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# God, Land & Love with John Bell

**Sunday, March 8, 2015  
2:00-5:00PM**

**at**

**First United Church of Oak Park  
848 Lake Street, Oak Park**

Apart from the odd song which says “All things bright and beautiful” or “I, the Lord of sea and sky,” there is comparatively little in most churches which deals with the created order in liturgy, song or preaching. This, curiously, is at odds with the biblical narrative which puts a high profile on the continuing relationship God has with the earth and the earth with its Maker. The Law, the Psalms and the Prophets bear eloquent witness to this. In this seminar, we will consider how the great breadth of biblical witness can find itself reflected in the song, prayer and witness of the church today, and see doxology as one of the prime purposes of ecology.

**JOHN BELL** of the Wild Goose Resource Group at the Iona Community in Scotland, is a native of Kilmarnock, who lives in Glasgow where he studied Arts and Theology. After spells of volunteer work in London and Amsterdam and engagements in student politics, he was ordained in the Church of Scotland. He lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across the denominations in Europe, the Americas, Asia and southern Africa. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster on national television and radio, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. He and the work he shares with his colleagues have been honoured by the Royal School of Church Music, the Hymn Society in the US & Canada, and the University of Glasgow. His music and writings are distributed in the U.S. through GIA Publications.

**Registration: \$35 at the door or \$25 paid in advance**

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John Bell will also  
lead worship and a workshop  
at the Presbytery's LEAD event  
on Saturday, March 7.

