



**Youth Choir**

***Festival by the Sea***

**March 1-3, 2024**

**Kingston Resorts, Myrtle Beach, SC**

# Worship by the Sea



Call to Worship

*All speak words in bold print.*

Creator God, the trees clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy in praise to You.

**In creation's chorus, listen for our voices; hear our simple song and note our parts.**

We bring the sounds of our hearts, sounds like crashing waves and ocean breezes,  
and joy like a bird's melodic song.

**Underneath our soul's music, hear the gasps of wonder at Your creation,  
the crescendo of our irrepressible gratitude for Your gifts,  
and the gentle whispers of Your Spirit expressing feelings too deep for words.**

We blend our voices with those of others to create harmony we hope will be acceptable in Your sight.

**With the trees, the ocean, the stars, the birds, and all creation, let us give praise  
and sing to the Lord a new song! Amen!**

Anthem of Joy

*¡Cantad!*

Mark Patterson

*¡Cantad a Jehová cántico nuevo!*

Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord all the earth.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

come and lift up your praise to the Lord!

Come, every nation, come and lift up a song to the Lord.

Come, sing to God above, come and sing with one accord.

Sing a song of gladness, O people lift your voice.

Sing to God a new song; let all the earth rejoice!

Expressing the Goodness of God

*Worshippers respond: "God's goodness and mercy endure forever!"*

Song of Praise

*You Are Good*

Israel Houghton

Lord, **You are good and Your mercy endureth forever...**

People from every nation and tongue from generation to generation:

We worship You; Hallelujah, hallelujah. **We worship You for who You are...**  
for You are good.

Yes, You are; yes, You are yes, You are! So good so good!

Yes, You are; yes, You are yes, You are!

**You are good all the time; all the time You are good...**



Prayers Expressing Our Joys

Prayers Expressing Our Concerns

Prayers Expressing Our Questions

**Anthem of Assurance**
*I Believe*

Mark A. Miller

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.  
 I believe in love even when I don't feel it.  
 I believe in God even when God is silent.

-from an anonymous Jewish poem  
 inscribed in a hiding place during World War II


**Praying**

A Time of Silence

Embodied Prayer

Prayer Hymn (insert)

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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**Praising Proclaiming Praying**

Palestinian Hallelujah

**Call and Response 1:**



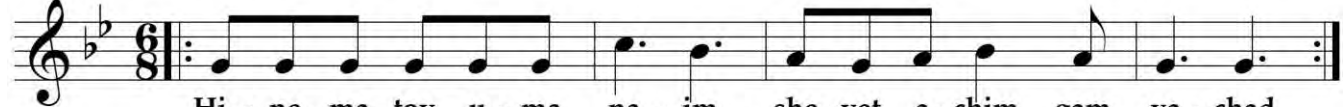
Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu.

**Call and Response 2:**




Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu.

Jewish Psalm




Hi - ne ma tov u - ma na - im she - vet a - chim gam ya - chad.  
 (Hee - neh mah tohv oo - mah nah - yeem sheh - veht ah - heem gahm yah - hahd.)




Hi - ne ma - tov she - vet a - chim gam ya - chad.  
 Hee - neh mah - tohv sheh - veht ah - heem gahm yah - hahd.)

Ukrainian Prayer



Bo - zhe ve - ly - kyi, ye - dy - nyi, Nam U - kra - i - nu khra - ny,



Vo - li i svi - tu pro - min - niam, Ty yi - i o - si - ny.

 Praying

Prayer Chant

*Da Pacem Domine*  
Grant us peace, O Lord, in this our day.

Franck/Arr. Mary Goetze

 Proclaiming

Words from Poetry

*Growing in the Spring*

Susan Palo Cherwien

Words from the Hebrew &amp; Christian Scriptures

Anthem Response

*Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Mark Patterson

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive:  
Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

**His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know but ne'er can tell,  
the glory which I now can see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.**

For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought:  
**I missed of all but now I see 'tis found in Christ, the apple tree.**

-Anonymous, 18<sup>th</sup> Century, based on Song of Songs 2:3

Questions and Answer

*Worshippers answer aloud: "All who sing are children of God!"*

Song of Celebration

*Bonse Aba*

Zambian/Arr. Andrew Fischer

All that sing have the right to be called the children of God.

Parting Words

*Energy*

Susan Palo Cherwien

*All will be invited to speak this line from the poem: "Nothing disappears without a trace."*

 Praising

Song of Adoration

*Revelation 19:1*

A. Jeffrey LaValley

Hallelujah, salvation and glory; honor and power to the Lord our God.  
For the Lord our God is mighty; the Lord our God is Omnipotent.  
The Lord, our God, He is Wonderful.

All praises be to the King of Kings; and the Lord our God, He is Wonderful.  
Hallelujah...He is wonderful.



As we go,  
the Praises  
Prayers,  
and Proclamations  
of Worship **continue...**

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God, my Fath - er,\*  
Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest;  
Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

*\*Along with "my Father," worshipers may wish to simultaneously sing a variety of images such as:  
"my Mother," "Creator," "Sustainer," "Great Mystery" and others.*

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er will be.  
to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side!

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm

Music: William M. Runyan

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Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

all I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed:

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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## About *Festival by the Sea*:

two ecumenical choral festivals for youth and adults

### Origins & Participants

*Festival by the Sea* originated in the year 2000 to provide a high-quality youth choir festival for **progressive churches in South Carolina's Cooperative Baptist Fellowship**. The first of its kind, the festival quickly grew to become an ecumenical and regional event, gathering choirs from various denominations and several states including South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Georgia. Discovering the need and desire for adults to have the same festival experience, the adult choir *Festival by the Sea* was launched in 2005.

### Leadership

Both festivals engage noted choral conductors from across the country who rehearse the festival choir in a variety of choral repertoire. Achieving a high level of performance, singers leave each festival weekend renewed and challenged toward greater accomplishment in their local music ministries. Planned by a leadership team, the festivals are sponsored by participating churches and receive support from the SC and NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship as well as the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

### A Unique Hallmark

While other choral festivals conclude with a concert, each *Festival by the Sea* culminates in a service of worship that is open to the public. A unique hallmark of both festivals, this concluding worship experience is meaningfully designed around the festival repertoire and integrates congregational singing, instrumental music, and other creative expressions. The festival worship materials are provided to choir leaders for potential use in their home churches.

### Our Welcome

*Festival by the Sea* welcomes people of all races, gender identities, sexual orientations, differing abilities, **situations, and stations in life**. This welcome is reflected in the festival's participants, repertoire, and worship.

For More Information:

*Festival Website:* [festivalbythesea.org](http://festivalbythesea.org)

*Youth Festival Facebook Page:* [facebook.com/FBTS.Choirs](https://facebook.com/FBTS.Choirs)



Join us in 2025 for the 24<sup>th</sup>  
*Youth Choir Festival by the Sea!*

March 7-9, Kingston Resorts

Guest Conductor: Emily Floyd

Choral Educator and Associate Pastor for Music and Worship  
at the First Baptist Church of Asheville, North Carolina.

## Youth Choirs ♦ Music Ministers/Directors

Earle Street Baptist, Greenville, SC ♦ Janice Hinnant

First Baptist, Easley, SC ♦ Rick Baumgarner, Chris Clark

First Baptist, Greenwood, SC ♦ Keith Jameson

First Baptist, Laurens, SC ♦ Adair Rogers

First Presbyterian Church, High Point, NC ♦ Elizabeth Gulley

Oakland Baptist, Rock Hill, SC ♦ Allison Odom

Providence Baptist, Charlotte, NC ♦ Timothy Hill

Pullen Memorial Baptist, Raleigh, NC ♦ Larry Schultz

## Guest Conductor

**Maria A. Ellis**

Artistic Director of The Sheldon's All-Star Chorus,  
University of Missouri-St. Louis Voices of Jubilation Ensemble,  
and owner of Girl Conductor LLC, specializing in diverse music education resources

## Accompanist

**Ju Kim**

Organist/Pianist, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC

## Planning Team

**Timothy Hill, Hazel Monteith, Burt Pardue**

Coordination/Registration

**Janice Hinnant, Mandy Keathley, Suzanne Ringer, Larry E. Schultz**

Clinician, Repertoire & Worship Design

**Adair Rogers**

T-Shirts

**We are grateful to the many**

**Chaperones, Families, Friends, Leaders, Directors & Ministers  
who make this festival a meaningful and memorable experience!**

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