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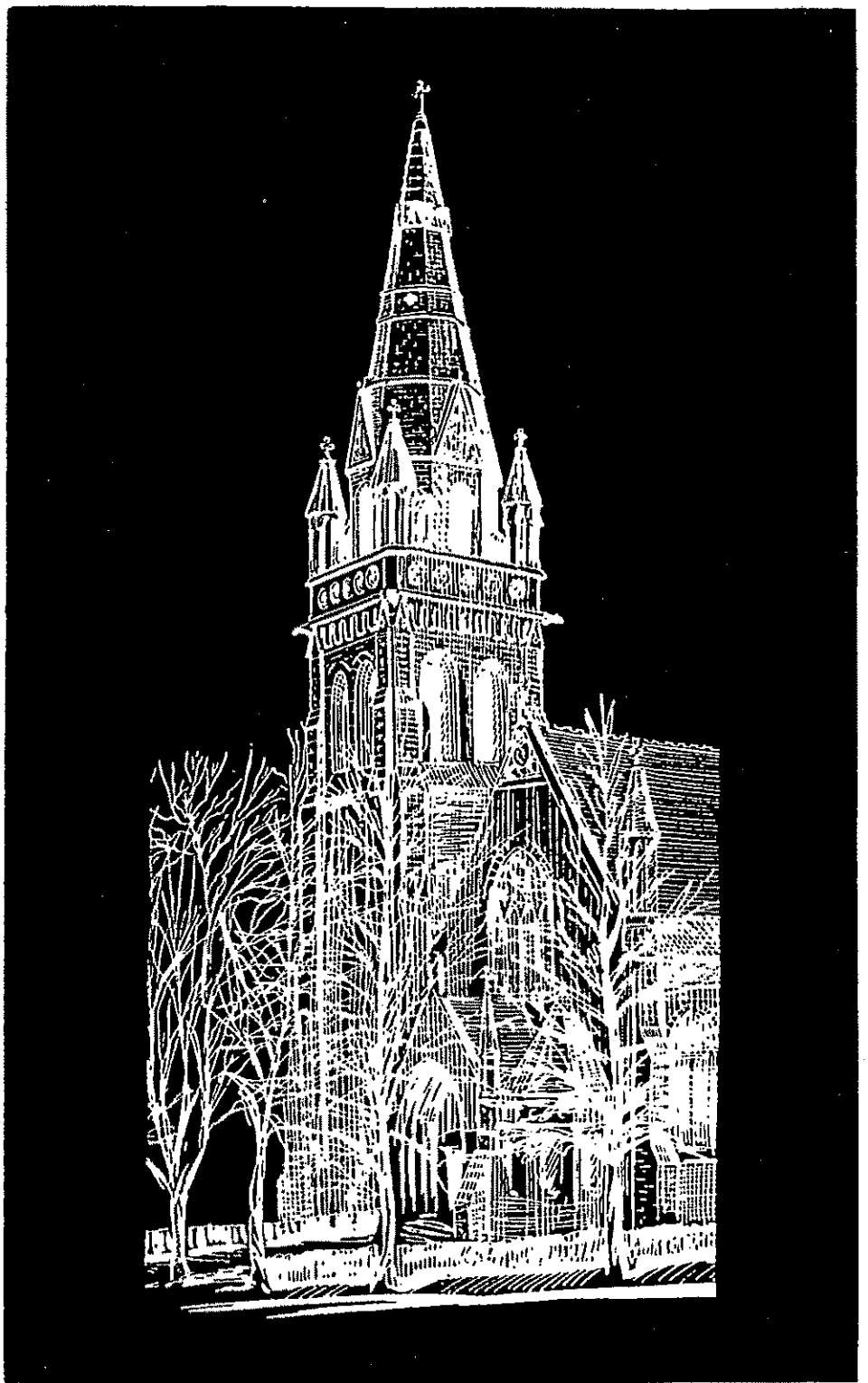
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**LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
PACKER MEMORIAL CHURCH**

Sunday, October 23, 2016

2:00 P.M.

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

for the life of

JERRY T. BIDLACK

February 16, 1931 – September 22, 2016

PRELUDE

Cortege et Litanie Marcel Dupré

from the *Fourth Sonata for Organ – Allegretto* Felix Mendelssohn

Prelude on the Welsh Hymntune “Rhosymedre”
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Chorale Prelude, “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”
Johannes Brahms

Three Chorale Preludes Johann Sebastian Bach
“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
“Sleepers, Wake, A Voice is Calling”
“Before Your Throne I Now Appear”

OPENING PRAYER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE I

Lay Me Low (from Shaker Songs) arranged by Kevin Siegfried
Lehigh University Choir

Dominus Vobiscum Jacob Narvarud
Dolce—The Lehigh Women’s Ensemble

TIME OF TRIBUTE

Dr. Peter Schultz

LESSON FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 121

MUSICAL INTERLUDE II

String Octet in E-Flat Major, Opus 20—IV. Presto Felix Mendelssohn

***HYMN** *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

***HYMN** *Beside the Floods of Babylon (Bach Chorale)*

PRAYER OF BLESSING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E-flat Major ("Saint Anne") Johann Sebastian Bach

A reception for the Bidlack family will be held immediately after the service in the Zoellner Arts Center lobby.

Donations in memory of Jerry Bidlack can be made to:
Kinhaven Music School, 6 Elberta Road, Maplewood NJ 07040

or

Young People's Philharmonic (YPP), PO Box 1614, Bethlehem, PA 18016

Officiant:

Rev. Dr. Lloyd H. Steffen, University Chaplain, Lehigh University

Organist:

Greg Funfgeld, Artistic Director and Conductor, Bach Choir of Bethlehem

Musical Director:

Dr. Steven Sametz, Director, Lehigh University Choir

Sun Min Lee, Director, Dolce—The Lehigh Women's Ensemble

String Octet musicians:

Deborah Buck Mazzocchi, violin	Aundrey Mitchell, viola
Naho Tsutsui Parrini, violin	Kathleen Foster, viola
Lauren Cauley, violin	Albert Parrini, cello
Emily Wang, violin	Tomoko Fujita, cello

Jerry T. Bidlack

An organist and cellist, musical conductor and teacher, Jerry T. Bidlack directed Lehigh University's Chamber Music and String Orchestra programs, the Music at Lehigh Concert Series, and served as well as University Organist and chair of the Music Department. He founded and directed the Lehigh University Philharmonic Orchestra.

A graduate of the organ program at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Professor Bidlack earned his Masters of Music from Boston University School of Fine and Applied Arts and began his career at the Buxton School in Williamstown, MA. He pursued doctoral studies at Indiana University, then joined the Lehigh faculty in 1973 to conduct the Women's Chorus and the String Orchestra. He taught music theory and organ and retired from Lehigh in 1995 as professor *emeritus*.

Since 1967 Professor Bidlack had spent summers at the Kinhaven Music School in Weston, VT, where he served as Executive Director and for many years as Choral Director. Professor Bidlack met his wife, Nancy, at Kinhaven, and his love for the school and its program was tied to his commitment to fostering an environment that shunned ruthless competition in favor of encouraging young people to experience a love for simply playing music. His and Nancy's dedication to promoting music education led to their founding of the Young People's Philharmonic for middle and high school students and the Junior String Philharmonic for fifth through eighth graders. Over 1300 students in the Lehigh Valley have played in the groups since they were founded in 1976. Earlier this year he was honored at a gala concert for his forty years as Founding Music Director and Conductor of the Young People's Philharmonic.

Called by Lehigh University a "lifelong champion of young musicians," Jerry Bidlack was a constant presence at Christmas Vespers and other musical events at Lehigh University and in the Lehigh Valley. Commented his colleague, Dr. Steven Sametz, "The tradition of women singing at Lehigh began when Jerry T. Bidlack started the first women's chorus in the 1970s. We are grateful for all Jerry brought to the musical life of Lehigh."