

**Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church**  
**Outdoor Worship Celebration: Our Worship-full Work!**  
**September 3, 2017**

*Quiet...let the birds and the trees, the wind, the dance of sunlight, the pattern of the raindrops  
or flickering of the day's shadows...sound and sing and shine our hearts' songs this day.*

**Song: Surely God Is In This Place**



**Affirming Our Faith: The dignity of life and the challenge of our life's work**

**Our Connections**

We are called into a radical sense of our interconnectedness  
as creatures and children of the same God.

To perceive this deep level of interdependence,  
especially with those whose worlds are fashioned differently than our own  
or perhaps with those who would seek to harm or destroy our worlds,  
seems a nearly impossible task. *YET THE GOPSELS PROD US ON.*

*We affirm our faith in a good and righteous future for all!*

***~We are gathered in the spirit of Labor Day!~***

***Kid's Time:***

*When you're growing the garden, is that work or play?*

*Cleaning your room, work or play?*

*Helping cook dinner? Help a friend? Do your homework?*

*God invites us to see all we do as sacred  
as it helps us and others. How we do what we do matters.  
Simply be your deepest, holy self in all you do! "Tis A Gift To Be Simple"*

***Our Time:***

*When you think Labor Day, what images come to mind?*

*Is there a difference between life's work and labor?*

*Life's worship-full work is....  
How does our "work" fit in to your life's work?*

## ***Labor Games and Discussion Groupings***

*Call out: 1<sup>st</sup> jobs?  
Best jobs? Worse jobs?*

*What are the most meaningful jobs? What makes a job meaningful?  
What's money got to do with it? Love got to do with it?*

***Find someone:*** *Name a job you love(s) or loved?  
What about it did you love? What makes it so good?  
What do you find your experience has in common?*

***Find someone:*** *Have you ever lost a job or needed a job....need a job now?  
What was/is the hardest part? Who was/is there to help you?  
Knowing what you know now, how would you want to be helped  
or be willing to help someone in similar situation?  
Sharing.*

### ***Coming Back Together...***

*What is a fair wage?  
Is there a role for your church in the work world?  
A way to use your faith?*

### ***Scripture: A Labor Of Love***

*Colossians 3: 23*

*"Whatever your tasks, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your earthly masters."*

*Ecclesiastes 3: 9a, 12-13*

*"What gain have the workers from their toil? I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live, moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil."*

### ***Fruits of Our Labor....Going Out Into the Community!***

*...Every Act Has Sacred Possibilities*

### ***Prayers***

***Holy Communion....an offering of self and our gifts!***  
***Walking the Labyrinth as We Sing "We Are Holy, Holy, Holy."***

**Sending: Namaste! Namaste! I leave you with my heart wide open!**

***Let's eat!***