Having spent 65 summers at Chautauqua, Jared Jacobsen served as the Institution’s organist and coordinator of worship and sacred music since 1996, shaping the worship life of Chautauqua’s thousands of residents and guests for each of its nine seasonal weeks. He was the primary operator and guardian of the 112-year-old Massey Memorial Organ of four manuals and 5,640 pipes, located in the Amphitheater, which is the centerpiece of Chautauqua’s programming. He also shepherded the 50-voice Motet Choir for daily worship services and the 150-voice Chautauqua Choir for Sunday morning and evening worship, played weekly recitals on the Massey and the 1893 Tallman mechanical-action organ in the Hall of Christ, and appeared frequently as soloist with the Chautauqua Symphony and Music School Festival Orchestras.

In 1987, Jared played for the papal mass in San Francisco’s Candlestick Park for a congregation of 70,000; the following spring he was invited by Pope John Paul II to be an American delegate to the historic First World Congress of Church Music at the Vatican.

When not at Chautauqua during the summer months, Jared served as director of music for First Lutheran Church in downtown San Diego, and as a member of the performing arts faculty of The Bishop’s School, an independent college-preparatory middle and high school in La Jolla, California.
Prayers celebrating the life of Chautauqua’s beloved Jared Jacobsen

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Welcoming Remarks ................................................................................ Michael E. Hill
President, Chautauqua Institution

Reading .................................................................................................. Maureen Rovegno
Director of Religion, Chautauqua Institution

Prayers .................................................................................................... Bishop Gene Robinson
Vice President of Religion and Senior Pastor, Chautauqua Institution

Scripture Reading and Remarks ......................................................... Carol Chimento
1 Corinthians 13 Lifelong friend

Remarks .................................................................................................. Paul Fischer
Longtime caretaker of the Massey Memorial Organ

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23) ........................................ Motet Choir

Remarks .................................................................................................. Joan Brown Campbell
Director of Religion, Chautauqua Institution, 2000–2013

Scripture Reading and Homily .............................................................. Bishop Gene Robinson
Romans 8:14–19,34–35,37–39

Closing Prayers

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we first begun.

(As a way of honoring Jared, the Massey Memorial Organ will remain silent for this service.)