Ragan Courtney, as a young student, was drawn to stories. He was especially intrigued by illustrations that his childhood pastor used for spiritual illuminations in Sunday morning services. He attributes that exposure led him to enjoy literature while in school. In the ninth grade he had his first poem published after winning a poetry contest, and he was hooked. He has five books of poetry published eleven musicals including the popular pulpit drama, "Celebrate Life!," one short film and one Broadway show to his writing credit. Ragan has taught drama at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, been the director of Christianity and the Arts at Houston Baptist University, led seminars across the country on making theatre a part of the local Churches ministry. For 25 years he worked with First Baptist, Houston in producing, The Christmas Pageant

He and his wife, Grammy Award winner and five time Dove Award winner, Cynthia Clawson served in the local church setting in Austin, and moved back to Houston in 2013. They have two grown children, and are living in Houston.

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In Celebration of the Trinity

I. PRAISE TO THE FATHER

for S.A.T.B. voices, accompanied*

Words by **RAGAN COURTNEY** (ASCAP) *Quoting:* "Holy, Holy, Holy" by **REGINALD HEBER** (1783–1826)

Music by LEE DENGLER (ASCAP) Incorporating Tune: NICAEA by JOHN B. DYKES (1823–1876)



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