



REHOBOTH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CHOIR PROGRAM
TOUR 2023

CREATION IT IS GOOD

Come to the Music Joseph M. Martin

Celebrate, come to the music.
Celebrate, come to the dance.
Celebrate, sing alleluia, celebrate, clap your hands.

Celebrate, come to the music.
Celebrate, come to the dance.
Celebrate, come to the music.
Celebrate, clap your hands.

Come to the music and let alleluias surround you.
Come to the music and let each hosanna astound you.
Come hear the jubilant song of creation.
Come hear the music which rings
as a hope to the nations. Celebrate!

Music is the sound of creation.
Crashing sea and mourning dove.
Music is the voice of worship,
music lifts our hearts above.
Music is our common language,
music is the song of love.

Gloria, gloria, sing alleluia.
Gloria, gloria, sing to the Lord.
Gloria, gloria, sing alleluia,
Gloria, gloria sing evermore.
Gloria, gloria Deo! Alleluia, alleluia!
Gloria, gloria Deo!
Come to the music, come! Alleluia!

Nizhi' Ayoo'at'e (Your Name is Great) Vern Bia

Translation from Navajo:
Father, your name is great.
You are the Leader, the one in charge.
Jesus, your name is great! Holy God, Savior,
you are one of compassion.
Spirit, your name is great!
Holy One, who is Wind, truly you are great!
(solos: Emily Garcia, Liam Bia, Jayme Ide)

This is the Day Gerald T. Smith

This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, into
His courts with praise.
I will rejoice, I will rejoice,
I will rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun
till the going down of the same,
He's worthy of the glory, He's worthy of the honor.

I will rejoice, rejoice, rejoice and be glad in it.

Come on everybody, let's rejoice!
This is the day that the Lord has made, rejoice!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, rejoice!
This is the day that the Lord has made, rejoice!

(solo: Esther Christensen / Natalia Sabal & Amy Ross)

Sing Gently Eric Whitacre

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, one.

May we stand together, always.
May our voice be strong.
May we hear the singing.
And may we always sing along.

Sing, sing gently, always. Sing, sing as one.
Sing gently as one.

FALL WE ARE BROKEN

Requiem Gilkyson/Johnson

Jesus Savior full of grace, awaken.
All our homes are gone, our loved ones taken,
taken by the sea.
Jesus Savior calm our fears, have mercy.
Drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy.
Hear our mournful plea.

Our world has been shaken, we wander,
our homelands forsaken.
In the dark night of the soul
bring some comfort to us all,
O Jesus Savior come and carry us in your embrace
That our sorrows may be faced.

Jesus fill the glass to overflowing.
Illuminate the path where we are going,
have mercy on us all
In fun'ral fires burning, each flame
to your myst'ry returning.

In the dark night of the soul
your shattered dreamers, make them whole.
O Jesus Savior find us where we've fallen out of grace,
lead us to a higher place.
In the dark night of the soul
our broken hearts you can make whole,
O Jesus Savior come and carry us in your embrace;
let us see your gentle face, Jesus.

Where Dwells the Soul of My Love Victor Johnson

What precious thing are you making fast
in all these silken lines?
And to whom will it go at last,
these subtle knots and twines?
I will send it far, to I know not where above.
To that sphere beyond the highest star
Where dwells the soul of my love.
I am tying all my love in this,
with all its hopes and fears;
With all its anguish and all its bliss,
and its hours heavy as years.
My love, I wish that you were here.

Poor Wayfaring Stranger arr. Jonathan Rodgers

I am a poor, wayfarin' stranger,
while travelin' through this world of woe.
But there's no sickness,
toil or danger in that bright land to which I go.
I'm goin' there to see my mother.
I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm only goin' over Jordan. I'm only goin' over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me.
I know my way is rough and steep.
Yet beauteous fields lie just before me
where God's redeemed, their vigil keep.
I'm goin' there to see my father.
I'm goin' there no more to roam.
I'm only goin' over Jordan. I'm only goin' over home.

I want to wear a crown of glory
when I get home to that good land.
I want to shout salvation's story
in concert with that bloodwashed band.
I'm goin' there to meet my Savior,
sing His praises evermore.
I'm only goin' over Jordan. I'm only goin' over home.
(solo: Eden Pikaart / Shandiin Benson & Jayme Ide / Jordyn Holtsoi-Henry
& Ash Seciwa)

O Love arr. Elaine Hagenberg

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain that morn
shall tearless be.
O Love, that will not let me go.

REDEMPTION

WE ARE MADE NEW (THROUGH CHRIST)

This Little Babe Benjamin Britten

This little babe, so few days old,
has come to rifle Satan's fold.
All hell doth at his presence quake,
though he himself for cold do shake.
For in this weak unarmed wise,
the gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,
His naked breast stands for a shield.
His battering shot are babish cries,
His arrows looks of weeping eyes.
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,
And feeble flesh his warrior's steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall,
His bulwark but a broken wall;
The crib his trench, haystalks his stakes,
of shepherds he his muster makes.
And thus as sure his foe to wound,
the angels' trumps alarum sound.

My soul with Christ join thou in fight;
stick to the tents that he hath pight.
Within his crib is surest ward;
this little Babe will by thy guard.
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,
then flit not from this Heavenly boy!

The Glory of the Father Egil Howland
The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father,
full of grace and truth.
The Word was with God,
in Him was life; and the life was the light of men.
He came to his own and his own received him not.
(from John 1)

Is He Worthy? Peterson/Shive
Do you feel the world is broken? (We do.)
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do.)
But do you know that all the dark
won't stop the light from getting through? (We do.)
Do you wish that you could see
it all made new? (We do.)

Is all creation groaning? (It is.)
Is a new creation coming? (It is.)
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light
within our midst? (It is.)
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is.)
Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He was David's root and the Lamb
who died to ransom the slave.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is.
Does the Father truly love us? (He does.)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does.)
And does Jesus, our Messiah,
hold forever those He loves? (He does.)
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does.)
From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God
to reign with the Son.
Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing
and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?
He is!

(solos: Liam Bia, Alieda Zylstra)

Amazing Grace arr. Stanley Jim
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.
(see last page of program for additional student voices on grace)

All Things New Elaine Hagenberg
Light after darkness, gain after loss.
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears.
Home after wandering, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and the End,
He is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain.
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom.
Love after wandering, life after tomb.

My Lord, What a Morning Traditional spiritual
My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning.
Oh my Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worldly ways.
Joined that heavenly band.

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning.
Oh my Lord, what a morning
when the stars begin to fall.

From Matthew 24:29-31 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken; then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory; and he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.” (solo: Iliana Andrade)

Offering

Bob Ippel, Executive Director
Ken Zylstra, Director of Advancement

RESTORATION

WE ARE CALLED (TO BE PART OF GOD'S STORY)

The Earth Shall Know Porter's Gate

Let us come of one accord to lift up praises to our King.
There is splendor and power all around him.
And we will gather all together
Every tribe, nation, creed and color.
Let the body come alive and our Creator be glorified.

And the earth shall know God's name.
And the earth will sing God's praise.
All of the earth will sing the praises of our God.

Let us come of one accord
to see each other and our needs.

When we gather there is power all around us.
Power to live right, power to be light
Over our cities and neighbors to speak life.
Spirit, give us eyes to see your perfect will for humanity.

Heal the land, meet the need, set the captives free...
(trio: Natalia Sabal, Esther Christensen, Eden Pikaart)

He Never Failed Me Yet Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy.
Every day, every hour He gives me power.
I will sing and give praise to Him for all the dangers,
toils and snares that he has brought me out.
He is my God and I'll serve him
no matter what the cost.
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out.
He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm.
I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest,
I'm going home to be forever bless'd.
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out.
He never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?
And didn't he cool the fiery furnace
for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do,
He delivered Daniel, I know he will deliver you.
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out.
He never failed me yet.

(solos: Jade Singer, Landon Watts, Iliana Andrade)

Father, Let Your Kingdom Come Porter's Gate

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come!
May the works of my hands bring you joy.
May the words of my mouth speak your peace.
You make all things new in places we don't choose.
Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come!

Rise, Shine Traditional spiritual arr. Garrett/Trenney

Rise, shine, for your light is a comin'.
Rise and shine for your light is a comin'.
Oh rise, shine, for your light is a comin'.
My Lord says He's comin' by and by.

This is the year of Jubilee.
My Lord has set His people free.
Wet or dry I intend to try to serve the Lord until I die.
Rise, shine, for your light is a comin'.
Rise and shine for your light is a comin'.
Oh rise, shine, for your light is a comin'.
My Lord says He's comin' by and by.

I intend to shout and never stop,
until I reach that mountaintop.

Rise, shine, for your light is a comin'.
Rise and shine for your light is a comin'.
Oh rise, shine, for your light is a comin'.
My Lord says He's comin' by and by.

The Lord Be Magnified Ron Kenoly

Oh the Lord, oh the Lord, oh the Lord be magnified . . .

Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in You
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in You, in You.

Let such as love Your salvation say continually,
Let such as love Your salvation say continually,

The Lord be magnified, the Lord be magnified;
The Lord be magnified, be magnified.

Oh the Lord, oh the Lord, oh the Lord be magnified...

Special Thanks

Dave Barker - percussion, marimba
Ken Zylstra, Alieda Zylstra - trumpet
Nick Salazar - trumpet, sound
Sarah Zylstra - violin
Jacob Essig, Glenn Laurence - guitar
Nathanael Silas Bell - native drum
Emily Wuestewald - slides, program
Mike De Young - slides

About Rehoboth Christian School

Location: Rehoboth Christian School (RCS) is situated on 700 scenic and peaceful acres of land one mile east of Gallup, on historic Route 66 in Rehoboth, New Mexico. We are located south of the Navajo Nation and 50 miles north of the Zuni Pueblo in McKinley County.

History

Rehoboth was founded by the Christian Reformed Church of North America in 1903 as a mission to the Navajo people. In 1973, RCS became a self-governing Christian School led by a board made up of Rehoboth parents and alumni. In 2003, during the 100th anniversary of Rehoboth Christian School, Rehoboth engaged in thoughtful reflection, confession, and testimony recognizing the mistakes it had made over the years as the mission was carried out. Today Rehoboth has the goal of providing quality Christian education that serves the varied constituency of this region while continuing an emphasis on serving the Native American students who make up 79% of the student body.

About this tour

The Rehoboth Christian High School Choir's midwest 2020 tour was suddenly halted by the COVID-19 pandemic two weeks before it was to begin. Ironically, the news that transmission of the virus was linked to singing halted a tour entitled, "My Song Forever." Three years later, after months of isolation, fear and death, the 57-voice choir is excited to share the hope that God does make "All Things New," as evidenced by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

God's work in making all things new is His work and we rest in that. Whether we look at mistakes of the past or the brokenness of our lives, we rest in the fact that His work continues. Humbly, we also recognize that we are called to be part of that restoration project through various kingdom roles. The content of this tour is in part being shaped by Kingdom roles which the school has identified through the Teaching for Transformation framework. At Rehoboth we are challenged to be Community Builders, Gospel Walkers, and Children of God, to name a few. These roles have been made into greeting cards beautifully illustrated by artists Elmer Yazzie and Autumn Newell and are available for purchase.

The choir and their director give God all praise for His amazing goodness and grace, and pray that you will be blessed by their message of hope and healing this evening. They are thrilled to worship with you, celebrating the Triune God, who makes all things new!

For more information on the Rehoboth Choir or Rehoboth Christian School, please contact the school at 505-863-4412 Ext. 1 or visit our website at www.rcsnm.org

Rehoboth Student Voices on GRACE

I would describe grace as an elegant goodwill given to us by God. Someone who gives grace gives it with a loving, cheerful heart and has Jesus living inside of them.

I think of grace as forgiveness. Not earned forgiveness, but something that is given to you.

I have seen how God's grace has worked out by making things new. Whenever I feel like giving up on something, I am overcome with a new strength to keep going.

Grace reminds me of the sun. When we fall captive to the dark (sin), God's grace is always there to show us the way out and show us where to go next. It's always there when we need it but don't deserve it.

God has guided me through life... and has forgiven me when I didn't deserve it. I have seen God's grace work in mysterious ways through people and I have seen people healed from the inside out.

I see grace as a spark of hope. It reminds me of the light at the end of every tunnel when you're in a dark place in life.

God's grace has affected me by bringing the different things I do into the light and seeing that I am more than a label that everyone puts on me. I know that I am more even when it feels like there is no one else who knows who I really am.

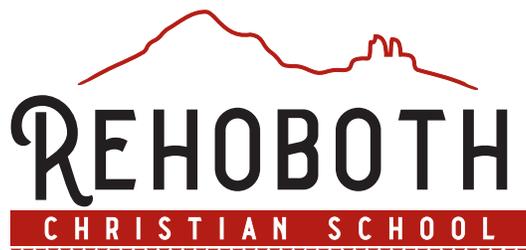
Grace is understanding that I am loved for who I am and who I will be one day.

To me grace means that there is no "yeah...but." There are no strings attached. It is simply a gift that God gives us. You don't have to work for it or earn it. God's grace isn't something I could earn if I tried, and I am grateful that I don't have to.

Grace is showing kindness and mercy.

Grace is unfounded forgiveness and love.

Grace is small things proving to me every day that, even if only by a select few, I'm wanted.



Rehoboth High School Choir 2023

Directed by Anna Christensen

Accompanied by Gail DeYoung and Jack Ippel

Iliana Andrade*	Jude Christensen*	Jordyn Holtsoi-Henry	Duviana Sanchez*
Xavi Andrade*	Zoe Claw	Jayne Ide*	Ash Seciwa
Asher Arviso*	Atarah Damon	Wiyanna Larry	Jade Singer
Katherine Baldonado*	Payton Davis	Glenn Laurence*	Angela Faith-Sowers*
AJ Bell	Talan Davis	Xander Leggett	Eden Sun*
Silas Bell*	Alexandra De Armond	Shaundeen Manygoats	Shannon Tahy
Zeek Bell	Emma Egan	Christal McCabe	Evin Toddy*
Shandiin Benson*	Jacob Essig	Juliana Meester	Kaleb Vail
Liam Bia*	Lane Etsitty	Katelyn Nastacio*	Faith Vicente
Tyler Bonaguidi	Emily Garcia*	James Newell*	Landon Watts
Lillith Briggs*	Katelyn Garoutte	Daniel Philips	Devin White
Mary Helen Brown	Nehemiah Hardy*	Lily Philips*	Alieda Zylstra*
Garrett Cayaditto	Hailey Haven	Eden Pikaart*	
Elysia Choudhrie*	Micah Haven	Amy Ross*	
Esther Christensen*	Jayden Holtsoi-Henry	Natalia Sabal*	

*Cantabile Choir member

Names in bold: 2023 New Mexico Music Educators' Association All-State Choir recipient

Throughlines: Living Images / Justice Warriors /
Beauty Weavers / Gospel Walkers / Children of God

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The core teaching practices of TfT are being used in over 100 schools worldwide to create learning experiences that empower teachers and students to explore their role in the Kingdom story.