

**Lessons and Carols:
O Magnum Mysterium**

**Christmas Concert
December 18, 2009
7:30 p.m.**

**First Congregational UCC
Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

Mary Jo Wagner and Mike Rindo, narrators

I

Shepherd's CarolWilliam
Billings

There is No Rose of Such Virtue arr. Stephen
Caracciolo
English Carol

A Hymn to the VirginBenjamin
Britten

Catalonian Carolarr. Dale
Warland
Catalonian Hymn

I Saw Three Ships arr. Edwin
Fissinger
English Carol

Hymn – Audience
**O Little Town of BethlehemPhillips
Brooks**
American Carol, 1866

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to us on earth.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angel the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

II

A La Nanita Nanaarr. Roger
Folstrom

Spanish Carol Jeffrey Jaworski, guitar

To the little nanny, nanny, little nanny she little nanny she.
My child is sleepy, blessed be, blessed be
My child is sleepy, blessed be, blessed be
Little stream that runs clear and loud
Nightingale that in the jungle sings sadly
Hush, as the cradle rocks.

El Rorro (The Babe)arr.
Jeffrey Van

Mexican Carol Jeffrey Jaworski, guitar

Mary Had a Babyarr.
George Lynn
African American Folk Song

Treasures and Gifts
.....Jeffrey Van
Paula Smith, harp

Let Our Gladness Have No Endarr. Mark
Sedio
Paula Smith, harp Emily Heuschle, violin

Sleigh RideLeroy Anderson/Susann McDonald and Linda
Wood
Paula Smith, harp

III

Still, Still, Stillarr. Mack
Wilberg
Austrian Carol
Nancy Schwartzhoff and Jenifer Morgan, piano

O Magnum MysteriumZ. Randall
Stroope
Commissioned by The Master Singers, 2009
Members of UW-Eau Claire Concert Choir

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament,
That animals should see the new-born Lord lying in their manger.
Alleluia! Born for us was Christ Jesus. We heard the angel chorus.
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord Jesus
Christ Alleluia!

Do You Hear What I Hear?Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne/Harry
Simeone
Jeffery Crowell, percussion

African Noelarr. André
Thomas

African Carol

Jeffery Crowell, percussion

Carol to the Kingsarr. Mack
Wilberg

French Carol

Nancy Schwartzhoff and Jenifer Morgan, piano

Hymn - Audience

**Stille NachtFranz
Gruber**

**Austrian Carol,
1818**

**Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light,
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**