

September 16, 2014

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

I love music. All music really, though my favorite artist is probably Bruce Springsteen. Susan and I have seen him in concert several times, and there is nothing like it: a stadium full of people, everyone on their feet, all singing in unison. It's incredible. The energy is amazing.

Music has that power. There is something mystical about it. The way it brings people together, or its ability to transport us back to a certain time and place in our lives. Music has a way of connecting us to something greater than ourselves. It ushers in the divine presence in a way that words just can't explain. My music professor at seminary liked to say, "those who sing pray twice." And, he was right. Music is a way of communicating with God.

Fortunately, we are blessed with an incredible music program at Grace Church. In Mr. C, we have a gifted musician and talented teacher, who leads our choirs in singing great music. Their presence enhances our worship each and every Sunday and offers beautiful praise to God.

We also have our Music of Grace concert series, in which different artists come to Grace and perform a wide variety of music. This coming Sunday, September 21, we kick-off our 2014-2015 concert series with pianist Irene Kim who has garnered several prizes for her playing and has been praised for her vitality and charm. It should be a wonderful recital. The performance begins at 5:00 p.m. and everyone is invited. I hope to see you there.

With many blessings,
Andrew