

A Moment of Margaret Bonds

Lord, I Just Can't Keep from Cryin' (spiritual) 1946

Ben Ross, baritone
Timothy Krippner, piano

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand (spiritual) 1963

Elisheva Pront, soprano
Timothy Krippner, piano

Excerpts from *Credo for choir, soloists, and piano; Text by W.E.B DuBois* 1967

I. "I believe in God"

Text: I believe in God who made of one blood all races that dwell on earth. I believe that all men, black and white, are brothers, varying through Time and Opportunity, in form and gift and feature, but differing in no essential particular, and alike in soul and in the possibility of infinite development.

II. "Especially do I believe in the Negro Race"

Text: Especially do I believe in the Negro Race; in the beauty of its genius, the sweetness of its soul, and its strength in that meekness which shall yet inherit this turbulent earth.

Jocelyn Taylor, soprano soloist
Elisheva Pront, high soprano

III. "I believe in the Prince of Peace"

Text: I believe in the Prince of Peace. I believe that War is Murder. I believe that armies and navies are at bottom the tinsel and braggadocio of oppression and wrong; and I believe that the wicked conquest of weaker and darker nations by nations whiter and stronger but foreshadows the death of that strength.

Elisheva Pront, soprano 1

IV. “I believe in Liberty for all men”

Text: I believe in Liberty for all men; the space to stretch their arms and their souls; the right to breathe and the right to vote, the freedom to choose their friends, enjoy the sunshine and ride on the railroads, uncursed by color; thinking, dreaming, working as they will in the kingdom of God and love.

Ben Ross, baritone soloist
Elisheva Pront, high soprano

V. “Finally, I believe in Patience”

Text: Finally, I believe in Patience—patience with the weakness of the Weak and the strength of the Strong, the prejudice of the Ignorant and the ignorance of the Blind; patience with the tardy triumph of Joy and the mad chastening of Sorrow—patience with God.

Elisheva Pront, high soprano
Ben Ross, bass 1

Thank you to the guest musicians, and the Govans Chancel Choir for this performance

Marie Herrington, conductor
Elisheva Pront, soprano
Jocelyn Taylor, soprano
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Govans Chancel Choir

Jocelyn Taylor, soprano section leader
Elena Storey
Laura Kittel
Laura Harris
Sherry Peck
Mimi Cooper
Nerissa Paglinauan, alto section leader
Mary Weller
Anita Hendrix
Myra Brosius

David Willerup, tenor section leader
Karl Starks
Michael Boersma
Colin Johnson, bass section leader
Alex Short
Doug Storey
David Boersma