## A Letter From Dr. David Gomez

**Dear Hope Lutheran Church Congregation,** 

I am truly excited to introduce myself as your new Music Director at Hope Lutheran Church! It is a privilege to join this wonderful community, and I look forward to collaborating with you all to enhance our contemporary music program.

With years of experience as a musician, conductor, educator, and leader in the global classical music scene, I bring a diverse background to our church. I have had the pleasure of directing and developing music programs across various settings, including K-12 schools, community organizations, sacred environments, and professional ensembles. Some of my most fulfilling collaborations have taken place with esteemed institutions such as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, as well as with the New York City All-City Choir, Brooklyn Borough-Wide Chorus, The Stamford Chorale, and the University of South Florida. I currently serve as a music professor at Florida SouthWestern State College.

As a multilingual American and Spanish citizen, I have worked extensively in Spanish-speaking regions, enriching my perspective on music. I was fortunate to study Vivaldi's music in Venice as a Fulbright Scholar and earned my Doctorate in Conducting at the University of Oklahoma. Additionally, I have overseen international music festivals in the US, UK, and Spain, collaborating with prestigious events like the London International Choral Festival and the Madrid Classical Music Festival. These experiences have deepened my passion for the unifying power of music.

While I have a strong foundation in classical music, I also have a deep appreciation for contemporary worship music and am eager to revitalize our worship band. I warmly invite any congregation members interested in playing an instrument or singing to reach out—I would love to connect with you!

Prior to coming to Hope Lutheran, I was the Music Director at Messiah Lutheran Church in Cape Coral. I'd like singers from our own congregation to join our team. Don't worry if you feel unsure about your singing voice; I am here to help guide you in using it and singing praises to God.

I am genuinely looking forward to meeting each of you and working together to create uplifting and meaningful music for our worship services.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or just want to say hello. I am excited to embark on this journey with you!

Warmly,

Dr. David Gomez Music Director, Hope Lutheran Church david@hopebonita.org