

WORSHIP FRIDAY, MAY 26TH AT 2:00 P.M.

**Means people are invited to rise in body or in spirit.

Bold print means the court reads in unison.

GATHERING MUSIC

...Christabel and the band

This is the day VU 412
Let us build a house MV 1
Old 100th (Ojibwah Version)

INTROIT

Invocation

Christopher Grundy
...Deborah and band

INVITATION

...Deborah

We come listening for you to speak.

We come, O God, wondering what will be.

We come crying out to you.

We come, O Spirit, laughing in our joy yet still afraid.

We come, O Risen Christ, as we look around and worry.

We come waiting for your voice in our hearts.

We come at your invitation.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:28-30

...Etienne

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**MORE VOICES

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Spirit, Open My Heart

...Band

GREAT THANKSGIVING

...Heather and Gord

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give God our thanks and praise.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

We give God our thanks and praise out of gratitude and in wonder.

We inherit the gift of creation breathed into Adam and Eve.

The rainbow promise given to Noah and his family blesses us.

Our heritage in Moses and Miriam liberates us for justice.

We become a family of faith

as close and as loving as Naomi and Ruth.

The passionate fire of the prophets burns within our hearts.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1

...Etienne

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

and let us run with perseverance

the race that is set before us.”

We stand on the shoulders of prophets ancient and modern.

Without the saints before us, we would be diminished.

We remember, yes, we remember and treasure them.

MEMORIAL NAMES OF PEOPLE AND OF CONGREGATIONS

...Diane Blanchard and Peter Hartmans

(Christabel playing quietly in the background)

In our grieving for these faithful saints,

we look around at the church through the lens of memory.

The church has changed; it has shrunk; it continues to shift.

We wonder what happened.

What does it all mean? Is there a plan? Where are we going?

Uncertainty grips us; mystery confounds us; fear paralyzes us.

Hear our lament, O God!

SCRIPTURE (*mezza-forte*)

Psalm 25:16-18

...Etienne

“Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.”

DEBORAH (*pianissimo*)

Over my head, I hear music in the air.

SCRIPTURE (*mezzo-piano*)

Psalm 28:2

NRSV

“Hear the voice of my supplication as I cry to you for help,

as I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.”

DEBORAH (*piano*)

Over my head, I hear music in the air.

SCRIPTURE (*piano*)

Psalm 20:1a

...Etienne

“The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!”

DEBORAH (*mezzo-piano*) Over my head, I hear music in the air.
(*mezzo-forte*) There must be a God somewhere.

It could be that we forgot.
In all of our changing, in all of our fear, in all of our wondering,
 Jesus fulfills the promise of what can be,
 of what will be when we live the good news,
 of what the prophet Isaiah wrote:

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65:17 ...Etienne
“For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
 the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.”

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SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65:18-19 ...Etienne
“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
 and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.”

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SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65:20 ...Etienne
“No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years
 will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred
 will be considered accursed.”

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SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65:21-23 ...Etienne
“They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
 or bear children for sudden terror;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord –
 and their descendants as well.”

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SCRIPTURE Isaiah 65:24 ...Etienne
“Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking, I will hear.”

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So it is that we gather around this table of promise –
 this symbol of our communion in, with and through Christ.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND FRACTION (Bread; Grape Juice)

OFFERING

When we come to Christ's table,
 we come to receive what was given freely and completely.
At each of our tables let us now bring our own selves in return
 as we present our own offerings of self-giving.

OFFERTORY HYMN *Old 100th (Ojibwa translation)* ...Band

Mah moo yuh wuh mah dah mah buh
Wain je zhuh wain dah go ze yung
Wa yoo se mind, wa gwe se mind
Kuh ya Pah ne zid O je chog.

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT

Let us pray together:

Help us, Loving Spirit, to embrace your Holy Shift! among us.
Help us witness to the beautiful things you make out of us.

**Sharing the bread and the grape juice at Christ's table,
may you fill us with your constant companionship,
with your guiding light,
with your blessings of grace,
with your inspiration as we embrace transformation. Amen.**

BRIEF INSTRUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION *(on screen, too)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us join together once more in prayer:

**While we may still worry, Living Christ, we rest our trust in you.
Bless what we have said and done here as a sign of that trust,
knowing you are the author of our transformation,
resting in the assurance of your gift of faith.
You do, indeed, make beautiful things out of us. Amen.**

**SONG

"Beautiful Things"

by Gungor
...Band