

Welcome to Bella Lumina's choral experience of **UNITY** and **INCLUSION**

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE

Unity. Umoja. One Voice. Sing Together. Sing Gently. Take What You Need. All Together We Are Love. I Need You to Survive. How Good! Draw the Circle Wide ...



**Bella
Lumina**
spreading light, hope & joy
through song

Michelle Gehrz, artistic director
Jeffrey Patry, collaborative pianist

Special guest musicians:
David Birrow, drum set
Chris Larson, guitar and bass guitar
Barb Savereide, violin

PROGRAM

One Voice

Ruth Moody / The Wailin' Jennys

Soloists: Angela Carpenter, Charlotte Currier, and Nancy Pearson

Sing Together

Written and Recorded by Train / arr. Jacob Narverud

Ukulele players: Sarah Abelsen, Sydney Gramstad, and Monica Healy

Umoja (Unity - the first principle of Kwanzaa)

Zanaida Stewart Robles

Sing Gently

Eric Whitacre

Does the World Say?

Kyle Pederson

Take What You Need

Reena Esmail

Audience: We invite you to sing as an "echo" after the choir on each phrase.

"Take a moment ... Take a breath ... Take time ... Take care ... Take heart ... Take hope...

Take a step ... Take a chance ... Take courage ... Take charge ... Take a stand ... Take pride ...

Take joy ... Take pause ... Take a moment ... Take a breath ...

Take what you need ... Take what you need ... Take what you need."

All Together We Are Love

Katerina Gimon

Crowded Table

Recorded and Written by The Highwomen / arr. Andrea Ramsey

Soloist: Sydney Gramstad

Draw the Circle Wide

Text by Gordan Light / Music by Mark A. Miller

Audience: Please sing with us on the REFRAIN.

You may sing from where you are sitting or join the singing circle!

The musical score for 'Draw the Circle Wide' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with 'Draw the', the second with 'No one', the third with 'Draw the', and the fourth with 'draw the'. The lyrics are: 'Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a - lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.'

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the

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stands a - lone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the

cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide.

How Good!

Michael Engelhardt

I Need You to Survive

David Frazier / arr. Rollo Dillworth

Bella Lumina Spring 2024 Roster

Sarah Abelsen
Cheri Almquist *
Helen Arneson *
Shawna Bartelmehs
Darcy Bodger
Ruth Campbell
Angela Carpenter *
Charlotte Currier
Liz Farmer +
Gay Gonnerman
Sydney Gramstad *
Kathleen Grindeland
Monica Healy
Julieanne Heil
Stephanie Henry
Ruth Hoffman
Kate Johnston *
Paige Kamin +

Barbara Kern-Pieh *+
Tanya Kirschenman *
Susan Lach
Diane LaMere
Jan Lillemo
Julie Lindstrom
Doreen Lorentz *
Mindy Mennicke *
Kay Netland
Jill Oliveri
Jean Olson +
Sandy Olson
Nancy Pearson *
Larissa Penny
Tricia Porter
Ellen Junko Sandoval +
Cynthia Scherer
Cara Schoenberg *

Chris Starr
Cindy Stauffer
Julie Stauffer
Amy Steffen
Annie Stewart *
Judy Sunderland
Noreen Carlson Tingerthal
Shari Tivy
Karin Vavrichuk
Nancy Verba
Heidi Vickerman +
Beth VonEschen
Jodi Washek

** small group singer
+ board member*

TEXTS

One Voice

This is the sound of one voice

One spirit, one voice

The sound of one who makes a choice

This is the sound of one voice

This is the sound of one voice

This is the sound of voices two

The sound of me singing with you

Helping each other to make it through

This is the sound of voices two

This is the sound of voices two

This is the sound of voices three

Singing together in harmony

Surrendering to the mystery

This is the sound of voices three

This is the sound of voices three

This is the sound of all of us

Singing with love and the will to trust

Leave the rest behind, it will turn to dust

This is the sound of all of us

This is the sound of all of us

This is the sound of one voice

One people, one voice

A song for every one of us

This is the sound of one voice

This is the sound of one voice

Sing Together

If I go before, I'll say to everyone in my ballet

"Let me take this chance, thank you for a dance"

If I run out of songs to sing to take your mind

off everything

Just smile, see the wild with the sun on your face

And remembered the place we met

Take a breath and soon, I bet you'll see

Without you, I would never be me

You are the leaves of my family tree

Sing together

If you knew me from the very start

Or we met last week at the grocery mart, just

Sing together

It's the least that I can do

My final gift to you

When I pass the pearly gate,

I will find some real estate

We can settle down and watch the world

go 'round

'Cause then they'll know the love we got

Let them know we got a spot for them to be

And it's all free, the sun on your face

And remember the place we met

Take a breath and soon, I bet you'll see

Without you, I would never be me

You are the leaves of my family tree

Sing together

If you knew me from the very start

Or not at all, you're still a part, just

Sing together

It's the least that I can do

My final gift to you

Sing Gently

May we sing together, always

May our voice be soft

May our singing be music for others

And may it keep others aloft

Sing, sing gently, always

Sing, sing as one (as one)

May we stand (may we stand) together, always

May our voice be strong

May we hear the singing and

May we always sing along (along)

Sing, sing gently, always

Sing, sing as one (as one)

Singing gently as one

Does the World Say?

Does the world say

that you don't look the right way?

Does the world say

that you're just not enough?

Does the world say

that this isn't the right spot?

When it wants you there but not here

and tells you all the things you are not.

I've been there, too.

It's hard to shut my ears to the noise.

I don't stand a chance

if it's me in this world all alone.

The chatter is deafening, too overwhelming,

hard to find my way home.

So take my hand...don't let go.

Does the world say

that you don't think the right things?

Does the world say

that you're not worth the time?

Does the world laugh

when you fall, when you cry?

Does it turn the other way

every time you walk by?

I'm growing, learning,

loving, becoming.

So take my hand...don't let go.

All Together We are Love

I am a dreamer
I am a song
I am a mountain - tall and strong
I am a song
I am a warm breeze
I am the sky
I am a bluebird
Free to fly
I am a song for all hearts
and when our spirits soar
All together we are love

Crowded Table

You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I can be your mountain
When you're feeling valley-low
I can be your streetlight
Showing you the way home
You can hold my hand
When you need to let go
I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world
while we're young and able
And bring us back together
when the day is done
If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Plant a little happiness
Let the roots run deep
If it's love that we give
Then it's love that we reap

If we want a garden
We're gonna have to sow the seed
Yeah I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world
while we're young and able
And bring us back together
when the day is done
The door is always open
Your picture's on my wall
Everyone's a little broken
And everyone belongs
Yeah, everyone belongs
I want a house with a crowded table
And a place by the fire for everyone
Let us take on the world
while we're young and able
And bring us back together
when the day is done
And bring us back together
when the day is done

Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone! We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song.
No one stands alone! Standing side by side,
draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

How Good!

How good and pleasant it is when we dwell
together in unity.

All people, all around the world,
all sisters and brothers,
We're born to be in one family.
Unique yet we're unified, one body yet many.
Diversity; oh, let it be our identity!

How good and pleasant it is when we dwell
together in unity.

It's time we finally agree we need one another.
In bonds of peace we are free indeed.
Nothing can separate us from the love of
each other.
True unity; oh, let it be a reality!

How good and pleasant it is when we dwell
together in unity.

I Need You to Survive

I need you; you need me.
We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me; agree with me.
We're all a part of God's body.
It is his will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me.
I need you to survive.

I pray for you; you pray for me.
I love you. I need you to survive.
I won't harm you
with words from my mouth.
I love you. I need you to survive.

It is his will that every need be supplied.
You are important to me.
I need you to survive.

Thank you for being a part of our choral experience ... how will you continue to draw the circle wide?

Mark your calendars now for our 2024 WINTER CONCERTS

Dec. 6 at 7 pm and **Dec. 7** at 3:30 pm | Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Hopkins

WITH GRATITUDE ...

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sanctuary space!

MISSION: Bella Lumina spreads light, hope, and joy through the power of song. We present repertoire of high artistic quality that delivers a powerful message through illuminating texts and inspirational arrangements, showcasing the extraordinary beauty of treble voices.

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through song



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