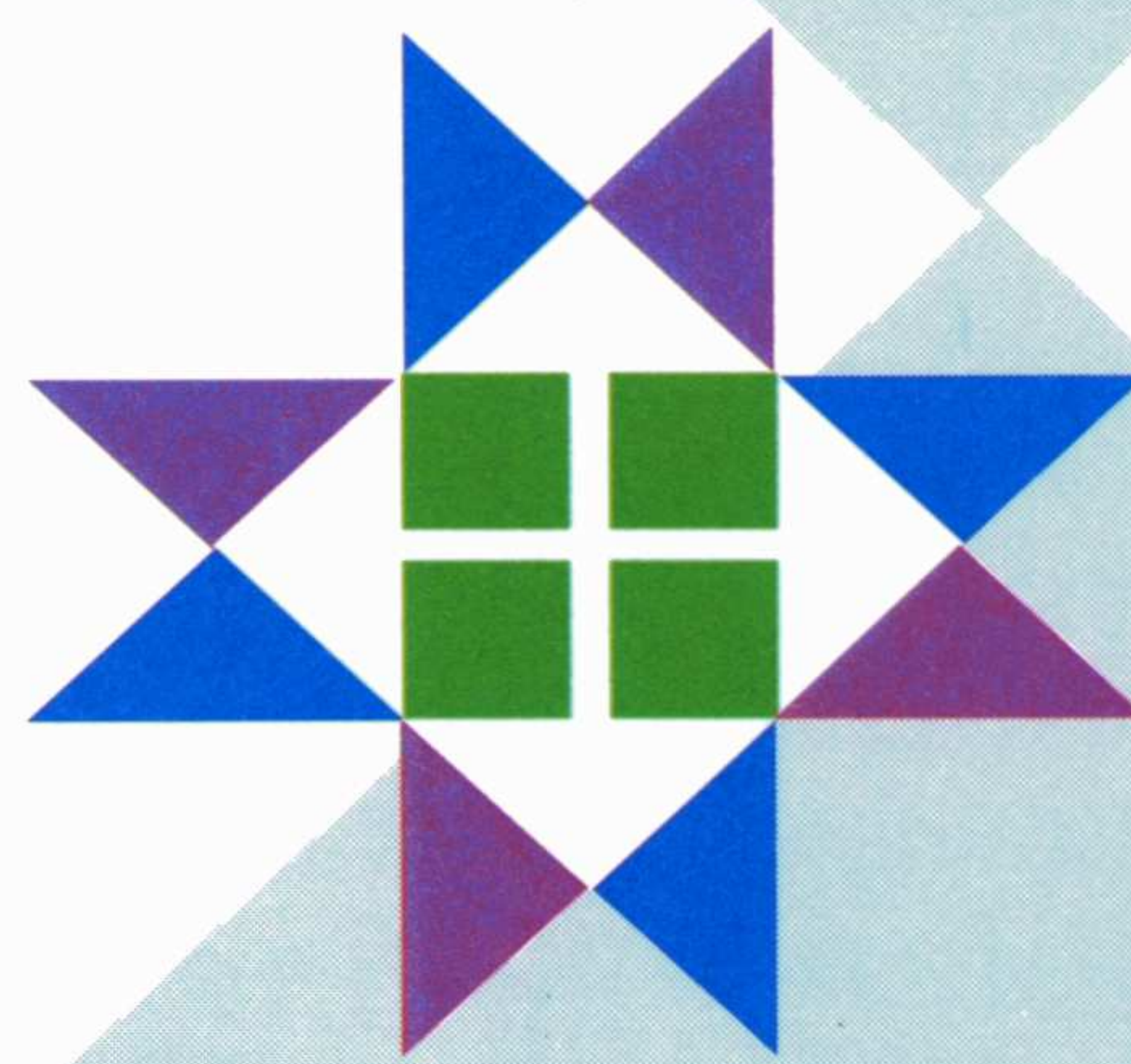


# *Founders Day*

*Service of Thanks*



*October 26, 2003*



<sup>1803</sup>  
**WORTHINGTON**  
<sup>2003</sup>  
"Building the Future with Pioneering Spirit"



# Worthington ~ 2003 and beyond



**W**e come together at the end of Worthington's bicentennial year, a year of great celebration. We have heard stories of the founding of this city by people who set out into the wilderness with a plan and a vision for a village where religion, education and a prosperous business community would be central. In song, dance, drama, games, parade and lecture, we have learned and rejoiced over the traditions that are Worthington's heritage. Again, we gather to give thanks for the spirit of Worthington.

Those early settlers would not recognize their city today. Forests and farmland have become residential neighborhoods, soccer fields, parking lots, schools and schoolyards, highways with all manner of machines on them, large business complexes, and many places of worship. The area bounded by North, South, Morning, and Evening Streets, which once marked the outskirts of the village, we now call 'Old Worthington,' the heart of the larger City of Worthington. Our school system has spread even farther, reaching out to include neighborhoods in surrounding communities. Today, the people of Worthington are a diverse group from many cultures, some unknown to the people of 1803.

With change have come both challenges and opportunities. Economic depressions and differing opinions about local issues have tested the city and will continue to do so. Historically, Worthington's people have taken issues seriously and solved many problems with creativity. We have the opportunity to grow in heart and spirit as we welcome newcomers and fresh points of view.

Worthington's faith community has grown from the start. St. John's Episcopal Church in Worthington and Parts Adjacent was joined almost immediately by Methodists and Presbyterians and now includes numerous Christian denominations and congregations of other faiths, including Jewish and Sikh. Worthington is home to people of many other religions, some of whom have joined us in worship today.

What will Worthington be like in years to come? Will the people of the future value education as we do? Will they work hard at keeping this a vibrant community? Will they value their faith as we do?

The people who came here to establish a community were rich in expectation. Their pioneering spirit carried them through the journey and through the early travails and triumphs of establishing their dream. As we enter our third century, we give thanks for that spirit and for God's blessings on our city. In Worthington's tradition of intentional community building, we welcome you to our interfaith service of celebration and thanksgiving for what Worthington was conceived to be and continues to become.



# Founders Day Service of Thanks

Worthington Kilbourne High School



## GATHERING ON THE LAWN

**Salvation Army Band and  
Morning Star Drum Group**

## ADHAN ~ CALL TO PRAYER

**Marwan Mohammad**, *Muslim community*

## PRELUDE

*One Plus One*

Jack Widner and Jo Ellen Stearns, 1996  
Sutter Park Elementary School Peace Chorus  
Brenda Leary, director  
Jo Ellen Stearns, soloist

## PROCESSION FROM WKHS GREEN

*Highway to Heaven*

Sunny Adams, pianist

## WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

**Zach Peterson, WKHS**, *All Saints Lutheran Church*  
**Jodi Warner, WKHS**, *Worthington Presbyterian Church*

## \*LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising Sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

## \*A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

**The Rev. Astrid Storm**,  
*St. John's Episcopal Church*

Leader: God of our mothers and fathers, accept our thanks and praise for blessings more than we can count, for leading us to this day in the place we know as Worthington.

**People: God of our sons and daughters, only with your guidance will we shape a vision for the future that will bring good to our city.**

Leader: God of our sisters and brothers, only in your love will we make our city a contributing partner for the good of the whole Columbus community.

**People: God of us all, you have given us a joyful bicentennial year that has revisited the past, celebrated the present, and set in motion a vision for the future.**



Leader: For the growth of a pioneer village with one Episcopal congregation into a city welcoming the many faiths and cultures that have streamed here since,

**People: We give you thanks.**

Leader: For the harmony of this celebration and the many diverse possibilities that lie ahead of us,

**People: We give you thanks.**

**All: Amen**

## **ANTHEM**

*Worthington Trilogy*

Deborah Govenor, 2002

Sutter Park Peace Chorus and Kilbourne Singers

### **I. "Give Thanks"**

*Text from the Psalms*

Give thanks to the Lord, He is good; His love endures forever.  
Give thanks to the Lord, He is good; His love is everlasting!  
He gathered them from east and west, from north and south, from near and far;  
and led them to a place where they could live forevermore.  
He turned the desert into pools, the parched ground into flowing springs;  
He satisfied their thirst and filled the hungry with good things.  
They planted trees and sowed their seeds that yielded a hundred fold.  
The Lord blessed them and their numbers increased and he granted them  
blessings untold.  
Give thanks to the Lord, He is good; His love endures forever.  
Give thanks to the Lord, He is good; His love is everlasting! His love is  
everlasting!

### **II. "Gratitude"**

*Text by Christina Murphy*

For the sky above, and the grass so green, we give you thanks, O Lord.  
For the birdies and the bunnies on the village green, We give you thanks, O Lord.  
For the food we eat, the friends we meet, We give you thanks, O Lord.  
For all these things, and many, many more, We give you thanks, O Lord.

### **III. "Tell to Every Generation"**

*Text from the Psalms*

Tell to ev'ry generation, all the wonders God has done;  
Of his love for ev'ry nation and His care for Worthington.  
North to south and east to west; our God has shown his faithfulness;  
Tell to ev'ry generation how our city has been blessed.

## **\*A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE**

**The Rev. Loren Seibold,**  
*Worthington Seventh Day Adventist Church*

Leader: O God, forgive those times when this city has not been a light on a hill, for times of self-seeking and pride.

**People: Help us to pursue goals that value the worth of every person.**

Leader: Forgive us those times when our faith communities have not sought the good of all and have not advocated for the poor and homeless.

**People: Open our eyes to the strength found in unity of thought and harmony of action.**

\* Congregation is invited to stand.



Leader: Forgive us those times when our citizens have seen diversity as a threat rather than a blessing.

**People: Give us the vision and courage to celebrate our diversity and to create a future that will make use of the abundance of blessings brought by people of many cultures and many faiths.**

**All: Amen**

## **PRAYERS, THANKS AND VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE**

**The Rev. Hurdie Billingslea**, *St. John A.M.E. Church*  
**Will Delphia**, *First Unitarian Universalist Church*

**Imam Mouhamed Nabih Tarazi and Norma Tarazi**, *Muslim community*,  
**Brandi Williams**, *Baha'i Center*

### **\*HYMN TO JOY**

Arr. from Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Loving God, like Father-Mother,  
All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

## **PRAYERS, THANKS AND VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE**

**Makoto Morioka**, *Teacher, Columbus Japanese Language School*  
**Jaypal Singh**, *Gurdwara Sahib Sikh Temple*

**Ellie Jones**, *Worthington United Methodist Church*  
**The Rev. Arthur Hadley**, *St. John's Episcopal Church*



## GREETINGS

**The Rev. Hurdie Billingslea**

Respecting differences and  
Recognizing commonalities,  
Let us rejoice in community.  
Let us stand and greet our neighbors.

## ANTHEM

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* Ralph Vaughn Williams  
Kilbourne Singers,  
Larry Griffin, director  
Meagan Gray, pianist

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.  
The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.  
The Church with Psalms must shout, No door can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King.

## \*A LITANY OF HOPE

**The Rev. Karen Alsnauer,**  
*Gethsemane Lutheran Church*

Leader: God, you present us with continuing challenges that bring opportunities to explore  
and shape the future of our Worthington community.

Left: Bless our city planners and officials with wisdom that goes beyond getting the  
job done.

**Right: Give our leaders the desire to care for the soul of Worthington  
as they fill the need to have places to learn, places to play, and  
places to worship.**

Left: Remind us of the continuing need for dedicated people who will keep our citi-  
zens safe and care for us in emergencies.

**Right: Grant all of us the desire to care for one another.**

Left: Help us to provide teachers who will continue to nurture learning in our  
schools and libraries.

**Right: May we all be models and examples of good character for each  
other.**

Left: Give to this city the gift of people who will do what is necessary to  
keep Worthington a place that cares, willing to undertake the many thankless  
tasks that maintain the spirit and identity of our city.

**Right: Let justice and mercy not be strangers in our community.**

Left: As we move ahead, we may disagree.

**Right: Let us be tolerant of dissenting ideas.**

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Left: As we explore various options for the future, the voiceless may be overlooked.

**Right: Let us be inclusive as we try to make Worthington an ever  
healthier community.**

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

\* Congregation is invited to stand.



Left: Help us to keep the vision alive.

**Right: Give us strength to sustain us in the years ahead.**

**All: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Hear these prayers, O God, and grant what, in your wisdom, is best for us.

**All: Amen.**

## SONGS OF HOPE

*Seed to Sow*

Michael Smith/Wayne Kirkpatrick

*I Will Care for You*

Roger Emerson

*We Are the People of the 21st Century*

Teresa Jennings

*I Just Want to Say Thanks*

Raymond Wise

## BENEDICTION

**William Gilbert**, *Congregation Beth Tikvah*

## \* The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter C. Lutkin

**Andrea Ison**, *student director*

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord lift his countenance upon you;  
And give you peace, and give you peace,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen

## POSTLUDE

*Improvisations*

Jan Arthur  
Jan Arther, Pianist

## RECEPTION IN WKHS COMMONS

**The Bicentennial Committee thanks the many people who have given generously of their talent and their time for this service of thanks. We gratefully acknowledge their offerings.**

## SERVICE PLANNERS:

The Rev. Hurdie Billingslea, St. John A.M.E.; The Rev. Wendy Fish, First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus; The Rev. Arthur Hadley, St. John's Episcopal Church; The Rev. Philip Hazelton, Worthington Presbyterian Church; Rabbi Gary Huber, Congregation Beth Tikvah; Maggie Huff, Service of Thanksgiving Committee; Kuljeet Johar, Piara Kanwal Singh, Gurdwara Sahib Temple; Elaine Kresge, Baha'i Center; The Rev. Richard Pendolphi, St. Michael Roman Catholic Church; The Rev. Loren Seibold, Worthington Seventh-day Adventist Church; The Rev. Alan Sippel, Worthington United Methodist Church; Ellen Stukenberg, Worthington Bicentennial Steering Committee; Imam Mouhamed Nabih Tarazi and Norma Tarazi, Muslim Community; The Rev. Fred Wiese, Gethsemane Lutheran Church; The Rev. Glenn Zorb, All Saints Lutheran Church

## MUSIC PLANNERS:

Brenda Leary, Sutter Park Elementary School; Larry Griffin, Worthington Kilbourne High School; Ellen Stukenberg, Worthington Bicentennial Steering Committee; Greg Tuck and Dr. Keith Wilkinson, The Salvation Army



## **MUSICAL GROUPS:**

### **SALVATION ARMY BAND:**

**Dr. Keith Wilkinson, Director**

Brad Cain, Major Paul Cain, Jonathan Gensler, Major Lynn Gensler, Donald Gibson, Major Edward Holmberg, Major Elbert Holmberg, Timothy Holmberg, Jonathan Klemanski, Rita Mangrum, Heather Martin, Jackie Raymond, Norman Raymond, Nick Steyer, Envoy Greg Tuck, Keith Wheeler

Many Worthington churchgoers are familiar with The Salvation Army Band, which has accompanied the Good Friday service on the Village Green for years. The band played on the Village Green before last year's Service of Thanksgiving. Brass banding is an integral part of The Salvation Army's heritage. This band has been together for 13 years and participates in all worship services at The Chapel at Worthington Woods.

### **MORNING STAR DRUM GROUP:**

Larry White, Richard Jacobs, Debbie White

These drummers of Native American heritage have played at many pow-wows around the country. The drum group took part in last year's Service of Thanksgiving and this year's dedication of the Jeffers Mound in Worthington. Drums are played only to accompany chanted prayers.

### **SUTTER PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PEACE CHORUS**

**Directed by Brenda Leary**

Ariel Arellano, Raven Arellano, Corinne Bagley, Kelly Barford, Sarah Bear, Iric Bernal, Ariel Bloom, Vanessa Boveine, Anna Bright, Emily Bright, Alivia Brown, Adele Buchbinder, Emma Buchbinder, Brandon Bunn, Riley Campbell, Katelyn Cassidy, Maria Cesear, Chandel Charles, Sylvia Collard, James Day, Haley Defibaugh, Catherine Dunkin, Jacob Fournier, Kylee Fredo, Mackenzie Gallagher, Meghan Gray, Samantha Hansen, Taylor Hansen, Seth Hartness, Alexis Henry, Nicole Henry, Emily Henthorn, Jessica Hosmer, Krystyna Hosmer, Chelsea Hunt, Stephanie Ingledue, Tommy Ingledue, Jennifer Keller, Destiny Klerks, Elyssa LaBine, Anna Laird, Erin Lamneck, Morgan Lasley, Taylor Limbert, Grant Marrah, Michelle Marah, Katie McIntyre, Molly McNamara, Heather Miller, Cameron Mills, Hannah Mills, Caye Mitchell, Caitlin Moore, Jake Morrison, Jenni Morrison, Danielle Motter, Carlos Muller, Cassy Neff, Naomi Pepper, Trent Perkins, Stephanie Phillips, Danina Prak, Cassie Rains, Drew Rausch, Christina Reed, Kailee Reed, Allie Riebel, Dominic Ritchey, John Routzahn, Madison Scott, Stewart Seely, Ryan Semmelroth, Camille Snyder, Jazmin Soto, Tiffany Stadelman, Yvonne Staton, Lucy Stearns, Corbin Stephens, Allyssa Stone, Nick Trebonik, Kathleen Wahl, McKenna Wald, Andrew Wegley, Leanne Wegley, Elizabeth White, Hanna Wickizer, Reagan Wihl, Michael Williams, Rachel Williams, Mia Yockey

### **KILBOURNE SINGERS**

**Directed by Larry Griffin**

David Albright, Aricka Bidwell, Tyler Bidwell, Adriane Bookwalter, Kathryn Borden, Molly Burke, Christopher Collier, Darin Curtis, Kaitlyn Darr, Melanie DeBear, Andrea Dowler, Trevor Edge, Matthew Fisher, Jessica Giannamore, Daniel Gibbons, Andrew Gordon, Meagan Gray, Nathan Hough, Brittany Irwin, Ryoma Ishii, David Johnson, Jason Litvin, Kara Lloyd, Nikrad Mahdi, Calvin McCammon, Kelly McLemore, Laura Mearhoff, Beth Meyer, Rebekah Mongeau, Benjamin Mooney, David Neace, Lora Pacht, Katherine Pallas, John Pappas, Zachary Peterson, Stephanie Plummer, Katherine Reik, Maya Robertson, Daniel Sanders, Hiromi Sasaki, Karissa Scurlock, Jacqueline Snyder, Kelley Sperl, Tyler Stephen, Elizabeth Sullivan, Sarah Van Bourgondien, Carmichael Venci, Preston Yarnell

### **SOPRANO:**

**Jo Ellen Stearns**

### **PIANO:**

**(in order of performance) Sunny Adams, Meagan Gray, Jan Arthur**

### **WORTHINGTON TRILOGY**

The children's anthem performed in this service was commissioned by the Worthington Bicentennial Steering Committee for the Services of Thanks in 2002 and 2003. Deborah Govenor, composer of *Worthington Trilogy*, directs the Junior, High School, and Youth Bell Choirs at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. She has a long and distinguished history of musical craftsmanship and continues to be recognized nationally for her artistry.





**The WORTHINGTON PASTORS ASSOCIATION welcomes people from other faith traditions who have joined in planning this Service of Thanks and offer these words:**

**BAHA'I** The Baha'i Faith is a world wide religion that focuses on the oneness of humanity and the unity of religion. There have been Baha'is in the central Ohio area since the 1920's and in Worthington since the 1960's. Worthington Baha'is are involved in study circles, devotional meetings, the spiritual education of children, and promoting world peace.

**BHUDDIST** Bhuddism believes in the dignity and worth of each living being, in respect and compassion for all life and in need for each person to find their own path to enlightenment and to an understanding of the nature of life. Simply put, its basic teachings are: first, to do no harm to any living beings; second, to do good; and third, to purify the mind from impurity.

**ISLAM** Muslims believe in one God, creator of the universe and all that it contains. The one who is successful in life, who finds inner peace, is the one who submits to the will of God before all else; strives through the tests of this imperfect world to live as an upright, well-mannered, moral person; helps and defends the weak; gives in charity, and prays regularly for forgiveness, in thanks and in reverence to God.

**SHINTO** The Shinto religion, 'the Way of the Gods,' goes back to the beginnings of the Japanese people. Shinto encompasses the many ways in which Japanese people have worshipped all the deities of heaven and earth. With the acceptance and inclusion of Buddhism in the 6th century, the religious culture of Japan established a tradition of their own faith.

**SIKH** Sikhism sees all religions as paths to the same God. Sikhism believes that if one is a Christian, one should be a good Christian; if one is a Muslim, one should be a good Muslim, etc.. Sikhs must maintain a unique identity that sets them apart from the crowd, building self-confidence, courage, and integrity. Men and women have always been regarded as equal since Sikhism was founded in 1469 C.E. Gurdwara Sahib Temple was established in Linworth in 1995. The prayer offered at this service is an excerpt from *Sukhmani Sahib*.

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST** Unitarian Universalism is a free church tradition which is many centuries old. The modern movement traces its dual name to two religious groups rooted in the Radical Reformation Era, the Unitarians and Universalists. Ours is a principled, not doctrinal tradition, open to everyone of good will, regardless of age, ability, gender, ethnic origin, color, sexual or affectional orientation, or class.

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Visions/ Sticky notes: Joan Byrd, Jeanne Earhart, Jane Trucksis

Worthington Public Schools: James S. Baker, Clarice Lewis, Diane Seils, Santha Stall, Richard Witt

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