

REVISED DATES

Lent 2021: Adult Christian Formation, 9:00 A.M. **Sin and Redemption through Broadway Music**

Sunday, February 21, 2021 -The Theology and Music of Andrew Lloyd Weber

At our first Lenten program we will examine the prolific works of Sir Andrew Lloyd Weber. Weber is a product of the Anglican Church in England and many of his works revolve around themes of sin and redemption. We will hear his glorious *Pie Jesu* from REQUIEM, *Close Every Door* from JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, *I Don't Know How to Love Him* from JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR and *Love Changes Everything* from ASPECTS OF LOVE. Through the gifted talents of Sir Weber, we can experience humanity's brokenness and God's grace.

Sunday, February 28, 2021 – The Theology and Music of HAMILTON

Considered a creative genius, Lin-Manuel Miranda's Pulitzer and Tony Award winning musical HAMILTON takes on the turbulent life of one of our nation's founders, Alexander Hamilton, through music. Of our founding fathers, no one illustrates sin and redemption more than Alexander Hamilton. We will look at King George's song *You'll be Back*, Hamilton's *It's Quiet Uptown*, and Eliza's *Who Tells Your Story*.

Sunday, March 7, 2021 – The Theology and Music of GODSPELL

Our organist and choirmaster Catherine Charles will lead this week's journey through the musical GODSPELL. This look at the life of Jesus through music first appeared off-Broadway in 1971. The musical is structured around a series of parables from Matthew's Gospel. The most famous song from the musical, *Day by Day*, reached the top 20 on Billboard's pop single chart.

Sunday, March 14, 2021 – The Theology and Music of LES MISERABLES

Though one of the most popular musicals of all time, LES MISERABLES is also one of the most religious musicals as well. Based on Victor Hugo's 1862 novel, this powerful story of sin and redemption is manifested through the life of Jean Valjean, a prisoner for 19 years because he stole bread. He seeks redemption and forgiveness while being pursued by Javert, an officer of the law. Among the beautiful songs we will discuss are *I Dreamed the Dream*, *A Heart Full of Love*, and *One More Day*. Weaved throughout this musical are specific references to God, sacraments, Calvary and other aspects of the Christian Faith.

Sunday, March 21, 2021 – The Theology and Music of WICKED, RENT and CAROUSEL

On this, our last Lenten program, we will look at sin and redemption through the eyes and hearts of friendship. Each of these three musicals tells the story of human interrelationships and how friendships can be both painful and life-giving. Amongst other music, we will hear the powerful song *You'll Never Walk Alone* from CAROUSEL and *For Good* from WICKED. We will also hear the powerful story behind the musical RENT involving the Bohemian community during the beginning of the AIDS crisis in the late 1980's.