

John Bell is Coming to St. John Farmington Hills!

October 15, 5:00 pm



On Saturday, October 15, 2016, St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills MI will host a hymn festival led by world renowned hymnist **John Bell** of the Iona Community's Wild Goose group. The theme for this event is **Songs for the Sabbath**. We will explore in song a time when we can periodically separate ourselves from the demands of the world while we rest and re-connect with God.

The Wild Goose Resource Group is a semi-autonomous project of The Iona Community in Scotland. The group is comprised of John Bell, Graham Maule and Jo Love (Resource Workers), and administrative staff and is based in the Community's Glasgow office. For over 25 years, the Group has been engaged at local, national and international levels in association with colleagues and friends to produce a large range of music books, CDs and resources for worship which are published throughout the English speaking world, with some materials available in several European and Asian languages; www.wgrg.co.uk

JOHN L. BELL is a native of Kilmarnock, Scotland. He lives in Glasgow where he studied Arts and Theology. After spells of voluntary work in London and Amsterdam, and engagements in student politics, he was ordained by the Church of Scotland. For ten years he worked in youth ministry before transferring to concentrate on music and worship. He and the work he shares with his colleagues have been honored by the Royal School of Church Music, the Hymn Society in the US and Canada, and the University of Glasgow, the first and second of which bestowed on him the status of Fellowship, the third a Doctorate.

Mr. Bell lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across all denominations in Europe, the Americas, Asia, and Southern Africa. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on national radio and television, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. Preferring an unencumbered life, Mr. Bell does not have a mobile phone, driving license, camera, iPod or wife. He has never traced his family origins, played a guitar or eaten a Big Mac.

Mr. Bell has written or co-written more than 100 hymns, including *"Will You Come and Follow Me,"*

"Take, Oh Take Me as I Am" and several others in our ELW hymnal.

Songs for the Sabbath

A Hymn Festival

featuring

John Bell

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Admission is free. A free will offering will be collected.
Refreshments will be provided following the Hymn Festival.

St. John Lutheran Church is located at
23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills MI 48335
four blocks south of Grand River and two blocks west of Farmington Road.