

Special All Saints Day Music

During the 9 and 11 a.m. worship hours on Sunday, November 1 we will focus lovingly on remembering those we know who have passed away in the last year. Church members may read loved one's names in the bulletin and light candles. Of special comfort will be the presentation of a large choral-orchestral work by Gabriel Fauré. Our Chancel Choir, accompanied by chamber orchestra will sing Fauré's *Requiem* interspersed throughout worship. Dr. Christopher Aspaas, TCU Director of Choral Activities, will guest conduct.

The word requiem derives from the Latin word for rest and Fauré's *Requiem* is known for its contemplative, subdued beauty and distinctive pre-Impressionistic style. Gabriel Fauré was a 19th century organist and choirmaster in Paris famous for having studied with Saint-Saëns and then teaching Ravel. His setting of the Roman Catholic Mass for the Dead avoids visions of wrath and pain and emphasizes death as an eternal rest and release. The Chancel Choir will sing all seven movement of this famous work to enhance our normal Disciples of Christ worship.

It is with great appreciation that we acknowledge the gift of the chamber orchestra from long-time member, Mr. Dee J. Kelly. Other gifts to the Ronald L. Shirey Chancel Choir Endowment Fund and Chancel Choir Reserve Fund made it possible to have the leadership of Dr. Aspaas of TCU.

Newly hired to TCU, Dr. Aspaas has taught at Central Washington University, Mount Holyoke College and most recently was Associate Professor of Choral/Vocal Music at St. Olaf College. Both a professional composer and tenor soloist, Dr. Aspaas brings great artistic knowledge to this collaboration with our UCC choir.

Please invite friends and family to come to church for this special time of music, remembrance and reflection on Sunday, November 1.