

Open: Into The Light

Tuesday Morning Worship:
8.30am-9.30am

Green Highlight (M) = Music

Purple Highlight (LS) = Lighting/Sound

Red Highlight (D) = Design

Orange Highlight (SD) = Stage Direction

Blue Lettering (B) = Text projected on screen

**** = People are asked to rise as they able**

SETTING THE SCENE

Video Announcements / Countdown Clock(LS)

Sounds/Music as people enter the space, imagery on screen (LS)

Chrysalis/butterfly development (D)

(full frame with all layers gray layer beginning to tear in the chrysalis)

*Gathering music - percussion - toms, bass drum, djembes, chill vibe, heartbeat,
Primal (M)*

Introduction

Rev. Elder Troy Perry (on audio or live):

“Sacred traditions and texts are filled with the stories of those who opened to new life and purpose. The story of faith is not one of arrival but of journey. We can see our butterfly’s struggle to push out of its confines has produced an opening that cannot be undone. Today I pray that we will be willing, like Abraham and Sarah, to take on new names, a new family and a new mission for our lives.”

ACT ONE

Gathering

[Rev Nancy... in a spot]

Solo: **Rev Nancy Wilson.**

“What will this day be like?” from *The Sound of Music*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PX9SIQdCjs&list=PLoLRT0VccMFaMXdaYGm1dLPSWgIDR79JX&index=5>

[slowly, with much emphasis... pause after each line]

“What will this day be like? I wonder.
What will the future be? I wonder.”

Call to Worship**

Cecilia Eggleston

One: In the beginning was the Noise...

[drums rumble, slap]

and the Noise begat the rhythm...

[rhythm begins - rhythm of "Deep in Our Hearts"]

and the rhythm begat everything else, and the dance began.

One: As rhythm sounds, creation happens.

Many: We are a people bound together through sacred sound.

One: As rhythm sounds, communion happens.

Many: We are grounded in the heartbeat of the Holy One.

One: As rhythm sounds, we become one.

Many: We are part of a rhythmic creation as we evolve a better world together.

One: As rhythm sounds, opposition ceases.

**Many: We are all companions of life's rhythms in our stillness...
and motion, in the sound and silence our souls are uplifted.**

One: As rhythm sounds,

Many: we are standing on sacred ground! (B)

[instrumentalists join the rhythm]

Song: "Deep in Our Hearts"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnZaO8udMcQ>

[Soloist sings first time]

Deep in our hearts, there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts, there is a common song:
deep in our hearts, there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

[underscoring continues]

Cecilia Eggleston

"Our very hearts are entwined in love for this body called the MCC.

And in order for the heart to push the blood through, the valves have to open and close in concert
with each other... when one valve doesn't work, disrupts the flow...

blocks the flow, can cause a kind of paralysis..

working in concert, the entire system must dance, must listen to each other...

This is a day to listen to God with intensity and to listen to each other with love."

Deep in our hearts, there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts, there is a common song:
deep in our hearts, there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one. (B)

Prayer

[Deep in Our Hearts playing softly in the background throughout this prayer time]

Rev Dan Koeshall:

“One of the joys of being here together in this place, at this special time, is that we can pray together. We are able to remind one another that God is right here with us, guiding us and encouraging us.

Today is significant and we do not travel through it alone.
What do you need today that would help you move forward?

I invite you to share your thoughts with your neighbor and covenant to pray throughout the day on behalf of that person.”

[music plays as people share... sing verse to bring them back]

Deep in our hearts, there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts, there is a common goal:
deep in our hearts, there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony. (B)

Rev. Dan Koeshall:

We invite those who have been nominated for the role of Moderator to come to the center, under this chrysalis, so that we can offer thanksgiving, prayer and blessing for you this day.

I also invite everyone to turn and face the center and extend your hands in blessing.

[Underscoring continues softly]

[Extemporaneous prayer of blessing by Dan Koeshall]

[When it is finished, one more verse of the song as people return to their seats]

Deep in our hearts, there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts, there is a common song:
deep in our hearts, there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one. (B)

[People are invited to take their seats] (SD)

ACT TWO

Introduction of Preacher

Rev. Elder Don Eastman:

In just a few minutes, we will hear a word from our preacher for the day, Rev. Miak Siew, the executive pastor of Free Community Church in Singapore.

Rev. Siew's dedication to offering a liberating message throughout Asia has taken him beyond Singapore to Jakarta, China, Indonesia, Philippines and Taiwan.

As we anticipate his words, let us hear these words...

Contemporary Word: We Have Come

[Spoken over video images on screen of where MCC churches are in the world - could be buildings, people, country maps etc etc ...]

musical intro of "Here"]

Rev. Elder Don Eastman:

We have come from far away in order to arrive at a remote destination,
We have left the ravine of death in order to arrive at the top of the mountain of life.
When we get to our destination we will organize ourselves.
When we get to that distant point
We will have made a worthy revolution.
We will have upset the table of privilege so that all will be welcome to sit and eat.
We want to get there.
We can get there.
We will get there.

- *Father Aristide, Haiti*

Ancient Word

Genesis 17: 17-; 15-27 (NIV)

[Woven into song with "Here" by Kari Jobe]

Verse 1:

Come and rest here. Come and lay your burdens down.
Come and rest here. There is refuge for you now.
You'll find God's peace and know you're not alone anymore. God is near.
You'll find God's healing. You're heart isn't shattered anymore. God is here.

Chorus:

Breathe in. Breathe out.
You will, You will find God here

Verse 1

Chorus

Bridge:

I will rest in You. I will rest in You.
I will rest in You. I will rest in You.
I will rest in You. I will rest in You. **(B)**

Rev. Rachelle Brown:

Friends, you have part in this scripture reading - the part of Abram. And one point he laughs so let's just give that a little practice: *[laughter]* Excellent!
"When Abram was ninety-nine years old, God appeared to him and said..."

God Voice 1 - Michelle Burnett:

"I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him,"

God Voice 2 - Lewis Reay:

“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.”

God Voice 3 - Beth Kind:

“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

Rev. Rachelle Brown:

God also said to Abraham,

God Voice 4 - Rev Steven Robertson:

“As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her.”

Rev. Rachelle Brown:

“Abraham fell facedown; he laughed [congregation laughs] (SD) and said to himself,”

Congregation:

“Will a son be born to a man a hundred years old? Will Sarah bear a child at the age of ninety?” And Abraham said to God, “If only Ishmael might live under your blessing!”

Rev. Rachelle Brown:

“Then God said,”

God Voice 1 - Michelle Burnett:

“Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac.”

God Voice 2 - Lewis Reay:

“I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him.”

God Voice 3 - Beth Kind:

“And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers.”

God Voice 4 - Rev Steven Robertson:

“He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year.”

Rev. Rachelle Brown:

“When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.”

[Reprise of "Here" Song continues...] (M)

Chorus
Chorus

Ending:

You will find God. You will find God here.
You will find God. You will find God here. (B)

Prayer for Rev. Miak Siew

[Speaker to come out of the 'people']

Rev. Elder Ken Martin:

"We need your steadfast presence.
In our discouragement and fatigue,
Grant us laughter and support.
In our vision, give us zeal.
In our weakness, we ask that you accept us.
And in the beauty that is ours,
grant that we might stand in truth.
Bless our preacher now, for all things woven and still to be,
we pray in thanks.
Amen."

(Taken from "More than Words: Prayer and Ritual for Inclusive Communities"
Janet Schaffran, Pat Kozak)

Sermon

Rev. Miak Siew

[applause, reprise of "Here" as needed for transition]

ACT THREE

Offering

Global Justice Institute

Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner:

(Offering Script to be submitted)

Offertory Song

"Anointing Fall on Me" (JS 10/23)

<http://youtu.be/BsAcaqMAuqY>

Chorus:

Anointing fall on me. Anointing fall on me.
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.

Anointing fall on me.

Chorus:

Verse

Touch my hands, my mouth, and my heart.
Fill my life, Lord, every part.
Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.
Anointing fall on me.

Chorus:

Chorus:

Verse

Ending:

Let the power of the Holy Ghost fall on me.
Anointing fall on me. Anointing fall on me. **(B)**

Announcements:

Rev. Phyllis Hunt

(Remind people that there is a chapel etc)

Closing Song**

"Blest Be the Tie"

(use the same song for coming back in for business)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=No56NKsN6pg>

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Verse 2:

Before our Maker's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts, and our cares.

Verse 3

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Verse 1

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. **(B)**