

**Bradley Hunter Welch, *organist***  
**Christ United Methodist Church**  
**Plano, TX**  
**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

Welcome to the last of 3 organ concerts celebrating the 10 year anniversary of our wonderful Reuter Pipe Organ, Opus 2235, built in Lawrence KS specifically for our new Sanctuary, which was also opened in 2010. The organ is 4 manuals/90 ranks and fills the entire back of the Chancel and in chambers on either side of the window.

The Dedication Concert was played on September 26, 2010 by Olivier Latry of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris to a standing room only audience. We have had many internationally known artists perform on our instrument and are so blessed to have this celebration of its 10 year anniversary.

The first celebration concert was late February, just before COVID struck, and was played by Walt Strony to a large appreciative audience. He highlighted organ literature from the turn of the 20th century when organs had their heyday in civic auditoriums, churches and movie theaters. He even played an improvised accompaniment to a silent movie!

The second concert was done on video by Bart Ghent with the assistance of Don Fabian on soprano saxophone. This concert featured gospel favorites and church hymn arrangements that might be used on a typical Sunday over the last 50 years.

This final concert features Bradley Hunter Welch, his wife Kara, as well as brass and percussionists from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Some standard organ literature is used, but mostly this concert has gems that are rarely heard but demonstrate the true versatility of this instrument and the virtuosity of all the performers. The organ and brass pieces were recorded with a live socially-distanced audience and other pieces were recorded the next day.

You will find a program, a link to Bradley Hunter Welch's website, and other information about the organ at [cumc.com/organ](http://cumc.com/organ)

We hope you enjoy these superb performances and will come to future performances at Christ United!