

The Don Falvey Waltz*

Let us join our hands together
Through the valley we shall walk (it's so silent)
We will hear the angels landing
As we sleep at Weeping Rock

**Partner to partner
And shoulder to shoulder
We'll waltz to the moon on Emerald Pools
It's one step for Utah
And two more for Zion
On the banks of the tumbling Pa'rus**

When we sail on Steamboat Mountain
We shall see the Great White Throne (as we're sailing)
And we'll dance with the Three Marys
As the Watchman lights us home

**Partner to partner
And shoulder to shoulder
We'll waltz to the moon on Emerald Pools
It's one step for Utah
And two more for Zion
On the banks of the tumbling Pa'rus**

Let the cougar have his den
Let the eagle have her nest (she is watching)
Let the deer lie in the meadow
May we be their humble guests

**Partner to partner
And shoulder to shoulder
We'll waltz to the moon on Emerald Pools
It's one step for Utah
And two more for Zion
On the banks of the tumbling Pa'rus**

(Repeat chorus)

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*This song is named after a Zion National Park superintendent who forged partnerships with the neighboring communities to preserve the nature and quiet of the park and the Virgin River (originally called the "Pa'Rus" by the Paiute Indians). The song also celebrates the beauty of Zion and the work so many people do to preserve Zion for future generations.

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Earth Day Sermons* & Music Composition Awards 2008

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Jeff Loudon & Steve Ritchey - Masters of Ceremony

Sandy Santoro - Keynote

Special Recognition Award presented to City Creek Reserve, Inc. for their efforts to make the new City Creek Center energy efficient and sustainable as an example to all who will enjoy its walkways, fountains, offices, shops and downtown homes.

Sermon Awards

- Rev. Nancy Groshart**, Church of the Good Shepherd, Ogden
Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Christopher Stone, Ph.D.** First Presbyterian Church of Ogden,
To Whom Much has been Given
- Dr. John Shavers**, Unity Church of Salt Lake City, *Doom & Gloom Vs. the Eleventh Monkey*
- Rev. Steve Goodier**, Christ United Methodist Church, Salt Lake City,
"A Disease We Can Cure"
- Rev. Russel Baker**, Bountiful Community Church (for the sermon,
"Commandments for a Quiet Crisis" by **Steve Ritchey**)
- Rev. Erin Gilmore**, Holladay United Church of Christ, *"A Prayer from the Earth"*
- Rev. Theresa Novak**, Unitarian Universalist Church of Ogden,
"Got to Get Back to the Garden"
- Rev. Mary Sheridan-Janda**, St. James Episcopal Church, Midvale
"Reflective Homily on the Environment"
- George Handley**, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
"Heaven & Earth: Thinking Through Environmentalism"
- Natalie Aubin**, Westminster Unitarian Church, East Greenwich, RI, *"Eating Local"* not present
- Bill McKibben**, *"Our Wounded Earth, Our Wounded Selves: Can We Heal Both?"* author & founder of **350.org**, not present

Music Composition Awards

- Bill Green**, *"Earthmates"*
- Nancy Dubenezic**, *"God's Stewards"*
- April Meservy**, *"Marks of My Path"*
- Jonathen Green**, *"Nothing Gold"*
- Rebecca Eaton**, *"You are the Light in My Love"*
- Phillip Bimstein, Hal Cannon & Kate MacLeod** (members of **Red Rock Rondo**), *"The Don Falvey Waltz"*
- Peter Deleeuw**, *"Change"* not present

- ❖ Good Shepherd Episcopal Church will donate the money to their "green" building campaign.
- ❖ The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ogden has an old building from the 1950's and will use the money for some much needed energy saving upgrades such as: motion sensor lights, weather-stripping, ceiling fans and reflective film for some of the windows. The award for this Church has generated a lot of excitement and will certainly lead to more significant actions.
- ❖ Bill McKibben was the author and presenter of the sermon at the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake. The award was given as a donation to his organization, 350.org.
- ❖ The First Presbyterian Church of Ogden will use the award money to invest in wind power to offset their energy use.
- ❖ George Handley, the author of the sacrament meeting speech given to members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will use the award money toward the purchase of CFL's for it's members and possibly to invest in the purchase of wind energy shares.
- ❖ Christ United Methodist Church have a lot of projects that they will use the award money for such as: compact fluorescent lighting, weather stripping around joints and seams and plexi-glass barriers on the windows for better insulation.
- ❖ Westminster Unitarian Church in East Greenwich, Rhode Island will use the award money to increase their purchase of energy from 50% renewable to 100% renewable within the next 2 years.
- ❖ The Salt Lake Quakers will use the award money for weather stripping and similar energy saving updates.

The awards ceremony tonight celebrates the "contest" itself, the accomplishments of the authors of the sermons and the composers of the music. We feel that the conversation generated by this contest and the many changes that each Faith Community can make to reduce it's "carbon footprint" has produced a win-win situation for everyone involved and for the environment. Thank you all for your participation.

At the conclusion of Utah IPL's first Earth Day Sermon* and Music Composition Contest, 11 Sermons* and 7 Music compositions were awarded \$350 each. Bill McKibben's organization, **350.org** was the first recipient of the sermon award when he delivered his sermon, "Our Wounded Earth, Our Wounded Selves: Can We Heal Both?" on August 10th, at the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City. The award amount of \$350 per submission was chosen to honor Bill McKibben's **350.org**, a global movement to solve the climate crisis.

The participating denominations in our sermon portion of the contest were The United Church of Christ, The Episcopal Church, The Presbyterian Church, Christ United Methodist Church, Unitarian Universalist Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and Unity Church of Salt Lake. With the exception of one sermon from Rhode Island, all were from Faith Communities in Utah.

The musicians that entered were equally diverse. They represented the First United Methodist Church, The Inner Light Center, First Presbyterian Church (Grapevine, Texas) The Salt Lake Quakers, Holladay United Church of Christ and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Utah IPL wanted to reward the creativity of the musicians and the money is theirs to keep. However, Phillip Bimstein, composer of the "Don Falvey Waltz", wished to donate his award to the Salt Lake Quakers for a green project.

The rules of our contest stated that funds awarded to Faith Communities must be used to make improvements to the Faith Community to mitigate climate change such as purchasing insulation, ceiling fans, energy efficient appliances, CFL's, making water wise improvements, etc. The following Faith Communities have made or will make the following changes:

- ❖ Unity Church of Salt Lake will use the money toward a water saving landscaping project, greening their building with plants and distributing CFL's to their members.
- ❖ Holladay United Church of Christ will put the award money into a fund that will go toward the purchase of a solar hot air heating system.
- ❖ St. James' Episcopal Church has purchased a compost bin to go along with a future community garden, which would benefit the people living in the vicinity of the church.

God's Stewards

Nancy Dubenezic

The musical score for "God's Stewards" is presented in a standard musical notation format. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The time signature is 3/4, and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system shows the beginning of the piece with a key signature change from one flat to two flats (B-flat to A-flat). The second system contains the lyrics "We're God's Stewards on earth, We will take a stand, For clean air and". The third system continues with "wa-ter, We'll care for our land. Let's help with our cli-mate And clean en-er-gy; We'll". The fourth system has "care for God's crea-tures, and live sen-si-bly." The fifth system begins with "I.God of cre-a-tion, of earth, sea, and sky, Now we stand on ho-ly".

ground and praise your name on high. you are Al-lah, and Yah weh, and Krish-na, you're

All. For your spi - rit lives with - in us when we an - swer your call.

2. God of all na-tions, we're one fam - il - y, Let us

live up-on this earth with love and har mo - ny. We're God's light in the dark ness, and

when there is need, let us work to help our pla-net in each thought, word and deed.

(chorus) We're God's Stew-ards on earth, We will take a

stand, For clean air and wa - ter, We'll care for our land. Let's help with our cli-mate And

clean en-er - gy; We'll care for God's crea-tures, and live sen-si - bly.