

Press Release:

Under the direction of Guest Conductor Mark Miller, Summit Chorale presents **Spring Surprise** on Saturday, May 17, 2008, 8:00 PM in Church of the Redeemer, 36 South Street, Morristown, NJ.

The chorale will sing a variety of works from Mark Miller's celebrated repertoire, including anthems, gospel selections and compositions to poems of Wordsworth. Among favorites sure to please are *Amazing Grace*, *Come to the Water*, *God's Got the Whole World*, and *Sweet Hallelujah*. The Wordsworth poems which Mr. Miller has set include *A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal*, *The Daffodils*, and *The World Is Too Much With Us*. Also on the program is *Before Too Long*, a moving plea for peace and human understanding written in 1943 by sixteen year old Alena Synkova, one of the children caught up in the Theresienstadt Ghetto. Of these 15,000 children, only about 150 survived the Holocaust.

Mark Miller is composer-in-residence of the Drew Theological School and of Harmonium Choral Society. At Drew he is director of the recently-formed Drew Ubuntu Pan-African Choir. He also serves on the faculty of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. From 2002-2007 he was Director of Contemporary Worship at Marble Collegiate Church in New York City. He is presently Minister of Music of Covenant United Methodist Church in Plainfield, NJ. Miller is known in churches throughout the country as a worship leader, teacher, composer and performer of sacred music and has appeared in concerts throughout the United States.

Tickets, at \$20 adult, \$18 senior and \$10 student, may be purchased at the concert or in advance by phone at 973-762-8486 or at www.summitchorale.org. There is a \$2. discount for advance purchase.

Summit Chorale is New Jersey's oldest continuously active choral organization, and will celebrate its 100th year during the 2008-09 season. Led by Interim Artistic Director Darlene Southard Wyzga, it consists of experienced volunteer singers from central and northern New Jersey. The group performs choral masterworks as well as shorter works of varied and innovative styles.