

A SPECIAL VALENTINE SERVICE

February 14, 2021

(A Music Committee Program)

PRELUDE

Nenad Ivóvic

*“LOVE WALKED IN”* by George Gershwin

WELCOME

Nenad Ivóvic

CALL TO WORSHIP

Roger Calistro

PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using “debts”)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 43 The New Century Hymnal (Black) Charles Wesley (1747)

Introduction to Hymn Roger Calistro

(Scriptural references: Mal 3:1-2; 2 Cor 3:18, 5:17; Eph 5:27)

*“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”*

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;  
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure unbounded love impart.  
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe your loving spirit into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;  
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive;  
Suddenly returned, and never, never more your temples leave.  
You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,  
Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms outstretched above.*

*Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;  
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

INTRODUCTION TO PIANO DUET

Roger Calistro

*“ANGEL’S BLESSING”*

By Joy Gilmore

A duet to be performed by Faye Chen and Nenad Ivóvic

HYMN 237 NEW CENTURY HYMNAL (Black) C. Austin Miles 1912  
Introduction to Hymn Al Jarvis  
(Scriptural reference: John 20:14-18)

“I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE”

*I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses. ®*

**® And he walks with me, and he talks with me,  
and he tells me that I am his own,  
and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

*He speaks, and the sound of his voice  
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;  
And the, melody that he gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing. ®*

*I'd stay in the garden with him,  
Though the night around me be falling;  
But he bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling. ®*

A SERMONETTE FOR FIRST CHURCH BY CONSTANCE CRYER ECKLUND  
DELIVERED DURING THE DEPTHS OF THE WORLD PANDEMIC OF COVID,  
FEBRUARY 14, 2021 ON THE FEAST OF SAINT VALENTINE  
(read at her request by Roger Calistro)

DUET “COME HOME” MEDLEY OF “JUST AS I AM, SOFTLY AND TENDERLY  
JESUS IS CALLING, JESUS IS TENDERLY CALLING”  
(arranged by Jean Anne Shafferman and Anna Laura Page)  
Sung by Al Jarvis and Roger Calistro

SONNET “SONNET 18” Read by Nenad Ivóvic  
A Valentine's Day Sonnet  
By William Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?  
Thou art more lovely and more temperate:  
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,  
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;  
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,  
And often is his gold complexion dimm'd;  
And every fair from fair sometime declines,  
By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;  
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,  
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st;  
Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,  
When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:  
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,  
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

MUSICAL BENEDICTION TO BE SUNG BY ALL:

HYMN 362 NEW CENTURY HYMNAL (Black)      BRIAN WREN (1978)  
(Scriptural reference & hymn history-Matthew 19:6; Mark 10:8)

*“WHEN LOVE IS FOUND”*

*When love is found and hope comes home,  
Sing and be glad that two are one.  
When love explodes and fills the sky,  
Praise God, and share our Maker’s joy.*

*When love has flowered in trust and care,  
Build both each day, that love may dare  
To reach beyond hope’s warmth and light,  
To serve and strive for truth and right.*

*When love is tried as loved-one’s change,  
Hold still to hope, though all seems strange,  
Till ease returns and love grows wise  
Through listening ears and opened eyes.*

*When love is torn, and trust betrayed,  
Pray strength to love and torments fade,  
Till lovers keep no score of wrong,  
Hear through pain love’s Easter song.*

*Praise God for love, praise god for life,  
In age or youth, in calm or strife.  
Life up your hearts! Let love be fed  
Through death and life and broken bread.*

POSTLUDE

Nenad Ivóvic

“ALWAYS” by Irving Berlin