of our church. Please pray for them! Thanks.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

We want to help the economy, but...Please turn lights off & make sure windows are closed and doors locked.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS STARTS SUNDAY

Thinking about joining the church? The first session of the spring class meets after the 2nd service this Sunday, March 15th, and also on the 22nd, and the 29th until 12:30 to learn about church membership. The group will join on April 5th. We hope to see you in the class!

SAM DOBBS Interprets Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16

To me this passage means that God made a covenant with Abram and promised to make him the father of many nations. However, Abram had to be very faithful and believe that God would fulfill the promise. God wanted Abram to live a pure life and be completely dedicated to him. If he did not, he would not receive the covenant's benefits. God changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means 'father of many.' Eventually the promise was fulfilled and Abraham became the spiritual father of all who believe. He also changed Sari's name to Sarah which means 'princess.' The name change was another sign of God's fulfillment of the covenant. This passage shows that in our personal relationships with God we must remain faithful to realize his full grace. We must try every day to strengthen our covenant with God and have a better relationship with him.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The Lenten Workshop was a great success with almost 100 students (including the high school class helpers) participating. Projects were completed by the children for Bread for the Journey, UNICEF, Bloomfield Food Pantry, IHN and SCEEP. Booklets describing the projects are available on the Clark Street information table for anyone interested. THANK YOU TO THE MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

CHURCH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Be sure to attend class this Sunday – there will be a surprise activity for everyone!

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

We welcome your donations for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones. Send your check (payable to the GRCC Flower Fund) and this form to Midge Bourne, 134 Forest Ave., GR.

Forms must be received by **April 5th** in order for your loved one's name to appear in the Easter Bulletin.

Your
Name _____
Flowers in
memory of _____

TORN BETWEEN CHURCH AND SPORTS?

A petition has been created to be sent to all the travel leagues that Glen Ridge athletes participate in, requesting that they not schedule games on Sunday mornings. Why should our kids have to choose between fulfilling obligations to church and to team members on Sunday mornings? Sign the petition in the narthex or on the table by the Clark Street door and show them how you feel.

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195 Ridgewood Avenue
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028
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40 DAYS OF LOVE

"Bear with one another in love, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience." (Eph. 4:2) Our three groups meet to discuss *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There is still time to join a group. Call the office for more information. Sermons during Lent are about developing skills as a loving disciple of Jesus. Copies of the sermons are on the table by the Clark St. entrance. *"If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways into Christ ...So the church grows until it has built itself up, in love."* (4:15-16)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15th

- 8:15am Chapel Communion Service
- 9:00am Bible Study
- 9:15am Chancel Choir
- 10:15am Worship / Church School
- 11:30am Fellowship
- 11:30am Ministry of Children and Youth
- 11:40am New Members Class #1
- 7:00pm YPS

Monday, March 16th JDS USN

- 7:00pm Yoga
- 7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group—Oliver

Tuesday, March 17th JDS USN

- 3:00pm Confirmation
- 8:00pm AA
- 7:30pm Lenten Study Group—Stinson

Wednesday, March 18th

- 10:00am Bible Study
- 3:15pm Children's Choirs
- 4:15pm Chapel Bells
- 7:30pm Lenten Home Study Group—Watson

Thursday, March 19th

- 6:30am Morning Glories
- 3:00pm SCEEP
- 3:30pm Bethel Love Soup Kitchen
- 6:30pm Carillon Bells
- 7:00pm NJA Council
- 8:00pm Chancel Choir
- 8:00pm Men's Group

Friday, March 20th

- 9:00am Pilgrim Olympics

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