

About Thomas:

Dr. Thomas Van Soelen played organ for the first time in his church in Sioux Center, Iowa at age 13. The love of music sent him down that path in higher education, earning degrees in Music Education and Vocal Performance. Three more advanced degrees ensued, ending with a doctorate at the University of Georgia.

Van Soelen served in music ministry in several denominations (PCUSA, UMC, Roman Catholic, Christian Reformed) in several states (Iowa, California, Florida, and Georgia). His last 24 years were spent as the Director of Music at St. John Neumann in Lilburn, a parish serving over 4,000 families.

Besides organ and piano, Van Soelen plays numerous band and orchestra instruments. He served as the Interim Bass Chair for the Sioux City (IA) Symphony, as well as section string bass for several regional Georgia orchestras. Musical honors including being chosen to serve as an accompanist for the Palm Beach Opera auditions and the choral director for the Archdiocese of Atlanta Youth Choir. His favorite annual experience started in 2013: a concert collaboration with cellist Meghan McGuire (St. Paul, MN).