

March 9, 2023

Notes from the Music Department

Welcome back, Molly and Jacob, better known as Dr. Molly Roseman, piano instructor at UWSP and Dr. Jacob Roseman, flute instructor at the Wausau Conservatory of Music. These special musicians will share music written in the early 1900's from Japan, Ireland and France before closing with the ever popular 16th century "**Greensleeves**" from England. Thank you so much for sharing your always beautiful music!

Our first hymn, "**Gather the Spirit**," was written by next weekend's guest musician, Jim Scott, who wrote this song of welcome in 1990 using his gentle melody to usher us all into a space of worship filled with love. Thank you, Board member Kara Hall, for leading us in this and the other hymns today. Your efforts are always greatly appreciated.

To get into a Jim Scott groove in anticipation of next week's Saturday night concert and Sunday morning's service, you may wish to check out a few of his performances of his work, both solo and with the Paul Winter Consort on YouTube using the keywords:

Jim Scott, *Common Ground*, Solo Version

Jim Scott, *We Are the Earth*, live in Davis, CA

Concert for the Earth: Song for the Earth featuring Jim Scott and the
Winter Consort

Paul

Music Making Opportunities:

Our Choir meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in our well ventilated atrium. Join us as we prepare music for spring.

Our **Drum Club** meets Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 at 1005 Steuben St. Wausau for activities and games that are sometimes aimed at technique building, sometimes meditative, always community building, and always fun.

"The Year to Save the Earth"

Jim Scott, Composer/Guitarist

7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 18, 2023

A Healing for the World

10:30 a.m., Sunday, March 19, 2023

First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau

Mixing powerful songs and beautiful projected images, "**The Year to Save the Earth**" takes us from celebration to grieving, protest, learning and positive vision for the planet. Jim Scott's lyrical melodies and outspoken poetry celebrate what's beautiful, amazing and fragile, nurturing a spirit of collective action for our planet.

The message is that the time is now! As well as hard reality, the program's message is one of optimism. There are many invitations for people to join in the singing and then to get involved in environmental action. Facing the urgency of the environmental crisis, the songs challenge us to feel, to learn and to act.

Putting ourselves in harmony is the first step, and singing together opens hearts and inspires community, commitment and then a movement. We hope "**The Year to Save the Earth**" will provoke thought, further discussion and move participants to take the vision home with us.

Jim mixes songs and stories in a message of peace and reconciliation for a wounded world and our struggling society. Amid wars and cataclysmic weather events, any long term versions of sustainability have lately been obscured if not abandoned. In this season of optimism and renewal of spirit for the work we have before us, our charge is nothing less than a job of healing - the earth and ourselves.