



(CHRISTY SUST, COLLEEN SUST AND MICHAEL SUST)

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— SUST FAMILY SINGERS

The Sust Family Singers are a well-established group with a rich repertoire they have presented on many local, national, and international platforms. What a great family ministry: the parents trained their daughters to become exceptional vocalists and now they all sing together.

Performing in Concert at New Life Community Church
221 Baker Ave Concord, MA

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About the Performers

Michael Sust, bass-baritone, is a Christian pastor, singer, composer, and producer. He came to the USA in 1986 after a dramatic escape from communist Czechoslovakia during which he became a follower of Christ. He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from Boston University. Shortly after arriving in the USA (Boston, MA), God directed him to New Life Community Church in Concord, where he served on the worship team for several years and also met his love and wife of 35 years, Colleen. Initially, he was on the career path of an opera singer, but the Lord had a better plan. Through Pastor David MacAdam's friendship and mentoring, Michael received a call to ministry and went on to become a worship pastor and later on (after attending Covenant Seminary in St. Louis) a senior pastor. He also enjoyed working as an adjunct professor at Missouri Baptist University for seven years and served as a coaching pastor with Harvest Bible Fellowship for international church planting in Central Europe. After nearly 30 years of pastoral ministry in Texas and Missouri, in 2020, he launched Vertical Fellowship, a worship and music mission ministry based in West Palm Beach, Florida. Michael and Colleen love to turn music students into short-term missionaries and have brought over three dozen music teams to many countries of Central Europe as well as to Canada and Haiti. They have two daughters who often minister with them in singing and are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

Colleen Sust, mezzo-soprano, was born in Massachusetts and grew up in Portsmouth, RI. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst with a degree in communications. She is an accomplished flute player and performed with the UMASS marching band and wind ensemble. Soon after meeting her husband, Michael, she began studying voice and joined her husband as a singing partner in ministry and on the concert stage. In addition to her musical talents, Colleen works as a realtor and enjoys planning the travel for visiting groups and teams that are sent on missions. Colleen and Michael love coming back to New England to serve the Lord and visit friends and members of Colleen's extended family. Apart from ministry, she delights in spending time with the grandkids and being a part of a wonderful women's ministry group in Jupiter, Florida.

Christina (Christy) Sust, soprano, earned her degree in theater performance from Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. She served as a church worship director as well as English and Theater teacher in Christian schools in Palm Beach Gardens and Jupiter, Florida. She is a gifted worship leader and often uses her gifts with partnering ministries and churches in her vicinity. She appeared in a number of South Florida theaters as an actress and singer and also produced and directed high school plays and musicals. She was a missionary in Litomysl, Czechia, for three months discipling students who came to Christ mostly through the Vertical Fellowship international music missions. She is an outstanding vocalist able to perform a top repertoire within a variety of platforms, including opera, jazz, Broadway, and contemporary Christian music.

Linda Beckman, piano, is an excellent accompanist and ministry partner to the Sust Family singers. She holds a doctoral degree in music performance from the University of Oklahoma. She was a professor of music at John Brown University and has a long history of serving as a church music director as well as organist. Her passion is to work with vocalists. She met the Susts in 2020 during a joint performance of Rossini's Stabat Mater as part of the Treasure Coast Community Singers concert series. Since then, Linda has traveled with the Vertical Fellowship mission teams to Central Europe several times to serve as pianist. Linda and her husband, Ted, currently reside in Oklahoma and enjoy traveling around the country in their RV.