

CALL TO WORSHIP

Inspired by Psalm 105

One: Come, people of God, let us lift our voices in praise. Let us call on the name of the Lord and make known the mighty things God has done.

All: **We gather to sing, to remember, and to celebrate the works of God.**

One: Seek the Lord and trust in God's strength. Remember the wonders God has performed, the justice God brings, and the promises God keeps through every generation.

All: **We are the Lord's beloved, held in God's covenant love.**

One: The Lord is our God, faithful in every season. The Lord guided the people of Israel, protected them, provided for them, and led them to freedom.

All: **We come with grateful hearts, ready to worship the God who rescues, restores, and remembers forever the promises given to us.**
Let us praise the Lord with joy. Let us worship the One who leads us, sustains us, and calls us God's own. Praise the Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.**

**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease...
where time and tears will be no more ... and all but love will cease.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs 1:5-6; Matthew 20:1-16

One: Words of life and challenge for a people in need.

All: **Thanks be to God who is still speaking.**

MESSAGE

Unusual Stories for Unusual Times

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Deep in Our Hearts"

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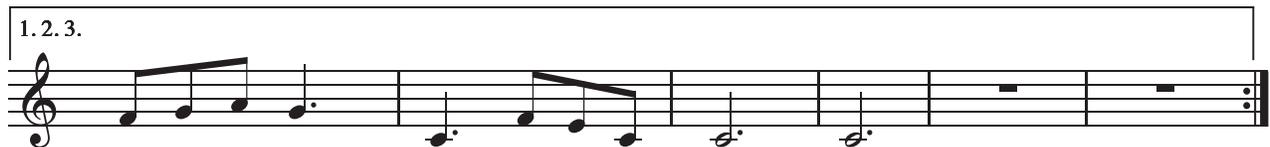
1. Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon vis - ion;
 2. Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon pur - pose;
 3. Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon long - ing;
 4. Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon vis - ion;



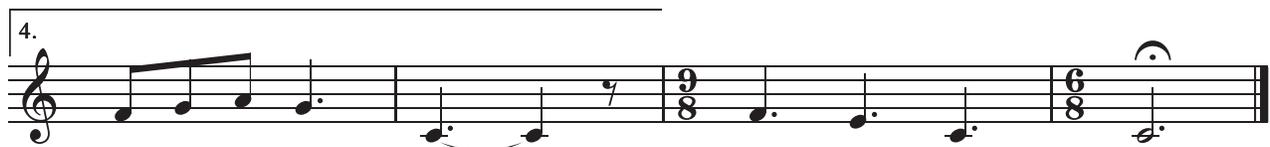
Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon song;
 Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon goal;
 Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon theme;
 Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon song;



Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon sto - ry,
 Deep in our hearts _____ there is a sa - cred mes - sage,
 Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon cur - rent,
 Deep in our hearts _____ there is a com - mon sto - ry,



1. 2. 3.
 tell - ing Cre - a - tion that we are one.
 jus - tice and peace in har - mo - ny.
 flow - ing to free - dom like a stream.



4.
 tell - ing Cre - a - tion _____ that we are one.

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SONG OF PREPARATION FOR PRAYER "Spirit of the Living God"

**Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

One: And so we pray:

All: *(Sung)* **Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on us.**

SONG OF SENDING

**Every time I - feel the Spirit moving in my heart - I will pray.
Yes, every time I – feel the Spirit – moving in my heart – I will pray.**

BENEDICTION

Call to Worship

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 99

One: We have come together to praise God to whom we have belonged since the creation of the world, when water was created.

All: We heard God's voice ordering chaos with the Word of life, illuminating the darkness of an eternal night that saw light for the first time.

One: We come to thank God for being the water that purifies us and seals us in an eternal covenant, and to give all the glory to our creator who has always sustained us, even now.

All: God is our light.
May the whole creation sing in adoration. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Praise the Source of Every Blessing"

Praise the Source of ev'ry blessing, bringing goodness to the Earth,
loving ev'ry living being – filling all with sacred worth.
Raise your voices, sing your praises. Radiant life She brings to birth.

Praise the Holy Way of justice, leading us to work for right.
Join to heal all wounded nature – fractured, poisoned, scarred with blight.
Voices raised to stop destruction, we will labor day and night.

Praise the Well of Holy Wisdom, flowing deep within our souls,
guiding us to save creation, careless actions to control.
Still conserving, still protecting, we will make Earth safe and whole.

Praise the great Creative Spirit, birthing beauty every-where,
Moving us to loving action, that Her treasures all may share.
Raise your voices, sing your praises. Earth calls for our tender care.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Sacred wind, come blow on us. Let us feel your presence.
Holy Earth anchor us. Nourish our frames.
Illuminating fire burn ever brighter. Reflect your truth.
Life-giving water – restore and baptize us with your wisdom.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 27:1-8, 11; Luke 18:1-5

One: Words of life and challenge for a people in need.

All: Thanks be to God who is still speaking.

MESSAGE

A Sure and Shared Inheritance

SONG OF RESPONSE

"And Still We Rise"

Vs. 1, 2, 5

"Still I Rise," Maya Angelou; Luke 1:46-55, 2:36-38, 8:1-3; Acts 18:24-27; Romans 16:1-2,7; Proverbs 3:17

1. The wom - en long ig - nored still rise from sa - cred page;
 2. The wom - en preached the Word; the Scrip - tures make it clear;
 3. The proph - et An - na sees her vi - sion come to light,
 4. A - pos - tle Jun - ia leads, and Dea - con Phoe - be prays;
 5. Like sis - ters long a - go, the Truth is off' ig - nored;

with Wis - dom they ex - plored the truth for ev - ery age.
 still man - y have not heard these sis - ters through the years.
 and Moth - er Mar - y frees op - pressed from pain - ful plight.
 Jo - an - na does good deeds; Pris - cil - la shows the Way.
 still Ho - ly Wis - dom shows us all Her Way to soar.

Refrains 1-4: And still they rise, and still they rise with
Refrain 5: And still we rise, and still we rise with

hope a - live, and still they rise.
 hope a - live, and still we rise.

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

CLOSING SONG

“Be Thou Our Vision”

**Be thou our vision, O Lord of our heart.
Naught be all else to us, save that thou art.
Thou our best thought, by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence our light.**

**Be thou our wisdom, and thou our true word.
We ever with thee and thou with us, Lord:
Heart of our own heart, whatever befall,
still be our vision, O Ruler of all.**

**Great God of heaven, when vict'ry is won,
may we reach heaven's joy, bright heaven's sun!
Heart of our own heart, whatever befall,
Still be our vision, O Ruler of all.**

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Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

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Prayer of Intercession

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TUESDAY

March 3

11:30 a.m.	Welcome and registration	Dunn Dining Hall
Noon	Optional lunch	Dunn Dining Hall
12:30 p.m.	Welcome and registration	Centrum Gallery
1 p.m.	Opening chapel	Alford Centrum
2 p.m.	Conversation on preaching in this season	Alford Centrum
3:15 p.m.	Lecture	Alford Centrum
5 p.m.	Evening is free for fellowship	

WEDNESDAY

March 4

8:30 a.m.	Welcome	Centrum Gallery
9 a.m.	Lecture 2	Alford Centrum
9:45 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Worship and music workshop	Alford Centrum
11 a.m.	Closing chapel	Alford Centrum
Noon	Dismissal	
Noon	Optional lunch	Dunn Dining Hall

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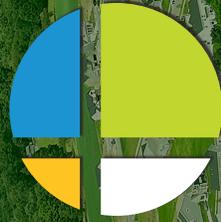


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Campus Map



MTSO

Methodist Theological School in Ohio



SEMINARY HILL FARM
ON THE CAMPUS OF MTSO

Kleist Manor Townhomes

Helen Werner Apartment Building

Dewire Residence Hall

Dunn Dining Hall

Outdoor Chapel

Dickinson Courtyard

Prayer Labyrinth

North Farm Fields

Greenhouse

Alford Centrum

Dickhaut Library

Gault Hall

Werner Hall

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Columbus Pike (U.S. Route 23)

Methodist Theological School in Ohio is located on 80 hillside acres in Delaware, 30 minutes north of downtown Columbus. Facilities include academic and worship spaces, student residences, Dunn Dining Hall, and MTSO's Seminary Hill Farm, which covers 10 acres of the campus.

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Publicity and advance information	5	4	3	2	1
DAY 1					
Opening chapel	5	4	3	2	1
Conversation on preaching for this season	5	4	3	2	1
Lecture 1	5	4	3	2	1
DAY 2					
Lecture 2	5	4	3	2	1
Worship and music workshop	5	4	3	2	1
Closing chapel	5	4	3	2	1

Do you have a suggestion for future presenters?

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