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Prelude

“Bridge Over Troubled Waters”

Winston White, pianist

Opening Song

“In Unity We Lift Our Song”

In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress,
who’ve shared with us our plight, who’ve held us in the night,
the blessed congregation.

For stories told and told again to every generation,
to give us strength in times of pain, to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive,
when we new are far from home and evil seasons come;
how firm is our foundation.

For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure,
which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure.
And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind,
we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill
with hope beyond all measure.

For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.

Opening Prayer

Valerie Boyer
MTSO Student

God of astonishing grace, God of unfailing goodness,
Your Spirit has charmed our fears and relieved our sorrows.
Your Word pierced through our mourning and brought us to life.
In moments when we we did not know how to love ourselves,
your love sustained us.
In moments when fear threatened to overwhelm us,
you held us close.

Our hearts are bursting with joy at all you have done.
If only we had a thousand tongues to thank you and praise you!

Help us to tell this story.
This story of grace available to ALL people.
This story of love overcoming fear.

For this is the way of Jesus,
in whose name we pray,

Amen.

Welcome

Jay Rundell
MTSO President

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 95)

Richard Hinkelman
MTSO Student

ONE: Come, let's shout praises to God,
raise the roof for the Rock who saved us!
Let's march into God's presence singing praises,
lifting the rafters with our hymns!

We gather in the joy of hearts united.
We gather in the joy of what is yet to come.
We gather in the joy of hope and salvation.

ALL SING:

Danny Russell, organist
MTSO Communications Director

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

ONE: We stand in awe as we enter into God's presence.
The Creator and Sustainer of all that is.
The Holy One and Holy Three.

Closing Hymn

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”



1. This is a day of new be - gin - nings,
2. For by the life and death of Je - sus,
3. Then let us with the Spir - it's dar - ing,
4. Christ is a - live and goes be - fore us



time to build brid - ges, a new dawn,
God's might - y Spir - it, now as then,
step from the past and leave be - hind
to show and share what love can do.



time to be - lieve what love is bring - ing,
can make for us a world of dif - ference,
our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and griev - ing,
This is a day, of new be - gin - nings;



lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
as faith and hope are born a - gain.
seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.
our God is mak - ing all things new.

CREDITS

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

W & M: Paul Simon

In Unity We Lift Our Song

W: Ken Medema, 1994

M: EIN FESTE BURG

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

W: Henry Van Dyke, 1907

M: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

W: Reginald Heber, 1826

M: John B. Dykes, 1861

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

W: Charles Wesley, 1747

M: John Zundel, 1870

This is a Day of New Beginnings

W: Brian Wren, 1978, alt.

M: Carlton R. Young, 1984

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Hymn of Thanksgiving

“For the Fruits of This Creation”

Winston White, pianist
 Danny Russell, organist
 MTSO Communications Director



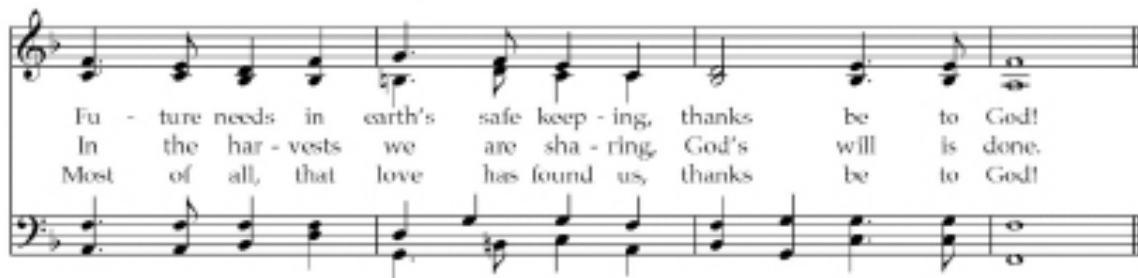
1. For the fruits of this cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God;



For the gifts of ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God;
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done;
 In the good we all in - he - rit, thanks be to God;



For the plow - ing, sow ing, reap ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In the world - wide task of ca - ring for the hun - gry and des - pair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, thanks be to God!
 In the har - vests we are sha - ring, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer

Jennifer Fowler
 MTSO Student

Sung Response

Jeffrey White, song leader
MTSO Student

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Call to Worship

“Hurting People Standin’ Across From Me”

Words by Jeffrey White
Spoken by Brooke Hayes
MTSO Student

Sung Response

“Come, Thou Storm of Troublemaking”

Come Thou Storm of troublemaking shake our lives and interfere.
Wind and water: dare and challenge. Holy Fire: be Thou near.
With your lightning, conquer darkness. Come expose complicity.
In this moment, hearts lay barren – ready for a word from Thee.

PROCLAMATION

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19-31 (NRSV)

Carolyn Kwon
MTSO Student

Sermon

The Great Chasm

Frank Thomas

RESPONSE

Call to Hope/Intercessions

Mark Reed
MTSO Admissions Recruiter

SENDING FORTH

Charge and Blessing

Frank Thomas

Closing Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Postlude

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For the Fruits of this Creation

W: Fred Pratt Green, 1970

M: AR HYD Y NOS Welsh melody, c. 1784

Words © 1970 Hope Publishing Co.

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

W & M: African American Spiritual

Come, Thou Storm of Troublemaking

W: MTSO Fall 2018 Worship Planning Team. Inspired by Robert Robinson's Come Thou Found of Every Blessing.

M: NETTLETON

God of Grace and God of Glory

W: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

M: John Hughes, 1907

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FRANK A. THOMAS

Author, scholar and renowned preacher Frank A. Thomas offers Schooler Institute participants insights from his latest book, *How to Preach a Dangerous Sermon*, and upcoming book, *How to Survive a Dangerous Sermon*.

Thomas is the Nettie Sweeney and Hugh Th. Miller Professor of Homiletics at Christian Theological Seminary, where he also directs CTS's Ph.D. Program in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric. Thomas previously served as senior pastor of New Faith Baptist Church of Matteson, Illinois, and Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Memphis, Tennessee.

He is the author of several books on preaching, including *They Like to Never Quit Praisin' God: The Role of Celebration in Preaching* (Pilgrim Press). In addition, he co-edited *Preaching with Sacred Fire: An Anthology of African American Sermons 1750 to the Present* (W.W. Norton & Company in 2010), a critically acclaimed book offering a rare view of the unheralded role of the African-American preacher in American history.

Thomas holds a Ph.D. in communications (rhetoric) from the University of Memphis, a Doctor of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministry degrees from Chicago Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary, a Master of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary, and a Master of Arts in African-Caribbean Studies from Northeastern Illinois University.



WILLIAMS INSTITUTE SPRING LECTURES

7 p.m. March 5 and 1 p.m. March 6

Exploring the intersection of violence, race and religion

Mai-Anh Le Tran, associate professor of religious education and practical theology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, delivers two lectures, "To Set One's Heart in a Violent World," and "From My Lai to Ferguson: Militarized Orientalism, Benevolence, and Racism." Tran's latest book is *Reset the Heart: Unlearning Violence, Relearning Hope*.

WORKSHOP

7 p.m. March 18

Fearless Dialogues community conversation

The 2013 verdict that found George Zimmerman not guilty of second-degree murder in the lethal shooting of Trayvon Martin raised critical questions about the American legal system. In its wake, Fearless Dialogues, led by Gregory C. Ellison II, associate professor of pastoral care and counseling at Candler School of Theology, creates unique spaces for unlikely partners to engage in hard, heartfelt conversations that see gifts in others, hear value in stories, and work for change and positive transformation in self and other. Presented by the Theological Commons at MTSO.

FACULTY LECTURE

7 p.m. March 26

Redefining the Trauma Zone: A Psycho-Spiritual Assessment of the State of the World

MTSO Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling Francesca Nuzzolese reflects on her clinical and educational work with victims of trauma, including her most recent experience in Nepal. Presented by the the Theological Commons at MTSO.

LECTURE ON WORLD RELIGIONS AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS

7 p.m. April 4

The Death of Civility: On the Birth of Dignity Based Interfaith Ritual and Practices

Najeeba Syeed, associate professor of interreligious education at Claremont School of Theology and director of the Center for Global Peacebuilding, is recognized as a leader in peacebuilding and social justice-based research. Her lecture is presented by the Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus, a collaborative effort of MTSO, Pontifical College Josephinum and Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University.

FACULTY LECTURE

7 p.m. May 7

Reading Philippians in the Age of Mass Incarceration

Ryan Schellenberg, MTSO assistant professor of New Testament, considers what it means to read Paul's prison letter cognizant of the over 2.2 million persons currently in jail or prison in the United States. Presented by the Theological Commons at MTSO.

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