

Brecksville United Church of Christ
December 16, 2018

Christmas Seekers

By John Purifoy

- I. *We Seek the Lord* (with “Angels We Have Heard on High”)
“*We seek the Lord, the light of his face,
the hope of all nations, the dawn of truth and grace.
Low in a manger a child is now born!
Come, let us worship and praise him as we seek the Lord!*”

Narration One

- II. *Where is the Savior?*
“*Where is the Savior, the one who will show
Mercy and kindness his people to know?
What shall we bring him, our love to impart?
If we but meet him, we'll give him our heart.*”

Narration Two

- III. *Song of Mary and Joseph*
(*Evelyn Seager, soprano; Don Seager, bass*)
“*I fear not the days ahead, I know the Lord is in my soul. I
rejoice in Gabriel's word, and I am blessed by all I've heard.
My soul shall magnify the lord...My soul shall magnify the
Lord!*”

Narration Three

- IV. *Arise, Good Shepherds!*
 *“Arise, good Shepherds to hear angels sing.
 Go forth this wonderful night.
 Go seek the promised Messiah and King
 Who brings us God’s love and light!”*

Narration Four

- V. *Christmas Seekers*
 *“I am a seeker, show me the light,
 Give me strength when the journey is long.
 With your word to guide and your love inside,
 My will and my faith will be strong.”*

Narration Five

- VI. *For Unto Us a Child is Born*
 *“Of his kingdom there shall be no end.
 He shall uphold the throne of David.
 And he shall rule with justice and righteousness
 From this time forth and forevermore.”*

Narration Six

- VII. *The Joy of Christmas*
 (i with ‘Good Christians, All Rejoice,’ ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing,’
 ‘Angels From the Realms of Glory,’ and ‘Silent Night’)
 *“Hark! The herald angels sing,
 ‘Glory to the newborn King.
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!”*

Narration Seven

- VIII. *We Seek the Lord* (reprise with “Joy to the World”)

Please join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall following the service for refreshments and fellowship!

Participants

Choir Director, pianist, arranger - Dave Debick

Soprano

Diane Gressley
Anne Melfo
Kathy Smith
Evelyn Seager
Lenore Harris

Alto

Bettina Ortiz
Jan Renovetz
Bridget Sproul

Instrumentalists

Becky Anderson, flute
Erin Tomlinson, flute
Carrie Coyer-Westerberg, trumpet
Steve Ostrow, trombone and violin
Bob Chandler, percussion
Benjamin Rehling, percussion
Pastor Dave Shackle, trumpet

Tenor

Matt Wolbert
Sue Maier
Jill Zedan
Doug Wrights

Bass

Cliff Cribbs
Jon Thompson
Don Seager

Narrators

Dan & Kathleen Stewart

Program Jeannette Kroeger

Many thanks to everyone who assisted in any way with the presentation of this year's Christmas cantata. May the love, hope, joy, and peace of Jesus Christ be born anew in our hearts this holiday season and throughout the coming New Year!

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