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Ellen Raquet, Senior Violin Recital

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THE CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY
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PRESENTS THE

SENIOR VIOLIN RECITAL

OF

ELLEN RAQUET

ANNA RAQUET, PIANO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018
7 P.M.

RECITAL HALL
BOLTHOUSE CENTER FOR MUSIC
DIXON MINISTRY CENTER

PROGRAM

Chaconne in g minor Tomaso Antonio Vitali (1663–1745)

Caprice No. 16 Nicolo Paganini (1782–1840)

Sonata No. 28 in E-flat Major, K. 380

..... Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

- I. Allegro
- II. Andante con moto
- III. Rondo: Allegro

Sonata No. 3 in d minor, Op. 108 Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

- I. Allegro
- II. Adagio
- III. Un poco presto e con sentimento
- IV. Presto agitato

Fratres Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Ellen is a student of Carlos Elias.

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment
of the Bachelor of Music in performance degree.

No flash photography, please.

Please turn off all cell phones.

Fratres – A Personal Note

I want to explain a bit of my perspective on this piece because I think that it will help you enjoy it more. I instantly liked this piece the first time I heard it because it so clearly expresses what I believe is the essence of life for those of us who follow Christ. Life is full of longing. We do have joys and pleasures, but the joy quickly fades away, and trying to hold on to the pleasure is like trying to hold on to smoke. There is plenty of pain and difficulty in this world that can sap our hope. For those of us who have turned to Christ, the object of our hope is coming to us, but is not yet here. Thus the background of our life, whether we realize it or not, is one of constant longing to see Him.

Fratres expresses the emotions of a reverie. Imagine for yourself that you are walking in woods. It is cold and gray, maybe about 50 degrees, and the trees are bare and dripping slowly. The woods are still, calm, and chillingly beautiful. You slowly walk through the trees, or maybe lean against the bark of one, and think about your life. Some of your memories are peaceful while others bring turmoil. Some thoughts about your life bring back a stabbing pain that always returns when you think of it, others a sense of bittersweet joy. Slowly, as you think, the turmoil, joys, and sorrows all fade away, and you are left with what is behind all of the elements of life, the strong and insatiable longing to see Him. And there you are left, cold, with the mix of joy and pain that is life, with great hope and expectation, looking forward with sorrow and a calm longing, waiting.

