

Our new Director of Music Ministry



Cindy Balme has degrees in vocal performance from the New England Conservatory of Music and Temple University. During her years as a professional singer she sang 40 leading roles, specializing in the operas of Verdi. She made her Carnegie Hall debut in the soprano lead in Verdi's Jerusalem. Opera companies Cindy has sung with include the Opera Company of Boston, Longwood Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Lake George Opera Festival, Fort Worth Opera and New York Grand Opera with whom she sang 12 Verdi leading roles in their Central Park traversal of all 28 of Verdi's operas. Locally you may have seen Cindy with the Orchestra of St. Peter's by the Sea.

From 2000 – 2015 Cindy was Director of Choirs for St. Michael's RC church in Long Branch. She is delighted to be returning to her Methodist roots having been confirmed at Christ United Methodist Church in Lakewood NJ.

Cindy, together with her husband John Balme, co-directs the Concordia Chorales. The Chorales have undertaken 12 international concert tours and have participated in many performances at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Students from her private voice studio have been accepted at the Manhattan School of Music, the Eastman School of Music, the New England Conservatory, Westminster Choir College and many other major music schools.