

# ~ 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**

May 7, 2017

9:30 a.m.

Eastertide Worship:

"Shaped By The Living Word: *Love!*"



*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...**

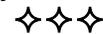
you're/we're probably asking too much of everyone. Please let your child be in the nursery at times like this. Please return borrowed "goodies" to the cart after worship.

**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 Living Word"**

**Today's Wisdom Teachings ...**

Invite us to wonder what ways this community is a sign and a beacon of God's abundant love...and what part of the "love" each of us is to shine forth into the world?

New life comes ...unexpectedly and powerfully.  
 We are invited to be shaped by the Living Word.



*Today, we celebrate God's love as we feast in Holy Communion. All are welcome at Table together ...wherever you are on your faith journey, whatever your age or tradition, whatever your need.*

*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 of Easter

### **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 Living Word...Love!"***

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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**

♦ *Lighting the Christ Candle*

♦ *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:** Our Faith Story is alive with possibility, calling us to integrity, offering unexpected beginnings and shaping new endings! For...

**All:** Christ has broken free of the world's expectations!

One: We break free! Christpower now within us! Our old ways of being do not disappear instantly but in each day, each situation we encounter...

**All: The Word lives in us and through us. And we indeed have the power to determine what will and will not shape us! Today we affirm:  
We are shaped by the Living Word!**

✧ **Gathering Hymn #469 Hymnal**

**“Morning Has Broken”**

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

We “perfectly” belove and so beseech Encompassing Love...  
whose whole creation is unfathomable space,  
the dancing breath of atoms,  
emptiness ready to receive fullness...  
**Holy One, we beseech Thee:**

**Spin gaps in  
Our certainty,  
Blow open the doors of  
Our convictions,  
And shatter all our answers  
Into the pure energy of  
Your Living Word!**

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

✧ **Kyrie**

**Allelujah! The Word Of God is living!  
Allelujah! The gospel is among us!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✧ **\*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**

*Taken from “Awaken”  
liturgical resource,  
adapted.*

*Please listen once and  
sing twice, building joy  
as we sing!*

*Used by permission, adapted,  
Worldmaking Music*

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

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

✧ **Bible’s Wisdom Teaching: 1 Peter 2: 19-25, 3: 8-12a**

*Please remain seated.*

✧ **Hymn of Preparation #370 Hymnal**

**“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”**

✧ **Bible’s Wisdom Teaching: Acts 2: 42-47**

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

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

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

✧ **Prompting**

“Shaped By The Living Word”

“Awe-full Love!”

Pastor Karen Hagen



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

*McCartney, Lennon*

✧ **Sung Response All You Need Is Love**

Love, Love, Love Love, Love, Love Love, Love, Love

There's nothing you can do that can't be done  
Nothing you can sing that can't be sung  
Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game  
It isn't easy

There's nothing you can make that can't be made  
No one you can save that can't be saved  
Nothing you can do but you can learn how to be you in time  
It's easy

All you need is Love, All you need is Love, All you need is Love,  
Love, Love is all you need

There's nothing you can know that isn't known  
Nothing you can see that isn't shown  
Nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be  
It's easy

All you need is Love, All you need is Love, All you need is Love,  
Love, Love is all you need.

## Opening to God's Grace

### ✧ Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

### ✧ Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

There is so much suffering in the world, Holy One!  
Much of it unjust! The world can be a hard, abusive place.

But honestly, Abba, much of my own suffering is  
about not getting my way...what I want when I want it...  
a *self-imposed* suffering really.

Go Deeper....

Honestly, little of my suffering is about doing the "right" thing in a  
hard situation, giving enough of myself and my possessions to  
others that it pinches me, going out of my way to do justice for  
others, let alone being "holy" for Your name's sake.

I am quite likely in "itsy-bitsy ways" to return abuse for abuse and  
suffering for suffering. How does Jesus do it?

I agree with Gandhi, an eye for an eye leads to a blind world!

What is the empowering connection Jesus has with You that I  
seem to be missing? How do I get it? Who around me has it?  
How do I be released from suffering with the "*self-imposed*" guilt  
I create around all this?

Go Deeper....

Holy One, I know we're inwardly connected....  
it's just that I don't know how to live it on the outside!

Bring me courage to be shaped by Your Living Word...  
to live my own, new story of Love! It is indeed, all I need!



*Deeply hear this  
invitation.*

*Based on our scripture's  
wisdom.*

✧ You may wish to name with God how you know suffering in your life first hand or in the lives of those for whom you care; or you may share with God your sense of the “new you” that encourages you to look at life and suffering in new ways; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you this morning shining his healing light all around you 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.*

✧ **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***

*A Sung Response*

✧ **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!**

*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*

✧ **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:

♦ Maynard & Eloise Bell and Harry & Diane Wirhanowicz

♦ Deacons

♦ Pastor Karen

♦ Sheryl Schroeder

♦ Rachel Hahn

*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.*

*Used with permission,  
Richard Bruxvoort  
Colligan*

♦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!

♦St. Luke's Episcopal

♦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**

#### **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**

### ✧ **Preparation of the Table for World Wide Communion Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Thanks and praise for the spectacular events of every day living.

**All: A reshaping of our realities!**

Pastor: The miracle of God's care provides this Table where all are fed....not merely with words but with life and love and hope made real...once in Jesus....and now in us.

Whenever we eat this bread and share this cup, we proclaim our participation in God's ongoing, continuing work of justice-compassion until it is accomplished.

Participating in God's realm of distributive justice means a radical denial of our singularly self-interest. As we share this bread and cup, we share ourselves and make no distinction between them and us. We live within a deeply held common interest.

Please form, around the sanctuary, a circle symbolizing our one spirit, a symbol of Holy Presence with us. Today, we will serve one another as the Bread and Cup are passed. You may say, "Broken for you. *OR*, Jesus loves you!" You may say, "Poured out for you. *OR*, Cup of the new covenant."

### ✧ **Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread Communion of the People**

Let us affirm our faith as all are served, singing "All You Need Is Love". Please join in verses and/or chorus as able.

### **Sending Forth With Blessing**

#### ✧ **\*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.**

#### ✧ **Postlude**

*Please join us for Tippe Café right here in the sanctuary.*

As you leave, you are invited to linger longer enjoying sanctuary time. 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!

*Richard Bruxvoort Colligan,  
adapted, with permission*

# Tippeca-News May 7, 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*

## **Parlor Class Concludes today!**

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.

*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.

## **Brave Places Letter Writing/Calling Meet-up**

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

**When: 1-2 pm on First Sundays**

***What do you do with an idea?  
TIPPE KNOWS!!!***

***Celebrating Tippe's 100 Years  
of Amazing Ideas!  
Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30am  
Brunch and Worship Celebration***

**RSVP:**

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

## Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

Today...we hear stories of how life can often be hard and often awesome, on our own and within community. The scriptures this day give us a way "to be" through the little and large joys and sufferings that are ours...how to be with others as we move through real life, how to embody the Golden Rule without becoming a doormat or being insignificantly kind.

Jesus does not suffer for us but suffers life with us and we can live in wholeness as we live in His ways, as we are shaped by Living Love. Think about that...and share your life with God!

Each with our own beloved story, shaped anew by our Holy Story,  
let us **SILENTLY** lift our prayers to our God  
using the written prayer on page 6 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..... Nancy Hartmann  
Worship Hosts..... Christian Pavlock  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
Director of *Living Waters* ..... Pastor Karen  
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Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna  
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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: [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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