



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast

July 21, 2024

"God the Gardener"

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener." (John 15:1, NIV)

This Sunday Rev. Dr. Stephanie L. Sauv e will be leading service and preaching a sermon titled "God The Gardener" based on Genesis 3:8 and John 15:1-11. She has been a long-time presence at the Chapel during the summer seasons and is loved by all the community! We don't want to steal the thunder from Rev. Dr. Sauv e's sermon, so here is a little background on the two hymns we'll sing during the service: "In the Garden" and "Morning Has Broken." (Hymn information distilled from Hymnary.org.)

"In the Garden," by C. Austin Miles (1868-1946): This text was written by C. Austin Miles in 1912. By his own account, he had a vivid dream and was then inspired to write this hymn about the first encounter between Mary Magdalene and her risen Lord in the garden outside of the tomb. Austin Miles was a pharmacist but began writing hymns and soon became the editor and manager of the Hall-Mack Publishing Company. "He felt he was serving God better in the gospel song writing business, than as a pharmacist."

"Morning Has Broken," by Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965): Eleanor Farjeon, born in London, was a writer of children's stories, and at the age of 16 became known as a writer of lyrics for operas and musicals. She was inspired to write the words for "Morning Has Broken" by a Celtic blessing she heard during a trip to Scotland. The tune for this hymn is "Bunessan," a Gaelic tune that was first published (tune only) in Lachlan Macbean's "Songs and Hymns of the Gael" in 1888. This hymn was popularized by Cat Stevens, who recorded an arrangement of the tune in 1971.



Raquette Lake Chapel History-The Banners:

"I believe these original banners may have been given to the Chapel by Dawn Timm. With so much damage [over time], I did not think they were salvageable. So, I made new ones and based on Wayne's [Kavanaugh] response to me on membership.

They say [L to R]: Welcome to My House, Welcome to The House, Welcome to Your House, and Welcome to Our House. On the back, I dedicated these to Wayne and he did come to House to look at these."

By Elizabeth Beckingham, July 14, 2024.

Prayer Box: We ask God to take into His care: the souls of Christipher and James M.; Margo and Bill, Justin and his family, Barbara, Danielle, Linda, Elizabeth, Joyce, Debbie, John C, Joe, Holland, Steve, Gail, John H, Mia, Patti, Florence, and John P; pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East; pray for victims of severe weather in Western New York, California, New Mexico, and Oklahoma.

Lord, hear our prayers!