



STEPHEN MORTON, Music Director

Stephen Morton, Music Director and Conductor of the Salem-St. Louis Chamber Orchestra brings a deep faith as well as a rich and diverse background to the Chamber Orchestra with extensive experience as a singer, teacher, and conductor. Stephen began serving at Salem in 2007 as Worship Associate and Director of Choral Music.

Through his work as the Artistic Director and Conductor of the American Chamber Chorale and Orchestra, Stephen is known for an innovative approach to programming both music of master composers and modern works by today's most significant composers. Imaginative collaborations with other artistic disciplines have made great music and art accessible and understandable to many who were previously under-served. Stephen and the Chorale were formally recognized for their efforts in 2015 by Feed My People as recipients of the Unsung Heroes Award.

With extensive experience as a conductor, teacher, and singer, his educational background includes music degrees from Milligan College, the University of Tennessee, and the St. Louis Conservatory of Music. Stephen studied voice with the renowned Edward Zambara and has sung leading bass and baritone roles in both opera and oratorio in the U.S. And Europe. In demand as a voice teacher, Stephen joined UMSL's voice faculty in 2005. Previous conducting positions include the Bel Canto Chorus and the St. Louis Metro Singers. Mr. Morton has appeared locally as soloist, guest conductor, and clinician with numerous choruses including those of St. Louis University, Washington University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and All-State Choruses in Missouri and Illinois.