St. James’ Episcopal Church

Danbury, CT

Carillon Recital

12:30 PM Wednesday July 13, 2022

George Matthew Jr., guest carillonneur

1. Ukrainian songs
2. The Ukrainian National Anthem
3. The Mighty Dnieper
4. My Evening Dawn
5. One is High and One is Low
6. My Thoughts, My Thoughts
7. Prayer for Ukraine
8. Zog nit keynmol Yiddish folk song

“Never say we walk the last road”

1. Intermezzo for carillon Peter Langburg

b. 1945

1. Variations on an English folk song Robert Kleinschmidt

“Charlie is me darlin’” (1910 – 1959)

1. Gates Mills Suite for carillon Raymond Keldermans

By the River (1911 – 1984)

St. Christopher’s carillon

Elegy for a Sparrow

The Hunt

Celebration

1. Chim Chim Cheree From the movie, Mary Poppins
2. Spirituals

O Freedom

We shall overcome

Lift every voice and sing

George Matthew, Jr.

Organist and Carillonneur

George Matthew, Jr. has been carillonneur of Norwich University and Middlebury College in Vermont since 1986. A church organist since the age of 13, he is currently organist at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church of Middlebury, Vermont.

For eleven years he was accompanist for the Middlebury Community Chorus. In 2005 he was named Artist of the Year by the Vermont Chapter American Guild of Organists.

Mr. Matthew has made 40 carillon concert tours of the USA and 13 of Europe, performing in Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, England, Ireland, and Scotland. In all, he has played over 200 carillons. In 2004, he played the dedication recital of the new carillon of University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

He has composed and arranged about 100 pieces for carillon, including a number of ragtime piano works; his rather unusual European debut was an all-ragtime program in Ostende, Belgium. His popular ragtime piano performances and accompanying lectures are in demand at area community centers and colleges.

He has studied carillon with Arthur Bigelow and Frank Law, organ with Hugh Ross and Ernest White, and composition with David Barnett. He is a graduate of Columbia, Bridgeport, and Wesleyan Universities. He is married to Irish wire harpist Sherri Matthew.