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“A Concert for Peace” offered at Third Presbyterian Church

ROCHESTER, NY – The Chancel Choir of Rochester’s Third Presbyterian Church will join forces with soloists, orchestra and guest organist/composer Angela Kraft Cross in **“A Concert for Peace,”** on Sunday, November 2 at 7:00pm. The church is located at the corner of Meigs Street at East Avenue. The public is cordially invited to attend. Donations will be received, and the church is handicapped accessible.

For the concert, the Chancel Choir and soloists of Third Church will be joined by orchestra in presenting Franz Josef Haydn’s **“Mass in Time of War”** and several other choral works on themes of peace. It will all be conducted by Peter DuBois, Director of Music and Organist for the church. In addition, the concert will feature guest organist and composer Angela Kraft Cross in the east coast premiere of her **“Symphony of Peace.”** The concert is intended to be an appropriate and timely way of marking the extreme tensions in the world today, and a fitting way to offer our prayers for peace.

The Haydn Mass is a striking piece, written in 1796 in response to Napoleon’s invasion of Austria. It is nicknamed “Paukenmesse” or “Kettledrum Mass” for the prominent and evocative use of timpani in several movements of the work.

The **“Symphony of Peace”** was written and premiered in 2002 in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and the increase in world violence that has ensued. The work for organ solo is constructed in five movements patterned after a French organ *symphonie*, each with its own theme. Angela Kraft Cross, guest organist, is not only an

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accomplished organist and composer holding degrees in organ performance and physics from Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music, but a practicing ophthalmic surgeon in the San Francisco bay area. It will be our privilege to welcome her here for this special performance.

Third Presbyterian Church is a metropolitan congregation of approximately 1,400 members. Besides city residents, a significant number of church members come from all of the major suburbs of Rochester, as well as from Ontario and Wayne counties. The congregation is active in social issues with an expanding outreach ministry ranging from international peacemaking efforts to local ministries providing food and shelter for the needy. Third Church has a long-standing tradition of support for music and arts programming as well as a strong focus on families and extensive programming for children and youth. More information on the church can be found at www.thirdpresbyterian.org.

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