



C U S P
CHRISTIANS UNITING
IN SONG & PRAYER

Presents

**A Festival of Fourteen Hymns
Based upon Gospel Stories:**

**The Journey from the
Temptation in the Desert
to Pentecost**



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FESTIVAL LEADERS

Robert J. Batastini, Narrator

Dr. Peter Kurdziel, Organist

About this evening's program: There are four versions of the three-year lectionary: Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, and the Revised Common. They are basically alike with only minor variations. A lectionary contains bible passages chosen and arranged for the Sundays of the church year over a three-year cycle. The primary pattern for each Sunday is an Old Testament reading (Hebrew scriptures), a Psalm, a New Testament reading (from other than one of the Gospels), and a Gospel reading.

This event is based on the life of Christ as represented in Year A (beginning in a few weeks on December 1, 2019). It draws from the Sundays in Lent through the celebration of Pentecost. These Gospel stories, incidentally, are identical in all four versions of the lectionary.

The three-year lectionary was developed in the early 1960s, and has been employed in the worship of a steadily growing number of Christian communities.

Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP) is a Holland, Michigan, group founded in 2015 as **Refo 500 Holland** in preparation for the 2017 500th commemoration of the Reformation. Following the events of that year, the group adopted its new name taking on an ongoing mission to be witness to the unity of Christians. Each year it offers several opportunities for Holland-area Christians of various traditions to unite in spoken and sung prayer.

Two forthcoming events are a community-wide Thanksgiving Service on November 24, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and a service within the International Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, January 19. The details will soon be posted at www.cuspholland.org.

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