

***To Hope! A Celebration*** by Dave Brubeck is an exciting work of grand proportion and a monumental affirmation of hope and exultation. Composed in 1979, it is powerful, multi-faceted, and displays his superb choral writing ability with profoundly moving passages, dance-like rhythms, deep emotion, and a strong sense of optimism.

Mr. Brubeck became a legend in the 1950s for his iconic and revolutionary jazz, but many of those adoring fans were unaware that he was a classically trained musician. During a career lasting more than six decades, he also created a substantial body of innovative secular and religious works integrating classical music with jazz.

Dave Brubeck often mentioned ***To Hope!*** as one of the highlights of his career. We honor this remarkable man and are pleased to finally participate in the official world-wide celebration Dave Brubeck 100.

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***I'm Gonna Sing!*** by André Thomas is a collection of spirituals from the master of spiritual writing. Dr. Thomas is a distinguished conductor, composer and arranger who is especially well known for his wonderful arrangements of traditional spirituals. Selections include *I'm Gonna Sing*, *Deep River*, *Swing Down Chariot*, *Keep Your Lamps*, and more!

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Tina Johns Heidrich, Conductor

## **Spring Concert**

### ***To Hope! A Celebration***

by Dave Brubeck

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### ***I'm Gonna Sing!***

by André Thomas

Sunday, March 5, 2023 – 3:00 pm

First Congregational Church  
164 Deer Hill Avenue.  
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***Our 22<sup>nd</sup> Season!***