

**THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE END OF WORLD WAR II:  
POETRY, REFLECTION, AND REMEMBRANCE**



**VETERANS DAY**

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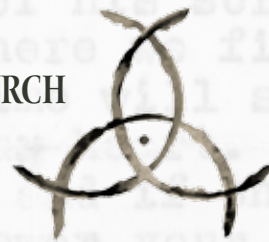


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**Prelude** Joshua Singer, Organ  
J.S. Bach, Aria from *Goldberg Variations*, BWV 988

**Introductory remarks** Bruce Mallonee, Chair  
Committee on Music & the Arts  
St. John's Episcopal Church

**Poet biographies** Jeffrey S. Sychterz, Ph.D.  
Alun Lewis, R.N. Currey, Lois Clark, Keith Douglas

**Poems** Joseph S. Bearor

"All Day it Rained" Alun Lewis  
"Unseen Fire" R.N. Currey  
"Flashback" Lois Clark  
"Vergissmeinnicht" Keith Douglas

**Psychiatrist's Reflection** W. Allen Schaffer, M.D.

**Interlude** Marisa Solomon, cello  
"Yizkor Meditation" Lucas Richman

**Poet biographies** Jeffrey S. Sychterz, Ph.D.  
Richard Wilbur, Randall Jarrell

**Poems** Joseph S. Bearor  
"First Snow in Alsace" Richard Wilbur  
"Eighth Air Force" Randall Jarrell  
"A Camp in the Prussian Forest" Randall Jarrell

**Holocaust Reflection** Rabbi Bill Siemers

<b>Interlude</b>		Marisa Solomon, cello
	“Variations on Adon Olam” from <i>Judaic Concert Suite</i> Variations 1, 2, and 4	Aaron Minsky
<b>Poet biographies</b>		Jeffrey S. Sychterz, Ph.D.
	Basho, Du Fu, Chiyo	
<b>Survivor’s Reflection</b>		Takeo Kawamura, M.D.
<b>Interlude</b>		Marisa Solomon, cello
	“Japanese Folk Song”	Toshima Junku
<b>Poet biography</b>		Jeffrey S. Sychterz, Ph.D.
	Gwendolyn Brooks	
<b>Poems</b>		Nancy E. Dymond
	“Gay Chaps at the Bar”	
	“The White Troops Had Their Orders, But the Negroes Looked Like Men”	Gwendolyn Brooks
<b>Theological Reflection</b>		The Rev. Canon Anne Mallonee
<b>Interlude</b>		Marisa Solomon, cello
	“Calvary Ostinato” from <i>Lamentations: Black Folk Song Suite</i>	Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson
<b>Acknowledgements and Dedication</b>		Bruce Mallonee
	Gerald “Red” Briggs	
	David Bergquist	
<b>Taps</b>		John Patterson, Trumpet
<b>Remembering Bangor’s sons killed in the war</b>		Jerry Lyden
<b>Chorale No. 2 in b minor</b>	Cesar Franck	Joshua Singer

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## Participants

**Joseph Bearor** is a Portland-based actor from Bangor, Maine. He has spent the majority of his time in southern Maine working onstage. His most recent roles include Thomas in David Ives’ *Venus in Fur* with the Dramatic Repertory Company, Tony Reilly in John Patrick Shanley’s *Outside Mullingar*, presented by the American Irish Repertory Ensemble, and *The Haunting Hour* at Portland Stage this past Halloween season. Film and television credits include John Lennon in the film *Rubber Soul* and Alex Mind in the television miniseries *Marvel’s Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: Double Agent*.

**Nancy Dymond** is a Bangor native and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She has been an educator for 20 years and currently works as an Ed. Tech. with the Hampden School District. Nancy is honored to be a presenter at this afternoon's Veteran's Day Memorial Service and she's very proud of her four uncles who served in WWII.

**Takeo Kawamura, M.D.**, was born in Tsuchiura, Japan, in 1934. After the war he attended medical school in Japan, followed by internships in Japan and the United States (where he was a Fulbright Scholar in 1959). In a long career of study and practice, he worked with Sandor Rado, M.D., a direct link to Sigmund Freud; taught at Tufts University Medical School; established a rare psychoanalytic-based practice on the Ginza in Tokyo; and received a Distinguished Service Award for his treatment of American veterans of WWII. He practiced psychiatry in Maine from 1976 until his retirement in 2007. Dr. Kawamura became an American citizen in 1976, coinciding with the country's bicentennial year.

**Jerry Lyden** graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, after which he served as Broadcast Officer for the 7th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army. In addition to a long career in radio he has acted professionally. His film appearances include "Goodfellas" and he has been seen on television in "Homicide" and "Law and Order." Jerry lives in Bangor with his wife, Nancy Nicholson, where they are members of St. John's church.

**The Rev. Canon Anne Mallonee** has served for over 30 years as an Episcopal priest in Kansas, Minnesota, Connecticut and New York. The context for her ministry has included a university campus, a diocesan office, two cathedrals, and Trinity Wall Street, where she served ten years as that historic parish's first woman vicar. She is currently the Chief Ecclesiastical Officer for the Church Pension Group and is a clergy affiliate of St. Thomas Fifth Avenue in New York City. Throughout her career Anne has nurtured the connections between theology and the arts. She is the daughter of Robert E. Mallonee, a veteran of World War II. She and her husband, Tony Furnivall, have long-time family connections to Bangor and Maine.

**John Patterson**, a former chorister under Fred Jones, started playing the trumpet in elementary school. He accompanied the choir on their trip to England and Scotland in 1996. After studying Jazz and African-American music at UMass, he attended NESCom, where he earned a degree in Audio Engineering. When not knee-deep in musical endeavors, John can be found in the kitchen, where he manufactures his own brand of hot sauce, Hot Choy.

**W. Allen Schaffer, MD**, is the Chief of Psychiatry at Community Health and Counseling Service (CHCS) in Bangor, ME. He is Diplomate of both the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology and the American Board of Internal Medicine. He also serves as Attending Psychiatrist for St Joseph Healthcare, Aroostook Mental

Health Services (AMHC), Wellspring Substance Treatment Recovery Center, and four regional County Jails.

**Rabbi Bill Siemers** is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Jewish Theological Seminary. He has served Jewish communities in southern Maryland, Philadelphia, eastern Long Island, and has been rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel of Bangor since 2014. Rabbi Siemers is on the faculty of the University of Maine, where he lectures on medieval and modern Jewish history, and is president of the Wilson Center, which is a progressive and multi-faith center for dialogue and spiritual exploration. He and his wife Deborah are parents to Rebecca and Daniel.

**Joshua Singer**, born May 6th, 1956 in Providence, R.I., began his keyboard studies at age 6, evolving to organ and in high school, studied with John Weaver, head of the organ department at the Curtis Institute, Philadelphia. He earned a Bachelor and Master's degree at the Juilliard School in Organ, 1979. He also did postgraduate work with Leonard Raver, Professor of Organ at Juilliard, and organist for the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. He was music director at Grace Lutheran Church, Forest Hills, Queens, N.Y. City for 32 years before becoming Organist and in 2020, Choirmaster currently at St. John's Episcopal Church, Bangor, ME.

**Cellist Marisa Solomon** received performance degrees from the Oberlin College and San Francisco Conservatories. She is a member of the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, the Ceólta Cello Duo with Noreen Silver, and is on the adjunct faculty at UMaine in Orono. She teaches from her private studio in Bangor, and at the Ellsworth Community Institute. Marisa is the Co-Director of the Kneisel Hall Program for Maine Students in Blue Hill, and serves on the board of the Chamber Music Society at the Collins Center for the Arts. Festivals include the Aspen Music Festival, Kneisel Hall, the International Festival-Institute at Round Top, SpoletoUSA, Festival de due Mondi in Spoleto, Italy, and the Breckenridge Music Festival in Colorado.

**Jeff Sychterz** is an Associate Professor of English at the University of Augusta where he teaches composition and literature. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1991 and served eleven years on active duty with the United States Navy and nine years in the Naval Reserves. He researches and writes on modern war poetry and veterans issues. He also works with the Maine Humanities Council on programming for veterans, including a book group in Bangor.

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The Rev. Dcn. Ann McAlhaney  
Joshua Singer, Organist and Choirmaster  
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