

# *Plymouth Oratorio Society*

Dr. Richard Ingram  
Music Director and Conductor

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Dear Friend,

This year marks the 36th Anniversary season of the Plymouth Oratorio Society. I am writing to ask for your support of our Plymouth-Canton area community chorus which is dedicated to the performance of major choral works with orchestral accompaniment. This year we will be performing *Karl Jenkins' Gloria* and *George Fredric Handel's Utrecht Te Deum*. We will be joined by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra, performing on Sunday, **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024** at 4:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

The Plymouth Oratorio Society currently provides the only opportunity for residents of Plymouth-Canton and neighboring communities to perform and hear these major works locally. Our 90 plus singers donate their time weekly from January through April to prepare the performance. Since 1987 we have sung works by such masters as Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, and Handel in our annual spring concert. We have performed Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* and Verdi's *Requiem* with the Plymouth Symphony, and also performed Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* and Mozart's *Requiem* with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

Presenting these performances imposes substantial financial demands. Our single largest expense is the hiring of an orchestra. In addition, our group has two paid positions, rehearsal accompanist and director; volunteers staff all other positions. In the interest of maintaining the broadest accessibility to the community, **we do not charge admission** but take a free-will offering. Therefore, we depend heavily on donations from supportive community organizations and businesses to cover the majority of our expenses. The Plymouth Oratorio Society is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization and donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Your financial assistance is important to our success.** We hope you will support our 2017 season. Please use the enclosed donation form so that we can acknowledge your contribution in the program booklet. The cultural richness and diversity of the Plymouth-Canton area are important to all of us. Help us continue our musical contribution to our community!

Sincerely,

Karen S. Bell  
Development Director