



Celebration Works
2021–2022 SEASON

HEAVEN/HEAVENS

Katherine Burk, organ

Sunday, May 15, 2022 | 2 pm

Community Spotlight

Ecumenical
Ministries
of Oregon

Refugee Rapid Response

Creating a more just, compassionate, sustainable and peaceful world.

First Presbyterian Church

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land acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Cowlitz bands of Chinook, Tualatin Calapuya, and many other Tribes who were present along the confluence of the rivers in our region, many of whom are now part of the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde. We offer our gratitude to the elders, past and present, who have stewarded this land through the generations.

program

Cortège et Litanie Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

Star Rising Erik Santos (b. 1967)

Church bells beyond the stars Cecilia McDowall (b. 1952)

*...Church bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.
-Prayer (I), George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Day Sky Hymn Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

Wie schön leucht' uns der Morgenstern Samuel Scheidt (bap. 1587-1684)

Récit de Tierce en taille Nicolas de Grigny (bap. 1672-1703)
from Messe pour orgue

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Psalm Prelude No. 2 Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
from Set 2

*"Yes, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day:
The darkness and light to Thee are both alike."
- Psalm 139:11*

Night Sky Hymn Carson Cooman

Dieu parmi nous ("God among us") Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)
from La Nativité du Seigneur

Please join us after the concert to greet the artist and enjoy refreshments, courtesy of Spella Caffè and Menucha Retreat and Conference Center. Thank you to our supporters and to our generous volunteers for providing production support.

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about the artist



A native of Lawrence, Kansas, organist/conductor/composer **Katherine Burk** (b. 1990) was recently appointed Canon for Cathedral Music-Elect at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, where she currently serves as Organ Scholar. She recently earned a doctorate in organ performance from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where she was a student of Christopher Young; she also studied choral conducting with Dominick DiOrio and Betsy Burleigh. She completed undergraduate coursework at St. Olaf College in Minnesota where she graduated summa cum laude with degrees in organ performance and vocal music education. While at St. Olaf, she studied organ with Catherine Rodland and conducting with Anton Armstrong and sang in the St. Olaf Choir. Katie is active as a choral clinician and composer, having served on the choral faculty both at the Royal School of Church Music in America (RSCMA)'s King's College Training Course in Pennsylvania and at the Presbyterian Association of Musicians Worship and Music Conference at Montreat, North Carolina. Her choral compositions, which are published by Selah, have been heard in venues around the country. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the RSCMA and on the alumni board of directors for the Indiana University organ department. Known for her energy and passion in front of the classroom, she served as an instructor of music theory at IU and is a recent recipient of IU's Wennerstrom Fellowship, an award that honors excellence in music theory pedagogy. She also was named to The Diapason's "Twenty Under Thirty" Class of 2019 in recognition of outstanding achievement in the fields of church music and organ performance. When she's not practicing or working, Katie enjoys distance running, hiking, visiting Oregon wineries, cheering for the Portland Timbers and Thorns, and cooking, all alongside her fiancé Dan.

community spotlight

The recent crises in Afghanistan and Ukraine have highlighted the urgent need for refugee resettlement. More than 76,000 Afghans have arrived in the United States since last summer, and it's anticipated that thousands of Ukrainians fleeing war will arrive in the days ahead. The refugee resettlement process is complicated—it involves cross cultural education, logistical assistance, emotional support, legal assistance and much more.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) is one of the key organizations in Oregon helping to do this work. For over 40 years, EMO has provided integrated refugee resettlement and immigration legal services, resettling more than 20,000 refugees in the Portland metro area. In response to the crisis in Afghanistan, our resettlement team has welcomed 54 Afghan emergency refugee arrivals, and our legal team has received over 400 requests to file humanitarian parole applications for vulnerable Afghans.

We have a moral responsibility to support those looking for relief from persecution, discrimination and violence. If you would like to join us in welcoming refugees to Oregon, become a volunteer or donate to EMO's Refugee Rapid Response fund.

*... I was a stranger and you took me in.
Matthew 25:35*

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