

In Shared Remembrance

A PUBLIC MEMORIAL FEATURING THE FAURÉ REQUIEM

Friday, May 8, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, Oregon

Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* has been offered twice before
as a memorial for the Mount Hood tragedy,
once immediately following the climb in 1986,
and again 20 years later in 2006.

Members of Trauma Informed Oregon are present with us this evening.
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A LASTING RESPONSIBILITY

The Mount Hood climb tragedy is part of the living history of Oregon Episcopal School.

The 20 climbers in May 1986 were 16 young people full of promise and four adults entrusted with their care. They trained and prepared for the climb together. They were loved by their families, friends, classmates, and colleagues, and each of them holds an enduring place in the legacy of this school.

The impact of the climb did not end when the storm passed. It was felt by our community, by those involved in the search and rescue efforts, by those who provided critical medical care, and by people across the nation. Its effects continue to ripple through the years.

We carry the memory of those who died, along with our responsibility to those who survived and to the families and friends who continue to grieve. We hold that responsibility as a sacred trust.

Remembrance is a commitment we carry forward together, with humility and reverence.
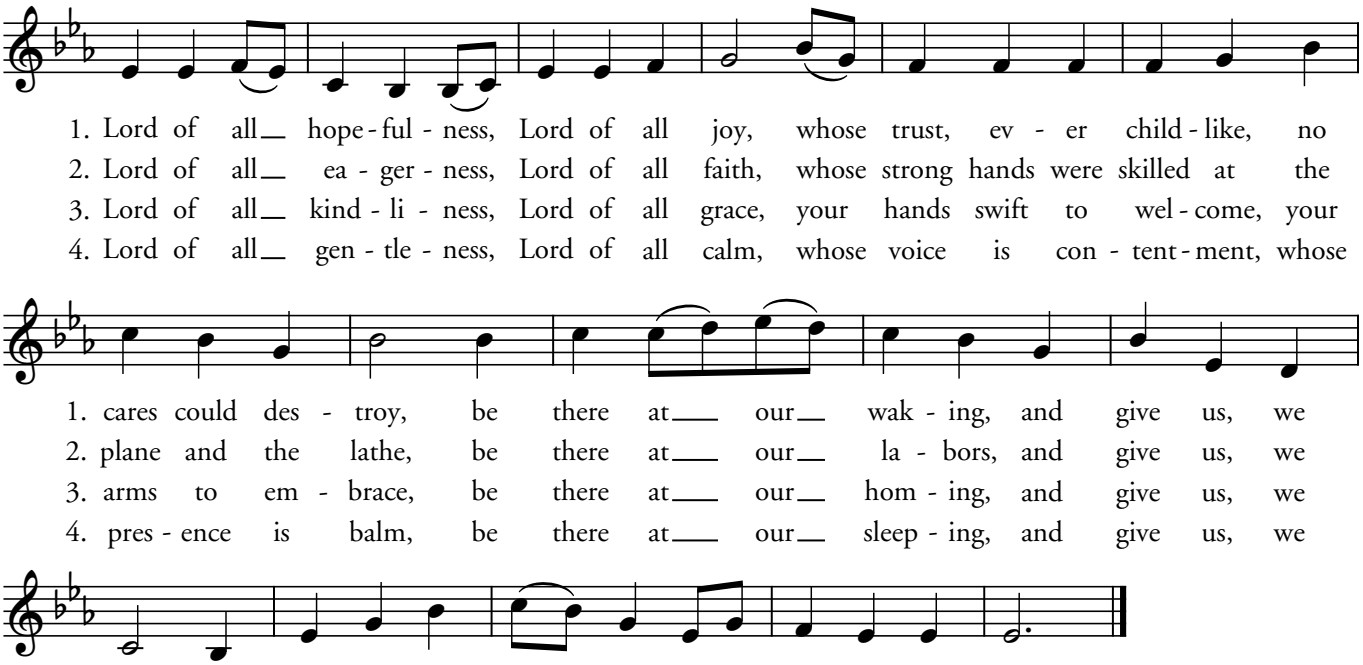
This loss remains with us. So does our promise to speak their names, to honor their lives, and to remember them.

Organ Prelude From ***Symphony No. 5*** by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
IV. Adagio

James Walton
Organ Scholar,
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

– PLEASE STAND –

Processional Hymn **Hymn 482 – Lord of All Hopefulness** **All**



– PLEASE BE SEATED –

Welcome

The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, MDiv, PhD
Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Western Oregon

The Rev. Michael Spencer
Head of School, Oregon Episcopal School

Opening Sentences

The Rev. Michael Spencer

"Fire-Flowers" by Emily Pauline Johnson (1861-1913)

And only where the forest fires have sped,
  Scorching relentlessly the cool north lands,
A sweet wild flower lifts its purple head,
And, like some gentle spirit sorrow-fed,
  It hides the scars with almost human hands.

And only to the heart that knows of grief,
  Of desolating fire, of human pain,
There comes some purifying sweet belief,
Some fellow-feeling beautiful, if brief.
  And life revives, and blossoms once again.

Invocation

The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama

God of peace and healing, in this sacred hour we remember before you the nine lives lost upon Mt. Hood forty years ago, and we hold in your presence all whose lives were forever shaped by that day.

In the shadow of loss, you meet us with mercy;
in the face of death, you steady us with the promise of resurrection;
in our remembering, you gather us again into your enduring love.

Grant, we pray, your comfort to those who still mourn,
your peace to those whose hearts remain unsettled,
and your strength to all who seek healing and wholeness.

As memory binds us to those we have loved and lost,
so let your grace bind us to one another:
a community once drawn together in grief,
and even now sustained as a light that shines in the darkness,
which the darkness has not overcome.

Pour out upon us your healing presence, O God,
and renew in us that love which bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things—
the love that never ends.

Amen.

Requiem by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

I. Introit et Kyrie

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum
in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
and may light perpetual shine on them,
A hymn becomes You, God, in Zion,
and to you may be paid a vow
in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer,
to You all flesh shall come.

Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

II. Offertoire

Liam Resener, *baritone*

O Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae,
libera animas defunctorum
de poenis inferni
et de profundo lacu,
de ore leonis,
ne absorbeat tartarus
ne cadant in obscurum.

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine
laudis offerimus:
tu suscipe pro animabus illis,
quarum hodie memoriam facimus.
Fac eas, Domine,
de morte transire ad vitam,
quam olim Abrahae promisisti
et semini ejus. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver the souls of the departed
from the punishment of hell
and from the deep pit,
from the mouth of the lion,
nor may they be absorbed by hell,
nor may they fall into darkness.

Sacrifice and prayer to You, Lord,
in praise we offer:
receive for those souls
whom today we commemorate.
Allow them, Lord,
to pass from death to life,
which once to Abraham You promised
and to his seed. Amen.

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Liz Harlan-Ferlo
Canon for Spirituality Education & Arts,
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and Former OES Chaplain

"The Gift of Love"

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

III. Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra
Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts.
Full are the heavens and the earth
of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

IV. Pie Jesu

Arwen Myers, *soprano*

Pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem;
dona eis sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Lord Jesus,
grant them rest;
grant them everlasting rest.

Reading: "In Blackwater Woods" by Mary J. Oliver (1935-2019)

Lorca Smetana '87
Advanced Climbing Team Member, May 1986

Look, the trees
are turning
their own bodies
into pillars

of light,
are giving off the rich
fragrance of cinnamon
and fulfillment,

the long tapers
of cattails
are bursting and floating away over
the blue shoulders

of the ponds,
and every pond,
no matter what its
name is, is

nameless now.
Every year
everything
I have ever learned

in my lifetime
leads back to this: the fires
and the black river of loss
whose other side

is salvation,
whose meaning
none of us will ever know.
To live in this world

you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it

against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.

V. Agnus Dei et Lux Aeterna

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem sempiternam requiem,
Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternam,
quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Lamb of God,
who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them everlasting rest.
Light eternal – may it shine on them, Lord,
with your saints in eternity,
You who are merciful.
Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
and light perpetual - may it shine on them.

Reading: Excerpt from "To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings"

by John O'Donohue (1956-2008)

Dr. Brian Litzenberger '86
Sibling of a climber who lost her life

For everything under the sun there is a time.
This is the season of your awkward harvesting,
when the pain takes you where you would rather not go,

through the white curtain of yesterdays to a place
you had forgotten you knew from the inside out;
and a time when that bitter tree was planted

that has grown always invisibly beside you
and whose branches your awakened hands
now long to disentangle from your heart.

You are coming to see how your looking often darkened
when you should have felt safe enough to fall toward love,
how deep down your eyes were always owned by something

that faced them through a dark fester of thorns
converting whoever came into a further figure of the wrong;
you could only see what touched you as already torn.

Now the act of seeing begins your work of mourning.
and your memory is ready to show you everything,
having waited all these years for you to return and know.

Only you know where the casket of pain is interred.
You will have to scrape through all the layers of covering
and according to your readiness, everything will open.

May you be blessed with a wise and compassionate guide
who can accompany you through the fear and grief
until your heart has wept its way to your true self.

As your tears fall over that wounded place,
may they wash away your hurt and free your heart.
May your forgiveness still the hunger of the wound,

so that for the first time you can walk away from that place,
reunited with your banished heart, now healed and freed,
and feel the clear, free air bless your new face.

VI. Libera Me

Liam Resener, *baritone*

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
in die illa tremenda
quando coeli movendi sunt
et terra,
dum veneris judicare
saeculum per ignem.
Tremens factus sum ego et timeo,
dum discussio venerit,
atque ventura ira.
Dies illa, dies irae,
calamitatis et miseriae,
dies illa, dies magna
et amara valde.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Deliver me, Lord, from death eternal
in that terrible day,
when the heavens shall be moved
and the earth,
when You shall come to judge
the world by fire.
With trembling I am seized and with fear,
until the trial to come,
also the coming wrath.
That day, day of wrath,
calamity and misery,
that day, great day
and exceedingly bitter.
Rest eternal grant them, Lord,
and light perpetual–may it shine on them.

VII. In Paradisum

In paradisum deducant angeli;
in tuo adventu
suscipant te martyres
et perducant te in civitatem sanctam
Jerusalem.
Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro, quondam paupere,
aeternam habeas requiem.

To paradise may the angels lead you;
at your coming
may the martyrs receive you
and bring you to the holy city,
Jerusalem.
May the angel chorus receive you
and with Lazarus, once a pauper,
may you have eternal rest.

Litany

The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama

Laura Axon '86, *Chair, Mount Hood Climb Observance Committee*

Sue Jensen, *Former OES Art Teacher and Dorm Parent*

Chaplain Mel Robinson, *Lower and Middle School Chaplain, Oregon Episcopal School*

The Rev. Joseph Wallace-Williams, *Rector, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church*

Officiant — With all that we are and all that we carry, as we remember The Mt. Hood Climb tragedy on this 40th anniversary, we gather before our God—Source of life, Breath of compassion, and Love that will not let us go.

Let us pray.

Leader — We bring before you O God of compassion, love and mercy: *Tasha Amy, Richard Haeder, Alison Litzenberger, Susan McClave, Patrick McGinness, Erin O'Leary, Eric Sandvik, Tom Goman, and Marion Horwell*–for their lives, their stories, their dreams, and for the love they gave and received. We remember them with hope and love.

People — **Hold them in your loving arms.**

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Leader O God of compassion, we pray for those who survived who carry memories in body, mind, and spirit.

People **Hold them in your loving arms.**

Leader O God of mercy, we pray for their families, friends, and loved ones; for all whose lives were forever changed by loss and grief.

People **Hold them in your loving arms.**

Leader O God of wisdom, we pray for the rescue teams and medical personnel; for those who responded in crisis with skill and compassion, and for all who continue to serve in moments of danger.

People **Hold them in your loving arms.**

Leader O God of all time and space we pray for our school community—past, present, and yet to come; for all who hold this story, and for the ways this community is shaped by it.

People **Bind us together in love.**

Leader O God of tenderness, we pray for all who experience tragedy and trauma in our world today; for those known to us and known only to you.

People **Be near to all who are in pain.**

Leader O God of hope, you know the ways grief can isolate and overwhelm. We give you thanks for the ways communities, near and far, have come together across time and distance to support, to remember, and to love.

People **Make us instruments of your compassion.**

Leader O God of mystery and promise, we affirm your presence in our lives. Invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain.

People **Bring new life out of what has been lost.**

Leader O God of the journey, be a steady light of love that endures beyond loss; and the quiet courage to keep going.

People **Renew in us your hope and your love.**

Leader O God our rock, we pray for all here present and all whose lives bring hope to this world; for those rooted in faith, those searching, and those unsure; that each find space for reflection, honesty, and for belonging.

People **Hold us in your loving arms.**

Officiant Hear these prayers, O God, which we have spoken aloud and keep now in the silence of our hearts.

The Prayers

The Rev. Christopher Decatur, *Head Chaplain, Oregon Episcopal School*

The Rev. LouAnn Pickering, *Former OES Chaplain*

The Rev. Michael Spencer

Dear People of God: We grieve the suffering and death of members of our community forty years ago. We give thanks to God for the many blessings we received and continue to receive in the wake of our grief. We ask for God's continuing presence as we recommit ourselves to honor the lives of those we lost.

God of Mercy, to whom our needs are known before we ask, send your healing power among us as we mark this anniversary. Renew a right spirit within us, that we may have the courage to continue to witness this history. In our sorrow, guide us to turn, not away in isolation and bitterness, but toward each other in hope. We ask this in the Name of your Son, who knew grief and yet sustained his faith in You. **Amen.**

God of Love, in the midst of personal grief, you connect us to the grace of community. We thank you for the great blessing of the human heart which beats in echo of your loving-kindness. We remember with awe the outpouring of support experienced within our community, then and to this day. We give thanks to you for your presence in First Responders, park staff, medical teams, and all who held our students and families in prayer during that time of anguish. Assist us that we may continue to be your hands and heart in the world, and respond to the vulnerability of others with swift, decisive, and meaningful help. All this we pray through your Son, who cared for the sick and the suffering. **Amen.**

God of Resurrection, who makes life revive and blossom once again, grant us discerning hearts that we may continue to use our power for good in the world. We thank you for nurturing our relationships with each other and with You. Continue the work begun in us, as we teach and learn together, to live in compassion and grace, ever striving to become your joyful, beloved community. This we pray in the name of your Son, who revealed the unquenchable power of enduring love. **Amen.**

Benediction

The Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

We do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us, so be quick to love, make haste to be kind. And may the blessing, mercy, and grace of God–Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer–be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

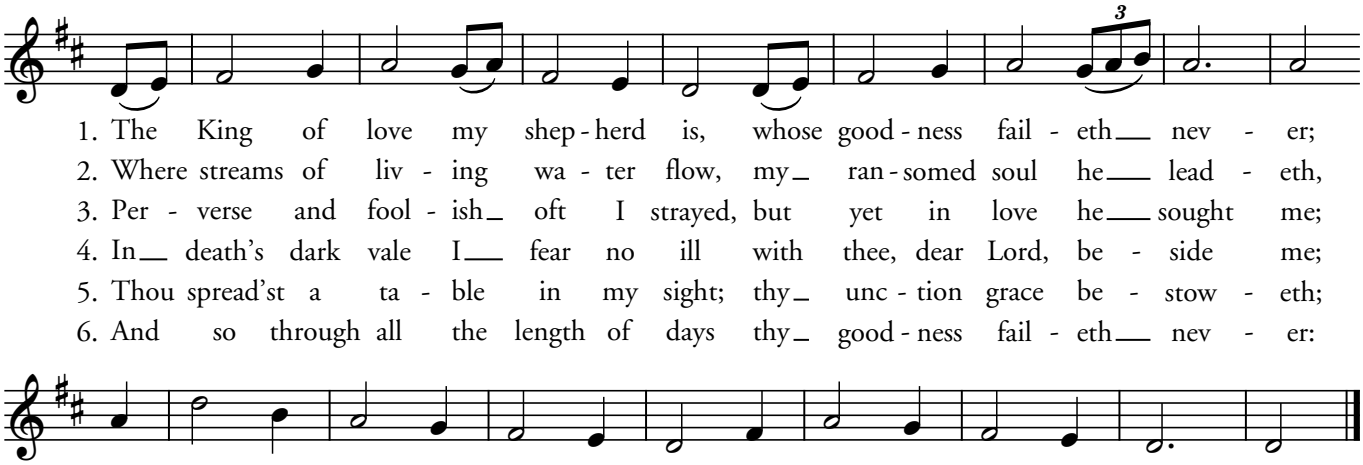
The Rev. VJ Sathyaraj
Canon Associate, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and Former OES Chaplain

Leader Go in peace, empowered by the gifts of community, love, and remembrance. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

– PLEASE STAND –

Recessional Hymn **Hymn 645 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is** **All**



Organ Postlude

Rhapsody No. 1, Op. 17
Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Katherine Webb
Organist
Canon for Music, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

All are welcome to join the reception in Kempton Hall after the service.

Participants

Officiant
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Diana Akiyama

Assisting Clergy
The Rev. Christopher Decatur
The Rev. LouAnn Pickering
The Rev. Canon VJ Sathyaraj
The Rev. Michael Spencer

Acolytes
Jayda Boston ’26
Micah Clunes ’27
Stu Young ’26

Readers
Canon Liz Harlan-Ferlo
Dr. Brian Litzenberger ’86
Lorca Smetana ’87

Litanists
Laura Axon ’86
Sue Jensen
Chaplain Mel Robinson
The Rev. Joseph Wallace-Williams

Trinity Choir
Katherine Webb, director
James Walton, organist

Soprano
Rosemary Hendrix
Amy Hunn
Christine Johnson
Helena Martin-Weber
Arwen Myers
Janice Olson
Sarah Parks
Amelia Pekar
Deb Postlewait
Emily Simmons
Sasha Stanton
Chelsea Williams

Alto
Annie Adams
Ginger Blomberg
Tim Galloway
Jan Korver
Judy Laing
Beth Marker
Cassie Marshall
Carol Martinez
Rachel Mohr
Sandy Powers
Annie Thomas
Celia Wagner

Tenor
Ethan Blatter
Ric Cole
Aryn Freeman
Les Green
Matt Green
Liam Resener

Bass
Ron Attrell
Luke Cohn
Jeff Creswell
Julie Falvey
Paul Fischer
Ben Froeschle
Evan Hargrave
John Lafrentz
Daniel Myers
Ward Nelson
Daniel Pickens-Jones
Paul Tlucek

Trinity Choristers
Galen Andeen
Grace Carroll
Charlotte Cruz
Jessie David
Eowyn Wright
Max Yun
Ryker Yun

Trinity Chamber Orchestra
Katherine Webb, director

Adam Lamotte, *Concertmaster*

Viola
Daphne Gooch, *Principal*
Shauna Keys
Dana Rokosny
Adam Hoornstra

Cello
Adaiha MacAdam-Somer, *Principal*
Dylan Rieck
Heather Blackburn
Karen Schulz-Harmon

Bass
AG Harmon

Bassoon
Georgeanne Banker
Ben Greanya

Horn
Steve Hayworth
Jen Harrison
Rebecca Olason
Jenessa Hettwer

Trumpet
Logan Brown
Steve Conrow

Timpani
Will Reno

Harp
Kate Petak

Organ
James Walton

Oregon Episcopal School Honor Choir
Ashley McCullar, director
Hannah Klammer, asst. director

Soprano
Sophia Chung ’31
Micah Clunes ’27
Lorien Gaines ’27
Litzy Guerra Alcalá ’26
Yaroslava Havrylenko ’27
Margo Nicholas ’29
Rose Tang ’30
Joelle Taylor ’31
Lucy Walkush ’26

Alto
Jayda Boston ’26
Alina Klimecky ’28
Lila Lemons ’31
Ana Laura Leyva Sierra ’28
Rebecca Lin-Meyer ’31
Hannah Menz ’31
Jasmine Phelps ’26
Sofia Remmo ’30
Lucy Riser ’30
Emily Terrill ’31
Skylar Zak-Apperson ’26

Tenor
Bennett Straub ’29
Ronin Tibayan ’28
Kieran Van Ballegooijen ’31
Jason Zhao ’27

Bass
Drew Mansfield ’26
Everett Wilkins ’30
Stu Young ’26

St. John the Baptist Choir
Scot Crandal, director

Soprano
Miki Charlton
Elsie Edge
Terri Kuechle
Maryan Ramey
Jocelyn Claire Thomas

Alto
Kimberly Beck
Ann FitzMaurice
Allison Knotts
Donna Maebori

Tenor
Doug Bom
Michael Hunter-Bernstein
Scot Crandal
Rochelle Wandzura
Ruthanne Williams Roussel

Bass
Fred Beal
Rod Evenson
Pat O’Callaghan
Les Rink
Kurt Smidt-Jernstrom
Norman Turrill

Thank you to Wayne Litzenberger for his sponsorship of this evening’s orchestra.

Thank you to Zachary Lenox for his event planning and logistics support.

The Mount Hood Climbers

The 20 people listed below took part in the Oregon Episcopal School Mount Hood climb in May, 1986. Seven students and two faculty members lost their lives.

Tasha Amy* Grade 10

Courtney Boatsman Grade 10

Brinton Clark Grade 10

Lorca Fitschen Grade 11 | Advanced Climbing Team member

Mick Garrett Grade 11 | Advanced Climbing Team member

Father Thomas Goman* Teacher | Climb Leader

Richard Haeder Jr.* Grade 10

Marion Horwell* Dean of the Upper School

Alison Litzenberger* Grade 10

Susan McClave* Grade 12 | Advanced Climbing Team member

Patrick McGinness* Grade 10

Erin O'Leary* Grade 10

Erik Sandvik* Grade 10

Molly Schula Grade 12 | Advanced Climbing Team member

Hilary Spray Grade 10

Sharon Spray Parent

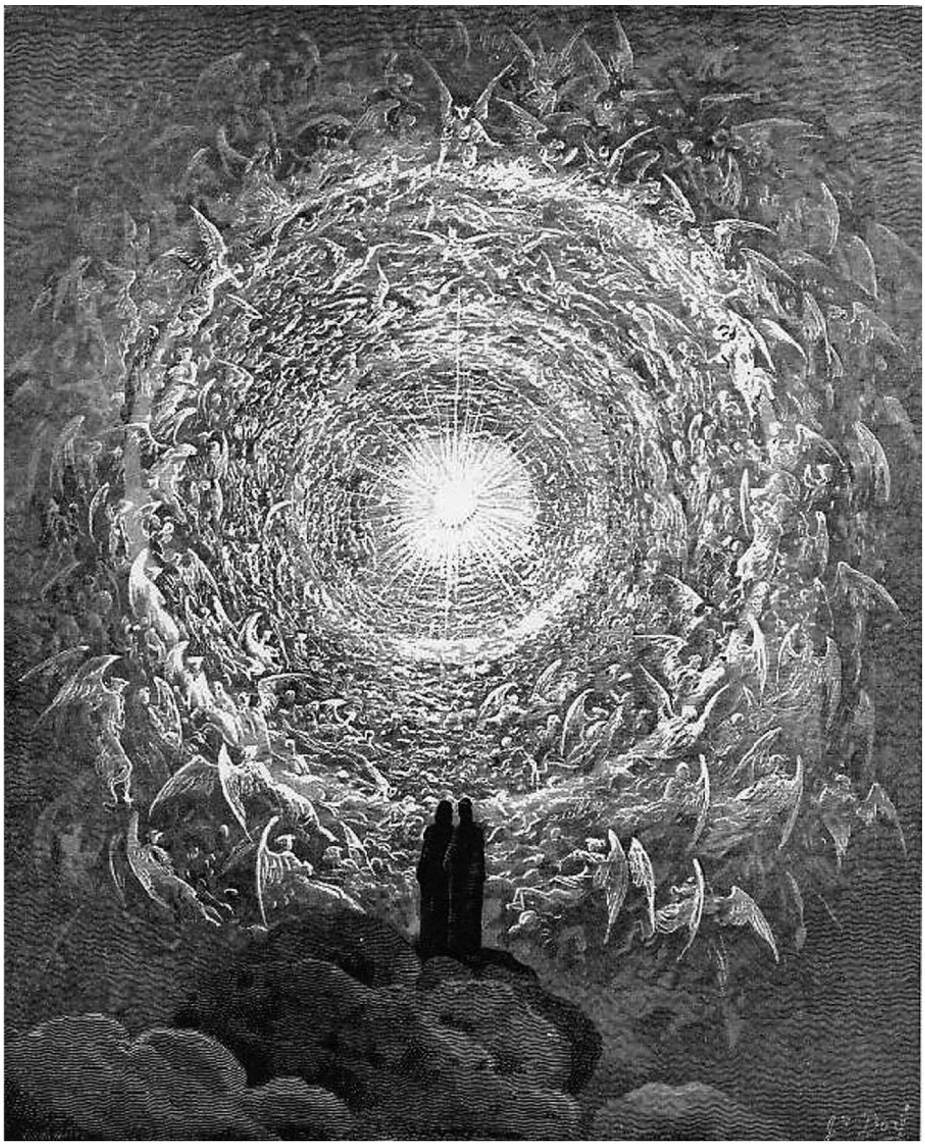
Ralph Summers Technical Consultant

Giles Thompson Grade 10

John Whitson Grade 10

Dee Zduniak Observer | Technical Consultant for future climb

*Did not survive the Mount Hood climb tragedy



Paradiso 34, The Celestial Rose of Heaven, Gustave Doré, 1867

This image depicts the Celestial Rose (Candida Rosa) from Dante Aligheri's Paradiso, canto 34, written in the fourteenth century. This artwork represents the gathered communion of saints organized around the divine light in the highest realm of heaven. The engraving is by the nineteenth century illustrator, Gustave Doré.



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