



# Jazz vespers moment

First Christian Church – Bloomington  
February 19, 2021 - 6:30 pm

February Series of Jazz Meditations on the Theme: Contemplating  
Contemplating Tranquility

Elena Escudero, singer and piano  
Linda Abe, reader  
Stefan Lenthe, bass  
Kyle Cantrell, saxophone

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Gathering Contemplating Elena Escudero and Stefan Lenthe

When we suffer loss and sadness, lonely depths and darkness see,  
may we know that God is with us offering tranquility.

Words: Linda Abe, 2020 Music: Elena Escudero, 2020

Greeting and Scripture Elena Escudero

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you.  
I give to you not as the world gives.  
Don't be troubled or afraid.  
John 14:27

Instrumental Jazz Moment Stefan Lenthe and Kyle Cantrell

Improvisation on Cole Porter's "Love for Sale"

In winter  
all the singing is in  
the tops of the trees  
where the wind-bird  
with its white eyes  
shoves and pushes  
among the branches.  
Like any of us  
he wants to go to sleep,  
but he's restless—  
he has an idea,  
and slowly it unfolds  
from under his beating wings  
as long as he stays awake.  
But his big, round music, after all,  
is too breathy to last.

So, it's over.  
In the pine-crown  
he makes his nest,  
he's done all he can.

I don't know the name of this bird,  
I only imagine his glittering beak  
tucked in a white wing  
while the clouds—  
which he has summoned  
from the north—  
which he has taught  
to be mild, and silent—  
thicken, and begin to fall  
into the world below  
like stars, or the feathers  
of some unimaginable bird  
that loves us,  
that is asleep now, and silent—  
that has turned itself  
into snow.

Jazz Meditation

As the Wing Song

WAIKUA TAPU

As the wind song through the trees,  
as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.  
Never seen, ever known  
where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain,  
as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the spring,  
as a kite on a string,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
making worlds that are new,  
making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
as the rising of the yeast,  
as the wine at the feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.

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Dismissal

Linda Abe

Sung Closing Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Elena Escudero

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