

~ Welcome To Worship ~

TIPPECANOE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

Living Waters Contemplative Life Center

Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless

Tippecanoe just.good.food Garden - Food Justice Site PCUSA

Arts and Science Literacy Camps For Children

March 26, 2017

9:30 a.m.

“Shaped By The Story”



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.



*On a spiritual quest? Reached a tipping point? Reach out to Tippe! You are important to us.
 In Christ, there are no strangers, only new and wonderful people to meet each day!
 If you are visiting today, please be sure to sign our Guest Book at the back of the sanctuary
 or fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate.
 Our pastor would be glad to call you or pay you a personal visit.
 Just let us know as you sign in...and take a Welcome Packet, too!
 Come back often. We care! We are open for faith! Affirming and open to all!*

Helpful Worship Information



We're Glad You've Come.

*This is a safe place, a sanctuary of worship and prayer,
 comfort and justice-seeking for all God's people and all
 are welcome here
just as you are.*

Our church is a safe sanctuary for children..

*We are proactive to protect our children with trained
 staff, enlightened volunteers,
 and aware congregants.*

*No concealed weapons of any type are allowed on
 Tippecanoe Church premises.*

***Our children are invited
 to remain in worship with us.***

***We ask children be accompanied
 by an adult at all times throughout
 our morning together!***

*During worship, children are welcome to use a book,
 stuffed animal, or crayons and papers from the bottom
 shelf of the cart at the back of the sanctuary. We want
 the sanctuary to be home to them.*

***When your child (1st grade and under) is restless,
 when you are, when those around you are...***

*you're/we're probably asking too much of everyone.
 Please let your child be in the nursery at times like this.
 Please return borrowed "goodies" to the cart after
 worship.*

Infant through 1st Grade Care

*is available all during worship down the stairs to the
 right to the "nursery."*

In the order of worship, please note... the * indicates
 times to stand as you are able.

Today in Worship



*We open our hearts and minds to the texts,
 confronting the radical nature of God's wisdom.*



"Shaped By The Story"

Today's Wisdom Teachings ...

*help us examine what it means to really "see" and
 to wonder what God sees...in us...that we
 ourselves are not yet fully able to see...yet! We
 are invited to trust God's presence will see us
 through life's challenges and our own "blindness".
 All part of being...*shaped by what is life giving!**



Thanks for being here today!

*In deepest gratitude, we give God thanks
 for your presence with us in worship!*



WARNING...

*If you take the Bible literally you may be disappointed
 here. We hope not, but we think you should know that
 we don't take all of scripture literally....
 any more than Jesus did,
 but we DO take it all seriously.*

As you enter, please use this time to greet friends, welcome newcomers, and join in the spirit of community.

As the music begins, gift yourself a few moments of quiet perhaps becoming present to your own life -- your desires and needs and joys. Perhaps using this photo and reflective question to center yourself.

God rejoices in your coming and meets you this morning in special ways that are meant just for you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Why do we worship? Think on this...

Worship is a human activity, celebrated in the presentness of God...the Sacred, rather than praise required of us by God. And so the "goal" is to help us know (head in our heart) how we relate as individuals to ourselves, others, world, universe.

To celebrate that relationship! To touch sources of creative transformation! To reinterpret our experiences! To reaffirm living in this world which is indeed our sacred and worshipful work to do!



“Shaped By The Story”

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### **WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY**

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#### **✧ Welcome and Community News**

#### **✧ Readyng Ourselves for Worship**

**Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!  
Surely God is in this place,  
Holy Ground!**

#### **✧ Prelude**

*♦Bringing The Bible Forward*

*♦Ringing the Bell...an ancient tradition to clarify the air enabling our prayers to rise more easily to our God.*

### **Gathering As God's People**

#### **✧ Becoming Present To God And Each Other**

**One: The Master Story of our faith continually calls us to shape our life stories in amazing new ways! Knowing...**

**All: daily life, our past life, and future dreads try to shape us!**

One: But at least for this morning, we give “God” a chance to enter the story line of our lives! We claim our power...

**All: to be shaped by the Master Story...our power to determine what will and will not shape us! Today we affirm: a new story is possible...still!**

*By Brande Carlisle*

*Imagine this a conversation between you and God....*

✧ **Gathering Hymn “The Story”**

**All of these lines across my face  
tell You the story of who I am.  
So many stories of where I've been  
and how I got to where I am.  
But these stories don't mean anything  
when you've got no one to tell them to  
It's true... I was made for You.**

**I climbed across the mountain tops  
swam all across the ocean blue.  
I crossed all the lines and I broke all the rules.  
But God I broke them all for You  
Oh because even when I was knocked down  
You gave me courage to get back up.  
You do and I was made for You.**

**You see the smile that's on my mouth  
It's hiding the words that don't come out.  
And all of my friends who think that I'm blessed,  
they don't know my head is a mess.  
No, they don't know who I really am  
And they don't know what I've been through like You do.  
And I was made for You.**

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tell You the story of who I am.  
So many stories of where I've been  
And how I got to where I am  
But these stories don't mean anything  
when you've got no one to tell them to.  
It's true... I was made for You.**

✧ **Lenten Candle Ritual: Madelyn's Shaping**



*Adapted from  
affirmations of the  
Universalist Unitarians.*

*Read to yourself and pick  
a stanza that speaks to  
you. As we read out loud  
together, read only that  
stanza you have chosen.*

*Please listen once and  
sing twice.*

*This is sung in God's  
voice to you!*

*You are invited to light a  
prayer candle now and  
anytime in worship you  
hear a prayer lifted or  
answered.*

## ✧ **Affirming Our Faith *With Intention***

**I believe in the wholeness of life, made known as creation's moving power in wind and sea, and as awakening love within the human heart.**

**I believe in the holiness of life. I believe in new life, of all life yearning for fulfillment.**

**I believe in the indestructible togetherness of life and the changing life we share, and in the opportunity for each to contribute to the well-being of communities and our environment.**

**I believe in the shared life of play and worship, art and science, industry and government.**

**I believe in the triumph of love over hate, peace over war, life over death.**

**I believe that beneath the brokenness of tragedy lie seeds of fresh creation: that tragedy need never be in vain.**

**I believe I have the beginning courage to live my life with the whole of my life's story. And, I am willing to lay my story alongside the Master Story of our faith and glean wisdom for the living of this day. I have the power to shape a new life story!**

## ✧ **A Moment With God For Each Of Us...**

### ✧ **Kyrie**

**Listen, listen, listen to your life song!  
Listen, listen, listen to your life song!  
I will never forsake you, I will never forget you.  
I will never forsake you, I will never forget you....**

### ✧ **\*Passing of the Peace...*Temenos!***

*Temenos is an ancient Greek concept of creating a safe space for others in which healing can take place in the midst of what is.*

## **Held WithIn the Word**

### ✧ **And the Children Will Lead The Way: Kids' Time**

### ✧ **Preparing To Hear The Word....*Our Prayer***

### ✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: John 9: 1-12**

*Please remain seated.*

✧ **Hymn of Preparation “I Love To Tell The Story”**

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

***Refrain:***

***I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.***

**I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.**

***Refrain***

**I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.**

***Refrain***

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.**

***Refrain***

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: John 9: 13-41**

One: This is the way our story is told.  
God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

**All: Thanks be to our God.**

✧ **Prompting**

“Shaped By The Story”

“Willing to See...to be Seen?”

Pastor Karen Hagen



*Feel free to write in the margins! Use this space for your personal reflections!*

✧ **A Moment Of Personal Reflection...**

*Listen once and please  
sing twice reflectively.  
Worship and Praise, #89*

*Deeply hear this  
invitation.*

*This Lent,  
we will use a Ann  
Weem's poetry from  
"Kneeling in Jerusalem"  
to frame our  
conversation with God,  
adapted with images  
from today's wisdom  
teachings.*

*Let these words serve as  
our confessed longing  
and affirmation of  
faithfulness*

*Let this invitation to  
personal sharing move  
you toward the Divine.  
Contemplate the mystery!*

## ✧Sung Response

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

### Opening to God's Grace

#### ✧Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

#### ✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

We call for miracles. Loving Oneness, You say the miracle is in believing, believing, faithing! You believe in the miracle of me.

And still, I find myself saying, "I lack the personal skills this situation requires." You say, "Believe in yourself, and venture out in faith."

I say, "I do not have the time or the energy to make it different." You say, "Within My courage you can take small steps, and bring change."

I say, "On my own I have such limited resources." You say, "Work with others in your faith community, and the outcome will surprise you."

I say, "Will I know peace?" You say, "Life is a process. Persevere faithfully and My peace will be yours."

Holy One, open my eyes to really seeing myself and others as You do.

Help me see how to live the miracles of each new day!

Shape me anew, O Holy One! I ask it!



✧ You may share with God a part of your life in which you have not found the courage to see things as they can be; or you may share your thanks for those who truly see you as God does; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you in the pew this morning shining His healing light all around and through you.

#### ✧A Moment With God For Each Of Us...

Let there be some quiet. We will be "stilled" together  
for 5 minutes or so! You have time....go deeper....

*Please listen to this once  
and then sing once.*

*A Sung Response*

*Please call Patti at  
630-674-1272 if you  
would like the Tippe  
Prayer Chain to lift a  
special prayer for you  
this week.*

*All prayers are  
confidential and shared  
with Pastor Karen.*

*Members & Friends*

*Tippe Ministry  
Spiritual Leaders:  
Elder  
Deacon  
Staff  
Community  
Outreach Partners  
Divine Intervention  
& Arts and Science  
Literacy Camps  
Faith Communities  
Partnering in Ministry  
Current Issues Calling  
Us To Prayer*

*Please listen once and  
then sing once.*

## ✧Kyrie

**You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy.  
You are the Christ, Giver of Mercy.  
You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy**

## ✧Receiving God's Grace....*God With Us Always*

## ✧Rejoicing In God's Divine Care

**Glory be to the Father, & the Son, & the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. As it was in the beginning, is now  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. A-men.  
Amen. A-men. Amen. A-men. A-men!**

## ✧Naming Our Gratitudes, Joys, and Concerns

### Throughout This Week Let Us Pray For...

...continued abundance and celebration of possibility as God  
grows Tippe's ministry.

...the continuing flow of guests who grace us with their  
presence.

... these members, spiritual leaders, staff and communities:

✧Joyce Katcha & Margaret Majewski

✧Finance Administration Personnel

✧ Pastor Karen

✧ Nancy Hartmann

✧ Erin Dentice

✧Common Ground and MICAH

✧Holding Guests, Hosts, Staff into the light of our prayer!

✧Holding Teachers, Artists, Children and their Families in the light of  
our prayer!

✧ Lutheran Chapel of the Cross

✧Employment

✧Immigration Reform

✧Torture Awareness ✧God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

## ✧Quieting Ourselves For Prayer

## ✧ Sung Call To Prayer

*In this moment, in this place, all is mercy, all is grace.  
In this moment, in this place, we are...One*



✧ Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Giving Thanks To God

✧ Offering Ourselves

✧ In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!

✧ Offertory and Sung Response:

Hymn #146 Worship and Praise "We Are An Offering"

"We lift our voices,  
we lift our hands,  
We lift our lives up to You!  
We are an offering,  
we are an offering."

✧ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth With Blessing

✧ \*Departing Hymn #332 Hymnal

"Live Into Hope"

✧ \*Benediction

*...Our Affirmation and Invitation  
to Become a Living Blessing*

✧ \*Our Response

**Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.  
Your word lives on in us.**

*Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, adapted, with permission.*

✧ Postlude...and Tippe Café right here in the sanctuary!

*Please join us for Tippe Café right here in the sanctuary and  
then gather with Pastor Karen for Lenten conversation and  
reflection in the Parlor.*

As you leave, you are invited to linger longer enjoying sanctuary time. You may partake of the Bread of Life remembering Christ with you always. The kneeler is also available for a time of quiet prayer. Please take a copy of a previous prompting from the Cart in the back for your own or another's enrichment!

# Tippeca-News March 26, 2017

*So glad you have come.*

*Join us for Tippe Café right after  
Worship here in the Sanctuary!*

*All Are Welcome!*

*TODAY and THIS WEEK at Tippe*

## **Lenten Parlor Class March 5 –April 2**

Pastor Karen will guide us as we reflect on Bishop Spong's "Twelve Thesis" about the meaning of our faith story...and Matthew Fox's responses to them!

## **Monday Nights 6:30pm:**

**Sanctuary Time of Belonging meets tomorrow night!**

Come for this worshipful time of self-reflection and theological thinking as we informally gather around table in the sanctuary, closing each gathering in prayer and communion.

**Circle of Faith** meets Wednesdays 10:30am in the parlor as we reflect on our individual and corporate lives through the lens of the wisdom teachings...*lectio style!*

**AA Meeting** Wednesday 7pm in Study Lounge.

**Bay View Children's Choir** Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 here at Tippe. 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders welcome!

*TODAY and THIS WEEK at Living Waters*

**Center yourself... Sunday Centering meets 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 6pm.** Join us for a time of quieting, opening us to the Holy within & within each other.

**One Blessing** meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

**Thursday Centering** meets 2:30pm in the parlor.

**Southside Buddhist Sangha Mindfulness Center** gathers Thursday 7pm. in sanctuary.

## UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

**Lunch Bunch** meets Tuesday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Perkins, 130 West Layton Avenue.

## Threshold Singing:

First Friday Nights monthly, 7 - 8:30pm. in Sanctuary.

**Zensational Yoga** for children and teens with special learning styles. Last Sunday of the month at 1pm in Sanctuary. For more info, see our webpage.

## Brave Places Letter Writing/Calling Meet-up

Where: McDonald's at 6<sup>th</sup> and Oklahoma

When: 1-2 pm on First Sundays, beginning Feb 5.

## **Spoiler Alert:**

**100<sup>th</sup> Year of Ministry Surprise Celebration  
Sunday May 21: One Amazing Idea After Another &  
Another & Another!**



## **Lent 2017: "Shaped By The Story"**

**Palm Sunday April 9** - Intergenerational Worship Celebration! Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs for kids of all ages to dye for Easter!

**Maundy Thursday Simple Meal & Worship April 13, 6pm** in sanctuary. Recapture the movement of Holy Week and make your way to your cross! Please bring finger food to share as dinner together.

**Good/God Friday Ecumenical Worship April 14**  
1pm Ecumenical Service of Worship with all our brothers & sisters in the faith!

## **Easter Morning Celebrations April 16!**

**8:30am: Special Tippe Café** bring a dish to share!

**9:30: Easter Egg Hunt with our Kids**

**10am: Holy Worship in Sanctuary**

## Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us, a time to let the events get up and walk around in us, a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts, a time to entertain a fresh take on the way things seem.

Lent is a time to walk through the stories with Him, to touch His robe and feel the healing surge through us, a time to ponder and wonder.

Lent is a time to be newly shaped by the Master Story of our faith!

Each with our own beloved story,  
let us **SILENTLY** lift our prayers to our God  
using the written prayer on page 7 to guide us.

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### **Tippe-Ministers**

*All are ministers every day in every way in the world.*

#### **Today in Leadership**

Pastor/Teaching Elder ..... Karen Hagen  
Accompanist ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Ministry Support Associate..... Erin Dentice  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski  
Worship Leader.....Larry Hartmann  
Worship Hosts..... Larry and Nancy Hartmann  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
Director of *Living Waters* ..... Pastor Karen  
*Living Waters* Staff  
Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna  
*Living Waters* Adjunct Staff ..... Kathy and Don

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**If you have questions regarding our missions and how you can help, please email: [sustainingtippe@gmail.com](mailto:sustainingtippe@gmail.com).**

**To assist with sharing our supper (SOS meals), please contact email: [sosmealsdi@gmail.com](mailto:sosmealsdi@gmail.com).**

**If you have donations for Project Home, please contact email: [projecthomedirect@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedirect@gmail.com).**

**For more information about Arts and Science Literacy Camps, please contact email: [aslcforkids@gmail.com](mailto:aslcforkids@gmail.com).**

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