

# Pipes, Pedals & Pie

Summer Organ  
Concert Series

*presenting*

**Dr. Minji Kwon**

organist at First United  
Methodist Church, Iowa City

**June 10, 2025, 7 p.m.**



**First Lutheran**  
Musical Arts Series

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**First Lutheran Church – Musical Arts Series**

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**PROGRAM**

**Concerto in B Minor.....Johann Gottfried Walther**  
(1684-1748)

Allegro

Adagio

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**Reflections on “Arirang” (Tradition Korean folk song)..... A Young Kim**  
(b. 1979)

Arirang: Rolling Hills

Autumn Leaves

Eternal Spring (alla Steve Reich)

Summer Rain

**Prelude in G Major.....Felix Mendelssohn**  
(1809-1847)

**Two Chorale Preludes .....Johann Sebastian Bach**  
(1685-1750)

*Ich ruf zu dir*, BWV 639

*Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*, BWV 631

**Partita on *Crucifer* – “Lift High the Cross” ..... Charles Callahan**  
(1951-2023)

Processional

Chorale-Fanfare

Musette

Trio

Meditation

Voluntary

**Symphony No. 5..... Charles-Marie Widor**  
(1844-1937)

Adagio

Toccata

After this evening’s performance, we invite you to stay  
and enjoy a delightful pie and ice cream social!



## About the Artist:

**Dr. Minji Kwon** is a Korean-born pianist, educator, and recording artist known for her dynamic presence on both the concert stage and in academic settings. She holds a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Performance and Pedagogy from the University of Iowa, where she studied with Uriel Tsachor and Réne Lecuona and was awarded the prestigious Iowa Performance Fellowship. She also earned a Master's degree in Collaborative Piano from New York University under the guidance of Grant Wenaus and Deirdre O'Donohue. Her doctoral research highlights the solo piano works of Croatian composer Dora Pejačević.

A recipient of the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, Minji has performed internationally and currently serves as a staff collaborative pianist at the University of Iowa and répétiteur at the American Institute of Musical Studies (AIMS) in Graz, Austria. She has appeared with Orchestra Iowa—where she is guest principal pianist—as well as Cedar Rapids Opera, and co-founded Ensemble Yeon to champion contemporary Korean art song across the U.S. In 2025, she is featured at the Mid-North Horn Workshop alongside artists from the Boston Symphony Orchestra and University of Michigan, and performed at the international Economic Summit *Growing the Future Together* with soprano Kylie Gougler at the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library.



In addition to her work as a pianist and educator, Minji has been studying organ with Dr. Brett Wolgast and has served in multiple church music roles, including as organist at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Iowa City and Music Director at Iowa City Korean United Methodist Church.

She is currently the organist at First United Methodist Church in Iowa City and will serve as Church Music Coordinator at AIMS in Graz this summer, in affiliation with the Graz Cathedral.

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**Music is central to the mission of First Lutheran Church.** Our newly renovated sanctuary features outstanding acoustics and houses exceptional instruments: the Opus 50 Pipe Organ by Parsons, a Steinway grand piano, and a restored harpsichord. Through our Musical Arts Series, we share these gifts with the community, offering free concerts that inspire and uplift throughout the year. The series is sustained by voluntary donations, which support artist honorariums, accommodations, publicity, and hospitality.



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## ***First Lutheran invites you to our upcoming Musical Arts Performances:***

***Pipes, Pedals, and Pie Continue!***  
**Tuesdays, July 8, & August 12**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for monthly summer concerts featuring church organists and other musicians from the Eastern Iowa corridor.  
July 8 - Dr. Lynda Hakken  
Aug. 12 - Dr. Mark Baumann  
Plan to stay after each concert to enjoy an "old-fashioned" pie and ice cream social and great fellowship.

**The Wolgasts in Concert!**  
**Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025**  
**at 3:00 p.m.**

Join First Lutheran's Organist and Director of Traditional Worship, Brett and Marita Wolgast, for an afternoon concert featuring the music of that musical "giant," Johann Sebastian Bach. With the theme, Ah! Bach, the program will highlight a sampling of Bach's many compositions for the organ including both free and chorale-based works, and transcriptions for organ and piano duet.

**Great American Organists:**  
**Dr. Stephen Hamilton**  
**Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025 3 p.m.**

Iowa-native Dr. Stephen Hamilton has established himself as an organist of international acclaim. For nearly 40 years, his name has been synonymous with "concert touring organist." Throughout this time, his concerts have included most major venues and churches throughout the US and Europe. One of many rave reviews states, "[Dr. Hamilton's] performance had to be one of the supreme moments of music making in this year's or any other year's Orgelfest offerings." This concert will be amazing!

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