



Out of a dream to be a part of a worldwide Prayer for Peace to commemorate the first anniversary of the Columbine High School (Littleton, CO; 1999) shootings, the Shared Joy BRingers Community Handbell Choir evolved in the Portland, Oregon area.

Beginning with 6 committed people, borrowed bells and mentorship, we watched as miracles unfolded before our eyes, showing us that we were surely on a path to a ministry of peace.

On Easter Day, 2000, we did indeed ring “Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace,” written to honor those killed and as a plea for peace. That selection has become our signature piece and is performed regularly.



The mission of the Shared Joy BRingers Community Handbell Choir is to echo divine love, enabling people to connect with themselves and one another, thus doing our part in bringing our world into a harmonious community.

Our commitment to doing our part in bringing our world into a harmonious community draws us to many events which promote peace both locally and globally. Everything from finding the “peace within” to “One Day of Peace” to “Mini-Concerts for Peace,” Shared Joy BRingers has grown as a presence that rings true to its promise of echoing divine love and building community.

We believe that each person is called to do his or her part to make a difference in the world, and we gather together to do that. We endeavor to keep that our focus as we build our skills as a bellchoir.

Comments we’ve received give solid evidence that we are keep ing true to our mission and vision.

*You gave something of beauty and love . . . .*

*The music was so sensitively played . . . .*

*That was real ministry, nourishing and being nourished . . .*



**RINGERS NEEDED:** Generally ring Level 2+ music; come even with no experience. Rehearsals at St. Luke the Physician Episcopal Church, Gresham; Thursday 7:10-8:40p.m. Requirements: commitment & sense of humor. Contact Christine Weber-Kearney, 503-408-1329, [joybringers@juno.com](mailto:joybringers@juno.com).

## Where We've Been

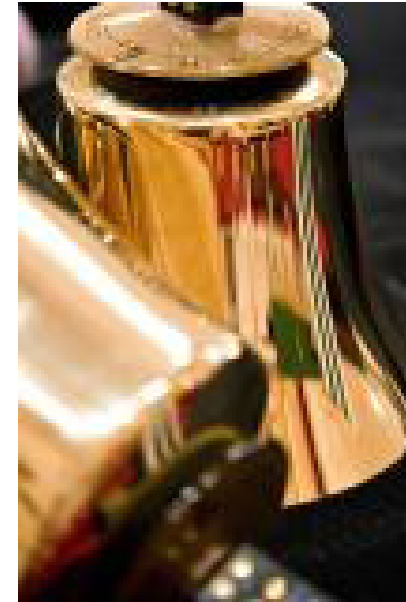
- Mini-Concert for Peace, Gresham
- One Day of Peace events, Multicultural Festival, Portland
- Mary's Woods Fireside Chat, Lake Oswego
- Concert at The Shepherd's Door
- Team building workshop with staff of Developmental Services, Inc.
- Concerts and Ring Alongs, Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, Wilsonville
- Christmas caroling events

## Provided music for church services to:

- St. Luke the Physician Episcopal Church, Gresham
- Union Gospel Mission
- St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Portland
- St. James Episcopal Church, Tigard
- St. Aidan Episcopal Church, Gresham
- Congregation Neva Shalom, Interfaith Service
- Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary

Numerous weddings, funerals and memorial services

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*Echoing Divine Love*

*and*

*Building Community*