Silent Film Screening

*The Gold Rush* (1925)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Simsbury, CT

Charles Chaplin (1889-1977) was one of the great pioneers of American film comedy. *The Gold Rush* (restored 1925 feature, 88 minutes) will be presented in a silent film screening with live piano accompaniment prepared and performed by Patrick Miller at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 197 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury, CT, Saturday, March 11, 2017, 7:30 PM, $10 admission at the door. For tickets and more information, call 860-658-0406.

*The Gold Rush* (1925) is universally regarded as a cinematic masterwork and is a brilliant example of Chaplin's meticulous artistry combining social commentary with dramatic comedy. Action, romance, and spectacle are beautifully presented in this lavishly produced feature involving a man, a woman, and the Klondike Gold Rush.

Patrick Miller is Associate Professor of Music Theory at The Hartt School, University of Hartford. Since 1982, he has performed his piano accompaniments for silent film screenings throughout New England. He has studied silent film music at the George Eastman House, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Library of Congress and has accompanied the masterworks of American and international silent cinema from *Intolerance* (D. W. Griffith, USA, 1916) to *The Passion of Joan of Arc* (Carl Theodor Dreyer, France, 1928).