

# Welcome



## Ghost Ranch Gospel Music - Heart & Soul

**G25070207**

with Todd O'Neal and Nathaniel Best

July 20-26, 2025

"Gospel music is far more than the soundtrack of the African-American experience; it is its beating heart and soul...While styles have changed, there's one sound that has remained a constant source of strength and courage, comfort and wisdom-Gospel." - Henry Louis Gates.

Dear Ghost Ranch Gospel Singer,

We can't wait to make a joyful noise with you! Ghost Ranch Gospel is "spirit-inspired worship that challenges, teaches, transforms, convicts and energizes us, so that when we are sent out, we have experienced the wonder of God and are changed for the better from when we arrived," as envisioned by the Matthew 25 movement of PCUSA. Whatever you experience with choral singing, your voice, heart and soul will find their place in the choir and in the landscape of the beautiful ranch. We'll sing in the morning session from 9:00 to noon and in the evening session from 7:00 to 8:45. We hope you'll join us for morning worship shared with all the ranch community. The week will culminate in a celebratory concert for all guests and the greater community.

If you'd like to experience worship with Todd and Linda before you come to the ranch, follow House of Joy Christian Ministries on Facebook. You can start your day with lively worship with Nathan on Facebook at Nathaniel Best. Please direct any questions about the class to long-time Gospel singer and right-hand aide, Jane Cooper, [xicooper@aol.com](mailto:xicooper@aol.com).

Besides your desire to raise your voice in song, please bring comfortable shoes and a black folder if you have one. You will also need a waterbottle and some fancy clothes for our concert on the final evening.

Itinerary:

Morning session 9-12

Evening session 7:00-8:45

Afternoon rehearsals-optional

Morning worship participation encouraged

Final Concert Friday evening 7:45