

# ~ 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**

April 9, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday:  
Shaped By A Story of Great Passion!



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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 ...**

Place us in the excitement of a procession ...knowing the rest of this week's story takes an unexpected twist...changing our mood and deepening our experience. It seems the story ends unhappily ....until we remember the story doesn't end till the Easter morning sun falls upon the empty tomb!

*So, today we will hear the story told "backwards" from Saturday's Easter Vigil to today's celebration of Palm Sunday! Listen for the word of God just for you this morning! 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**

Sixth 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 A Story Of Great Passion”**

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

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- ✧ **Welcome and Community News**
- ✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

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

### ✧ **Prelude**

♦ *Bringing The Bible Forward*

♦ *Ring 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 dreams 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 full of passion...our power to determine what will and will not shape us!**

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



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

One: Eternal Father-Mother God, in light of the wisdom stories of this week...full of passion...inviting us to find our own passion, calling us to be present to the story in ever renewing ways...

**I offer the days and hours of my life,  
my courage and my weakness,  
my talents,  
my treasure, my true heart,  
the work of my hands,  
my joys and my sorrows,  
the places of darkness with me,  
the places of light within me.**

**I give of my whole self as I can,  
seeking to hold back nothing, that I may become  
a reflection of Your love in this world.**

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

✧ **Kyrie**

**"We Are Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**We are holy, holy, holy. x3  
We are whole.**

**You are...  
I am...  
We are...**

*Please listen once and sing.*

*Used with permission, Karen Drucker.*

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

✧\***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**

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

Divine Presence,  
as we move into the wisdom stories of this week,

Lift us up....  
above the burden of expectations,  
above the poison of impatience,  
above the danger of fear,  
into the risk of love.

May the voices within be calm this day  
as we seek to find our own passion.

✧**Shaped By Our Passion Story: Back to the Future!** ✧

✧**Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Mark 15: 16-24, 33-34, 37-41,47**

**"The Crucifixion and Burial"**  
**Reflection: "The Gift of Standing Vigil"**

*Please remain seated.*

**Sung Response: #102 Hymnal "Were You There?"**

✧**Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Mark 15: 1-15**

**"The Release of Barabbas"**  
**Reflection: "Given A Second Chance"**

*Please remain seated.*

**Sung Response: #394 Hymnal "There Is A Balm In Gilead"**  
**Verse 1 plus refrain.**

**Opening to God's Grace**

✧**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:

**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*

♦Tom Knuth & Wilson Laku

♦Christian Education

- ♦Christian Pavlock
- ♦Sheryl Schroeder
- ♦Larry Hartmann
- ♦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!
- ♦Sacred Heart of Jesus

- ♦Employment           ♦Immigration Reform
- ♦Torture Awareness  ♦God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

✧**Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**

✧**Sung Call To Prayer**

*Christ within, before and behind.  
Christ beneath, above, beside.  
Christ every hour, every day, every night.*

✧**Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

✧**Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Mark 14: 26-50**

✧**Opening Ourselves To God's Grace**

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

Would I desert You, Lord? Desert myself?  
Lord, so many times I have lived my life  
like the bystanders in today's parade story....sometimes not.

Even though they may not have understood, they followed You waving their palms excitedly. It seems much harder for me to do the same. You see, I know the story and still I haven't always felt enough confidence in You to really trust You....that's why sometimes I don't follow Your wisdom ways.

Lord, I betray You because I'm afraid to do the things I know You would have me do. I deny You as life passes me by. You see, I am like those bystanders....wishing You were a king who would just do

*Please listen once and  
then sing once.*

*Used with permission,  
Richard Bruxfort  
Colligan*

something magnificent to change the world, instead of me. Yet You still believe in me and want me to follow You.

O, Lord! Will You lead me to a better life....really? Lord, move me through the unpretty parts of my life's stories to a really good ending in Yours. Help me believe in new beginnings.

✧ You may wish to name with God what it is you don't understand in your life that pushes you into "denial"; or you may share how it feels to be unable to trust; 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....**

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

*Our sung response!*

✧ **\*Rejoicing In God's Divine Care**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and 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!**

**Held WithIn the Word**

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

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Mark 14: 22-25**

**"The Communion Meal"**

✧ **Our Agape Meal Together** ✧

*Please remain seated.*

**Sung Response: #513 Hymnal,  
"Let Us Break Bread Together"  
(Sing till All Are Served)**

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Mark 14: 3-9**

**"The Anointing"**

**Reflection: "Celebrating Extravagance"**

**Sung Response: #376 Hymnal  
"Love Divine, All Love Excelling"  
Verse 1**

## 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

### ✧Bible's Wisdom Teaching: Mark 11: 1-10

**"The Paradox of His Entrance and Our Expectations"**

### ✧Departing Hymn # 89 Hymnal

**"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

### ✧\*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. Please take a copy of a previous prompting from the Cart in the back for your own or another's enrichment!



# Tippeca-News April 9, 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*

**Monday Nights 6:30pm:**

**Sanctuary Time of Belonging resumes  
April 24, 2017**

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** gathers 1st Tuesdays at Noon.

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.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation** for purpose of affirming our ministries and calling new spiritual leaders April 30 after worship! We will also review an update to our By-Laws.

Brave Places Letter Writing/Calling Meet-up

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

When: 1-2 pm on First Sundays.

**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"**

**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**  
3pm Ecumenical Service of Worship with all our brothers & sisters in the faith at Christ Church!  
Meet at Tippe at 2pm to walk the Cross into worship together!

**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

Often truth is twisted and justice denied...not only in the big sweeps of the world, but in the small strokes of our lives. In our betrayals and denials and desertions we are called to confess...to share our humanness with our God. This often takes great courage

Confession is a huge movement within drawing us out. Any and all movement is challenging. And so we have this time set aside for us this morning to name our challenge with God...our humanness with our God...and to listen for God's support found deep within the movements of each of our souls.

Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us  
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..... Carol Meverden  
Worship Hosts..... Jerry Watkins  
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

#### **Week of April 16<sup>th</sup> in Leadership**

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**Email Pastor Karen directly at [pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com)**

**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: [projecthomedon@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedon@gmail.com).**

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

Find us at [www.tippechurch.org](http://www.tippechurch.org) or on Facebook at Tippecanoe Church!

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