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We may think of the peace of God as eternal, and beyond our understanding. But this peace is also very close to us, present in every moment, in all our joy and pain. It is quiet and insistent. To access this peace, all that is required, perhaps, is that we empty ourselves and open ourselves to its grace. This is very simple, and very hard. This short work for piano solo is lovingly dedicated to Dan, Rosemary and Danny, in memory of Tommy.

John Newell draws from a variety of musical traditions; his objective is create works that reflect his personal sensibility, that are rewarding for performers and listeners alike. His compositions have long been noted for their originality, clarity, and a lyrical expressivity.

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, John graduated from Duke University, having pursued studies in composition, piano and conducting. He earned his M.F.A from California Institute of the Arts, where his primary teacher was Mel Powell. John completed his formal training at SUNY Buffalo, working with Morton Feldman as recipient of the first Edgard Varèse Fellowship. Since earning his Ph.D. in 1979 he has pursued an independent creative path.

Organizations that have commissioned works include Resinosa Ensemble, Eight Strings & a Whistle, Atlantic Sinfonietta, The Bowery Ensemble, Monday Evening Concerts (Los Angeles), the Enid Symphony Orchestra (Oklahoma), as well as a number of amateur groups such as Passamaquoddy Bay Symphony Orchestra (Maine). His work has received support from the American Music Center, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Meet the Composer. John's works are self-published through Abierto Music and he is a member of Broadcast Music Inc. More information is available at johnnewellmusic.com.

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Selected Solo and Chamber Works

Of Time and Place clarinet

Trails piano (four hands)

Night Songs mezzo-soprano, 'cello, piano

Summer Music flute, oboe, 'cello

Fantasy viola, 'cello, piano

In Autumn violin, piano

...and nothing remains the same. flute, viola, 'cello

Three Preludes flute

A Day's Journey string quartet

Variations on Amazing Grace piano

Sequoia Quintet flute/piccolo, clarinet, oboe, horn, bassoon

Sky Music flute, clarinet, harp

Companions I & II piano

Song of Compassion 2 violas, keyboard, percussion

Rhapsody horn, piano

Lavender Axes flute/picc, clarinet, oboe/eh, bassoon, percussion, piano

Rondos Eb clarinet, trumpet, trombone, tuba, percussion

Knossos piano

Heterophony alto voices, violin, viola, english horn

Text soprano, violin, flute, clarinet, guitar, percussion

Image, Song, Vision flute, clarinet, violin, 'cello

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