



Wisconsin Gossellers March 2021 Newsletter

“This is the Day” for another virtual performance!

So far at least 22 people have shared their voice for the virtual performance! 8 Sopranos, 6 altos, 5 tenors, and 4 bases (some people had double videos). A big thanks to everyone who submitted their voices. We couldn't have done this without your help! It has been a great learning experience. We have voices from Wisconsin, New York, and Germany. In the videos, people have lots of energy and excitement for the song. Some shared pictures of the participants are shown here. More pictures will be coming later. (there were still more than this).

Sharing “This is the Day” when it is ready

Start thinking about who you can share the video with when the video is ready. A neighbor, a friend, a church? How will you tell others of the mission of the Wisconsin Gossellers. We can't bridge cultural divides without first taking a step across the bridge and sharing the video!

The Wisconsin Conference UCC would like to share our song during the annual meeting in May. If you attend the meeting, make sure to keep an eye out for it.





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Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth. . . You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13, 14)

Salt – it helps season food for us. Some of us even stay away from it as part of our lifestyle. For many years, salt was used to help preserve food. However, there is more to salt than the taste buds and food preservation. Looking to the scriptures we find the word "salt" takes on a meaning we might not expect. In the people of Jesus' day, salt was an important and precious commodity. So, when Jesus told His disciples that they were "the salt of the earth" he meant that believers have value in this world and are to have a preserving influence. We are valuable in our role as disciples of Christ. God uses us to impact the people around us. Whether we are slowing down the moral decay or enhancing the spiritual "flavor" of the world, God has created us to be a positive impact. As followers of Christ, we are called to be different and to live righteous lives.

We are called to shine the light and be the light!

One way we as Wisconsin Gossellers make a positive impact is through acting upon and living our mission statement – "To bridge cultural divides and touch souls through the transformative power of gospel music" Why? Because we envision "a world where God's love triumphs over that which Divides".

You Are the Salt for the Earth, O People

You are the salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O People: life in the City of God!

Refrain: Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God

Refrain

You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God!

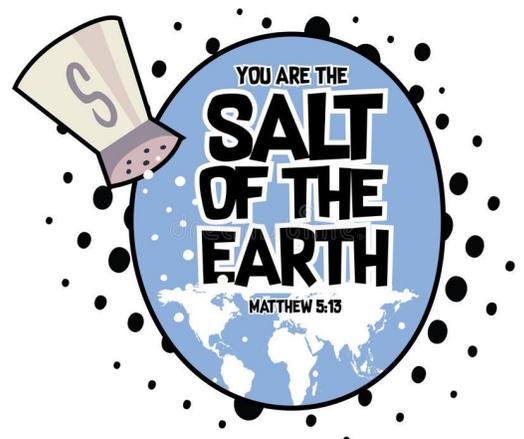
Refrain

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love in the City of God!

Refrain

Words by Marty Haugen

Source: *The New Century Hymnal*. Pilgrim Press: Cleveland, 1995. p181.



Meditation by David Wernecke, inspired by the connection he has with diverse people of the world no matter their race, color, creed or gender orientation.

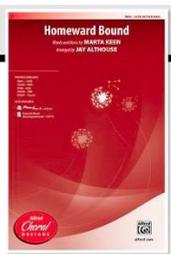


Mission Statement: To bridge cultural divides and touch souls through the transformative power of gospel music.

Vision Statement: A world where God's love triumphs over that which divides us.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Thru Spring 2021	All gatherings online due to COVID-19 pandemic		
Apr. 10	11am - 1pm 2 nd Saturday rehearsal/fellowship	 Watch for invite from wisconsingossellers@gmail.com Check your spam/junk mail, just in case!!	Easter is April 4th!
May 8	11am - 1pm 2 nd Saturday rehearsal/fellowship		May 9th is Mothers Day
June 12	11am - 1pm 2 nd Saturday rehearsal/fellowship		June 20th is Father's Day
Future	Leadership team to discuss when to meet in person again		

Songs you might be interested in listening to:



[Homeward Bound](#),
(arr. Jay Althouse)

[Jehovah has the final say](#)



[Freedom is Coming](#)

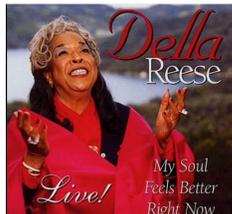
EKiR intern. music project



Vanessa Bell Armstrong:
[Something Inside So Strong](#)



Della Reese:
[Hush \(somebody's calling my name\)](#)



What music lifts YOU up?

We'd love to share; please email your favorites to wisconsingossellers@gmail.com

Music-based assignment

Keep your vocal cords moving. Sing around your house, in the car, outside, or anywhere else!

Mission-based assignment

Make a list of churches, friends & family to share our "This is the Day" recording. Include someone you've lost touch with in recent months!