



## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MUSICIANS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, July 10 - Saturday, July 13, 2024

First Congregational Church of Greenwich  
Old Greenwich, Connecticut

- Workshops, Worship, Networking
- Registration fee: \$450
- Early Birds: \$400 before April 1, 2024
- For information - contact Craig Symons, Conference Chair at [conference2024@uccma.org](mailto:conference2024@uccma.org)



### CHORAL

**TOM T. SHELTON, JR.** is Associate Professor in the Department of Performance Studies at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in New Jersey. He teaches classes in sacred music, conducting, and serves as the conductor for the University Chorale. Shelton serves as the Director of Music for Children's and Youth Choirs at Princeton United Methodist Church, NJ and as an Associate Conductor with the Princeton Girlchoir Organization. A native of Greensboro, NC, Tom is a past president of the American Choral Directors Association and has compositions published by Colla Voce Music, Heritage Music Press, Hinshaw Music Company, and Santa Barbara Music Press.



### HANDBELL

**ELLEN DICKINSON** is Executive Director/Founder of Music on the Hill, which provides focused opportunities for choral musicians and vocalists, handbell ringers and instrumentalists to participate in performances, workshops, festivals, and social events with fellow music-lovers. She was the founding director of nine different ensembles, including the Jubilate Ringers (2006) and the Summer Chorus (2003), both now a part of Music on the Hill. She was Director of Music at Norfield Congregational Church in Weston, CT for 11 years. An active carillon recitalist and teacher, Ms. Dickinson is College Carillonist at Trinity College in Hartford, CT and director of the carillon program at Yale University.



### ORGAN

**NATHANIEL GUMBS**, concert organist, has performed at many venues in the U.S.A. and abroad. He is Director of Chapel Music at Yale University where he coordinates music for three worshipping communities: the University Church in Battell Chapel, and at Yale Divinity School in both Marquand Chapel and Berkeley Divinity School. Gumbs earned his undergraduate degree from Shenandoah Conservatory in Virginia and his Master of Music degree from Yale University. In 2021, he completed a Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Eastman School of Music. His principal teachers include Steven Cooksey, David Higgs, and Martin Jean.



### OPENING CONCERT - Wednesday, July 10 at 7:30 pm

**NATHAN AVAKIAN** performing on the New York Theater Organ Society Touring Organ. In 2009, Nathan won the American Theater Organ Society Young Organist Competition. He served as the Youth Representative on the American Theatre Organ Society Board of Directors from 2011-2013 managing programs that recognize and support the work of young organ students. Currently based in New York City, Nathan works as a freelance lighting designer and design associate with organizations including Historic Hudson Valley, Princeton University, New York Stage and Film, CAP21 Theatre Company, Purchase Opera, and the Lighting Design Group.

**More details and registration will be forthcoming  
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