

## A Family of Love

*(This anthem is given to the glory of God in honor of Gwen Stephens, by Karen Foss.)*

Randy Bratton, Jennie Cook, Jenny Cooper, handbells

Thank you, God, for family, for those we call our own,  
for giving to each other a place to call our home.

For sisters and for brothers, for loved ones all alone.

We thank you, God, for family, our family of love.

We are one in God's Son. We are one, a family of love.

*(We are always together, whether we're near or apart; all united together, a family of love.)*

Thank you, God, for children you are trusting us to raise,  
and for the ones who raised us, we give to you the praise.

Each one, part of you, Father, extensions from above.

We thank you for our family, our family of love.

We are one in God's Son. We are one, together in our heart. We are one, a family of love.

*(We are always together, whether we're near or apart; all united together, together in our heart.)*

*We are joined by your Spirit, coming or when we depart, all of us joining together, family of love.)*

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**SANCTUARY CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

## A Word from the Journey

### Then Sings My Soul

*(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn323.)*

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## Closing Words

### I Must Tell Jesus with Blessed Assurance

**SANCTUARY CHOIR**

With a career that spans over forty years, Mary McDonald's songs appear in the catalogs of every major publisher of church music. More than 1,200 compositions through anthems, seasonal musicals and keyboard collections testify to her significant contribution to church music.

In 2010, after serving as senior music editor for The Lorenz Corporation for more than twenty years, Mary resigned her position to serve the church in a different way. Now, she takes her tremendous passion and love for music making directly to churches as an independent artist. She is in constant demand in churches across the nation.

Mary has performed three times on the grand stage of Carnegie Hall, both as pianist and conductor, most recently in November of 2022. She has been the recipient of numerous awards, among them the prestigious John Ness Beck Award, the Paul B. Clark Award for Excellence in Church Music, and the Lifetime Achievement Award in Sacred Music.

Mary and her husband of 43 years, Brian, a Knoxville architect, live on the scenic Douglas Lake in the heart of the Smoky Mountains in Dandridge, Tennessee. They have two married children and five grandchildren.

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**IN CONCERT WITH  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR**

**APRIL 30, 2023  
4:00 P.M.**

**KEITH A. REAVES  
MINISTER OF WORSHIP/MUSIC**

**BEVERLY HARRIS, PIANO  
JOAN HILL, ORGAN**

## PROGRAM

### PIANO/ORGAN PRELUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’s Name”

Mary McDonald/Joan Hill

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

#### Sing and Be Not Silent

Sing to the Lord and be not silent, sing to the Lord and glorify!  
Sing to the Lord, all ye His children. Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

Give thanks to Him and be not silent, give thanks to Him and magnify!  
Sing to the Lord all ye His children. Sing to the Lord, O Most High!

Thou hast turned my mourning into dancing;  
Thou hast girded me with gladness.  
For His anger is but a moment, His favor endures for a life.

He comes with joy to greet the morning. He gives us hope for each new day.  
Give thanks remembering His Holiness. Give thanks to Him with songs of praise.

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#### Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.  
Wherever there’s despair, hope. Where there’s darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive. For it is by faith that we believe.  
For in forgiving, we are forgiven. It is dying that we are born to eternal life!

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#### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Mary McDonald, piano

#### A Word from Heart and Hands

#### On Eagle’s Wings

Mary McDonald, piano

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 417

“Fill the Earth with Music”

#### You Alone Are God

You alone are Holy; You alone are God. You alone are worthy to receive our praise. You alone are God;  
You alone are Lord. You alone are Holy Lord of all.

You alone are Righteous; You alone are Pure; You alone are worthy of our praise.  
You alone are God; You alone are Lord; You alone are Holy Lord of all.

You are God!

You alone are Honor, glorified forever; You’re my strength and I will praise You!  
You alone are worthy to receive glory, to receive all our worship and praises.

You are our God!

You are Lord of Heaven; You are Lord of earth. Lord of all creation,  
You are the Holy Word; You alone are Lord; You alone are God;

You alone are Holy Lord of all.

You are God!

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#### Mercy Tree

On a hill called Calvary stands an endless mercy tree.  
Every broken, weary soul, find your rest and be made whole.  
Stripes of blood that stain its frame, shed to wash away our shame;  
from the scars, pure love released salvation by the mercy tree.

In the sky between two thieves hung the blameless Prince of Peace,  
bruised and battered, scarred and scorned, sacred head pierced by our thorns.

“It is finished,” was His cry. The perfect Lamb was crucified.

His sacrifice, our victory. Our Savior chose the mercy tree.

Hope went dark, that violent day. The whole earth quaked at Love’s display.

Three days silent in the ground, this body born for heaven’s crown!

On that bright and glorious day when heaven opened up the grave:

He’s alive and risen indeed! Oh praise Him for the mercy tree!

Death has died, Love has won. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!  
Jesus Christ has overcome. He has risen from the dead.

One day soon we’ll see His face, every tear He’ll wipe away.

No more pain or suffering. Praise Him for the mercy tree.

Death has died, Love has won. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Jesus Christ has overcome. He has risen from the dead.

Hallelujah! Love has won!

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### SANCTUARY CHOIR

#### A Word about the Music

#### Yes, My Jesus Loves Me

(The text to this anthem may be found in Hymn 603.)

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