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Special Music Service Sunday, March 11 at United Church of Rowayton

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The public is invited to attend a special music service entitled “Abound in Hope,” combining a 10-piece orchestra and a 35-member choir at the United Church of Rowayton, 210 Rowayton Ave., at 10:15 a.m., Sunday, March 11.

“The ‘Abound in Hope’ service is a celebration of the days leading up to Easter,” says Pastor John Livingston.

— *an announcement from the United Church of Rowayton*

The orchestra and choir will be under the direction of Marsha Hall, the church’s music director. All the musicians are from the local area.

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The ensemble will be performing “The Tree of Peace” by the internationally applauded composer and arranger Gwyneth Walker, D.M.A.

The text for “The Tree of Peace” was adapted from the Jon Greenleaf Whittier poem “O Brother Man.”

“We are excited and honored to present this inspiring work,” says Marsha. “Gwyneth will be here in Rowayton as we rehearse and perform her composition.”

Gwyneth has local roots, having grown up in New Canaan, where “Gwyneth Walker Day” was established in 2007. She taught herself how to play the piano and, while in first grade, organized an orchestra.

She went on to write and arrange more than 300 compositions that have been performed around the world.

Today, Gwyneth’s work is in continual demand, and she maintains a full travel schedule to oversee presentations.