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JAZZ WORSHIP SERVICE

VICAR DAVID DRECHSLER

and the

STATESMEN

Directed by Kenneth Kistner

UNIVERSITY CHOIR

Directed by Mary Esther Evans

Sunday, April 28, 1968

4:00 p.m.

Illinois State University

Union Ballroom

SPONSORED BY

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PROLOGUE . . . . . Randy Deckwerth  
Band and Choir

HYMN . . . . Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee  
Congregation

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of Love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect  
Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow,  
flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward, In the triumph song of life.

Don't Get Around Much Any More . . . . . Band

What Is It All About . . . . . arr. Randy Deckwerth  
Band and Choir

DIALOGUE . . . . . Vicar Drechsler

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring . . . . . Band

RESPONSIVE READING . . . . . Congregation

V: O Lord,  
P: Have mercy on us  
V: O Christ,  
P: Have mercy on us  
V: O Lord,  
P: Have mercy on us  
V: From attempting to act as though we have God in a box  
P: Deliver us, O Lord  
V: For calling you Lord and Creator - yet forgetting that this is  
Your world.

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing,  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His name,  
From age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us;  
The Prince of Darkness grim we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo, his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

1. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;  
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.



The music composed and arranged by Randy Deckwerth for this jazz worship service represents only one facet of this young composer's many contributions to his art.

Mr. Deckwerth, a senior in music, has written compositions for concert band, orchestra, voice and piano; all of which have been performed on campus.

The jazz worship service itself is the result of a desire on the part of the Religious Life Board to develop an original and contemporary approach to worshipping God that would not be bound by the tradition of any particular church.

Kenneth Kistner has received both his bachelors and masters degrees from Illinois State University and is presently teaching in the Music Department of I. S. U.

Vicar David Drechsler is the Pastoral Associate at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal and serves the Missouri Synod Lutheran students of Illinois State University and Illinois Wesleyan University.