



Dr. Matthew Cron



Matthew Cron has been Immanuel's devoted and talented organist since 1989, leading services, accompanying choirs and children's pageants, playing for recitals and Fun Nights, and supporting all aspects of Immanuel's music ministry. An active member of the Worship Committee, he is deeply involved in planning services and in enriching the worship life of the church. He sees music as a ministry, using it to draw in outsiders and to nurture the talents of members of the congregation. He has also applied his skills to many non-musical aspects of church life, from office work and bulletin design to maintenance and repair of the building and grounds.

Outside of Immanuel, Matthew has degrees from UMass, Smith (masters), and Brandeis University where in 2004 he received a PhD in musicology. He is sought after nationally as an expert on musicology and music history. His scholarly work has focused on Bach, Beethoven, performance practice, and the history of brass instruments; he has been cited in the *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians* and in the German music encyclopedia *Musik in Geschichte und Gegenwart*. He is a music typographer who has designed musical examples for books published by Harvard University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Illinois Press, University of Rochester Press, G. Schirmer, and W. W. Norton.

He has taught at Brandeis University, the New England Conservatory of Music, Harvard University, the University of Massachusetts, and online at the Harvard Extension School and the Mason Gross School of the Arts of Rutgers University. He has taught courses concerned with music appreciation, musical style, opera, string quartets, concertos, Mozart, and the historical and social context of musical premieres. He has received two distinguished teaching awards from Harvard University.

We are grateful for his faithful service to Immanuel, and we are delighted to have this opportunity to recognize his contributions and to thank him.

Please stay after the service today for a lunch celebrating and honoring Matthew.