

**Eaton Rapids Fall Handbell Festival**  
**Saturday, October 29, 2022**  
First United Methodist Church  
Eaton Rapids, MI

**Information**

**What:** Eaton Rapids Fall Handbell Festival

**Where:** First United Methodist Church, 600 S. Main Street, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

**When:** Saturday, October 29, 2022

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Répertoire**

**Massed:**

*Be Thou My Vision*, arr. Kyle Webber, L2, Hope 2904

*Rondo Jubilee*, Brenda E. Austin, L2+, Hope 2934

**Tins:**

*Praise Unfolding*, Sandra Eithun, L1, Chorister's Guild CGB523

**Coppers:**

*I've Got Peace Like a River*, arr. Sandra Eithun, L2+ Hope 2892

**Music must be ordered and prepared prior to the festival.**

**What to bring**

Generally, if you use it in rehearsal, please bring it to the festival.

**Schedule**

8:30am – 9:00am: Arrival & Set-up

9:00am – 10:00am: Massed Rehearsal

10:00am – 10:15am: BREAK

10:15am – 11:00am: Tins in Rehearsal – Coppers in Class

11:00am – 11:15am: BREAK

11:15am – 12:00pm: Coppers in Rehearsal – Tins in Class

12:00pm – 12:45pm: LUNCH

12:45pm – 1:45pm: Massed Rehearsal

1:45pm – 2:00pm: Tins Run Through – Coppers BREAK

2:00pm – 2:15pm: Coppers Run Through – Tins BREAK

2:30pm – 3:00pm: Closing Concert **with special guest: Detroit Handbell Ensemble!**

## **Our Clinicians**

**Brenda E. Austin** is a dynamic and energetic conductor, clinician, and composer. She has served as the Artistic Director for the Detroit Handbell Ensemble since 2016. Under her baton, DHE was honored to open the Handbell Musicians of America National Seminar in 2018 and be the featured concert for HMA's Area 2 festival in Lancaster, PA. In 2019, Brenda joined the team at Hope Publishing Company in Carol Stream, IL as Editor in charge of the handbell catalog. Additionally, she has served First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids, MI, where she directs three handbell choirs, as Director of Worship and Music since 2003. She is also active in the community directing children's musical theatre and handbell choirs.

Brenda graduated with a degree in vocal performance from Western Michigan University and a Master of Music in choral conducting from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. She has studied with Craig Arnold, Steve Zegree, and Eph Ehly.

Brenda is in demand as a handbell clinician throughout the year and has been the conductor and clinician at numerous festivals and workshops, including HMA National Seminar and Areas 4 and 5 spring festivals. Additionally, she has had more than 50 titles published for handbells since 2014.

**Kyle Webber** has been leading choirs, handbell choirs and playing organ and piano in churches for more than two decades. He is currently the Worship and Arts Director at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church in Royal Oak, MI and also the Associate Conductor of Detroit Handbell Ensemble. He is a clinician, having conducted at the Peggy Van Vleck Memorial Ring in Grand Rapids, the Eaton Rapids Handbell Festival and several Handbell Musicians of America Area 5 festivals. He has served in various roles on both the Area 5 and national boards of the Handbell Musicians of America. Kyle is also a published handbell composer. He is married to his beautiful wife, Susanna and has a blended family of 5 children.

### **SPECIAL GUESTS: DETROIT HANDBELL ENSEMBLE!**

Attendees will be graced with the dulcet tones of the Detroit Handbell Ensemble in a mini concert. Members of the ensemble will also be involved in massed rehearsal and as clinicians for classes.

The ensemble, which began in 1991 with founding director Susan Berry, is an auditioned handbell choir that provides both educational and performance opportunities for southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. Gifted organist and clinician Dr. Michael Burkhardt provided musical direction from 2010 to 2016, and talented handbell music composer Brenda Austin became the artistic director in fall 2016.

The Detroit Handbell Ensemble includes members who are musicians, educators, and business professionals from across southeastern Michigan. The group rehearses one evening a week during the academic year. For information about how *you* can become the newest member, please see our website [www.detroithandbellensemble.org](http://www.detroithandbellensemble.org).

### **Questions?**

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