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WITNESSES

Written by Curt Cloninger - Performed by Jonathan Swenson



"And the Word became flesh,
And lived for a while among us."

-John 1:14

Welcome

You see him everywhere...on t-shirts and bumper stickers, in Broadway musicals and animated TV sitcoms. He is worshiped by some, mocked and despised by others. So what is it about Jesus that has caused people to discuss and debate him for 2,000 years? It is my belief that Jesus came on a mission to reveal the heart of God. I hope these “Witnesses” reveal a greater sense of God’s heartbeat for you. I am honored that you chose to be here. Feel free to laugh, cry, clap, reflect and respond in any way you feel led. It is my belief that Jesus would be (and is) just fine with that!

+ Jonathan

WITNESSES – Order of Characters

Prologue
The Innkeeper
The Tailor
Abe
Lazarus
The Demonic/David
Barabbas
Thomas
Peter
Epilogue

The Actor

Jonathan Swenson grew up in Two Harbors, MN and is a graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College (BA - Psychology, Theatre and Music, 1988) and Luther Seminary (Masters of Divinity, 1994). After serving congregations in IA and MN as an ordained Lutheran pastor for over 15 years, he launched Paraphrase Theatre. Since that time he has been sharing his unique blend of drama, storytelling and teaching at churches, retreats, and conferences throughout the country. Jonathan has been married to the love of his life, Jana, for over 25 years. Together they are the proud parents of two daughters – Christina Joy and Caitlyn Grace.

Mount Carmel

Jonathan is also the Director of Programming for **Mount Carmel Family Camp and Retreat Center** on the shores of Lake Carlos in Alexandria, MN. This Christ-centered camp hosts hundreds of families every year for a week of fun, fellowship, and learning... all in the beauty of God’s creation. For more information see the display table, or visit www.mountcarmelministries.com. We would love to see you and your family this summer!

The Playwright

Witnesses is written by Curt Cloninger, a nationally known actor, writer and speaker. Jonathan is grateful to Curt for allowing him to perform this inspired piece. If you would like more information on Curt’s impactful drama ministry, you can find him at www.curtcloninger.com.