



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

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Welcome To Worship

April 8, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Reflecting a New Light From Within
Accepting Uncertainty – Thinking Differently

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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. The exception is first and third Sundays of the months during the program year when our families host "Children's Church" right after Kids' Time.

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.*



**Reflecting a New Light from Within!
Accepting Uncertainty - Thinking Differently**

Easter continues! Not a one day event but a new reality that opens us to taking a new look at ourselves, each other, and our call as Christians.

Today's wisdom teachings invite us to this new reality: doubt is indeed part of faithfulness, the common good defines what is truly best for individuals, we must rely on each other's witness and move beyond the personal to the community's understanding of shared wisdom! *This is belief!*

*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.

You may wish to consider these reflective invitations as you worship this day:

What captures my attention in worship today is...
 I am wondering about...
 Where I need God's help most is...
 I am prompted to....

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

Based on Eastertide themes and Psalm 133

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY



Reflecting A New Light From Within!
Accepting Uncertainty - Thinking Differently

✧ 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

♦Lighting The Christ Candle

*♦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 light of Christ fills our lives! We are Easter people...
not for just *a* day, but as a new way of living through
each day!

All: Christ's light now shines from within each one of
us...uniting us in new and amazing ways!

One: In unity....one spirit, one mind set, but with many a
thought...now living with a shared wisdom!

All: Accepting uncertainty in this world, certain of God's
presence with us.

*Saint Theresa's Prayer,
adapted*

*Just listen to this
invitation!*

*Based on our Acts 4: 32-
25, John 20:19-31*

*In a gentle self-reflective
voice, let's read/mumble
together slowly with
intention....a personal
prayer read corporately
for we are all much more
alike than we are
different! We may not read
in unison as we will pause
to "Go Deeper" for
varying lengths of time.*

One: Willing to think...to think differently, knowing
there's more than one right way to do everything!

All: Knowing all things are possible in God, we give
ourselves to worship! We are part of a sacred throng
and join the everlasting song!

✧*Gathering Hymn #263 Hymnal

“All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name”

✧Affirming Our Faith *With* Intention

May today there be peace within.

**May I trust God that I am exactly where I am “meant” to
be.**

**May I always remember the infinite possibilities that are
born of doubt twinned with faith.**

**May I use the gifts of love and life I have received, and
pass on the love that has been given to me.**

**May I be confident knowing I am a child of God.
Let this Presence settle into my bones...and allow my soul
the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love...and
*welcome what's next!***

✧Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

**God, like Jesus' companions, sometimes I need the safety of
going behind locked doors. I get afraid of what I think I know.
Often I doubt myself. At times, I fear I will be found out, that
no one will be able to understand my truth, that I will....like
You....get nailed just for being who I am.**

Can You blame me for wanting to hide? *Do You blame me?*

~Go Deeper~

**It seems the world is filled with those who claim certainty even
in these uncertain times. Doubt seems reasonable and yet so
unsafe!**

So, I'm asking You: Who and what do I need to believe? What don't I need to believe? What matters most? Where is Your peace?

~Go Deeper~

Frightened and locked into the only way of surviving I know, it is scary to change. Come to me like you did Thomas, and let me touch You....so I may believe in my unbelief. Let me feel Your words, "Peace be with you."

Lord, *Your* Light Full-Fills Me!

♦You may wish to name with God how it is you are locked into your fears; or share in gratitude times when you have been able to move beyond fear to engage new possibility; 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....**



MaryBeth will play the tune once through, then we will sing twice, starting softly and building to our full voices.

*By Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan
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Worldmaking Music*

✧**Kyrie**

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

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

✧***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!**

A sung response.

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

Please use this moment of quiet to prepare to hear God's word spoken.

This Rumi poem is offered as a possible jumping off place for your prayer.....

Please remain seated.

✧***Passing of the Peace**

Held WithIn the Word

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

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

Conventional knowledge is death to our souls, and it is not really ours. We must become ignorant of what we have been taught, and be, instead, bewildered.

Run from what is profitable and comfortable. If you drink those liqueurs,
you will spill the spring water of your real life. Forget safety.
Live where you fear to live. Destroy your reputation. Be notorious.

I have tried prudent planning long enough. From now on, I will be mad.
~Rumi~

✧**Bible's Wisdom Teaching Acts 4: 32-35**

✧**Prayerful Hymn of Preparation #465 Hymnal**

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

✧**Bible's Wisdom Teachings John 20: 19-31**

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

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

Some of the “juicy” insights in today’s prompting gleaned from “The Necessary Madness of Being Human”, posted March 20, 2012, The Wilding

Feel free to use the space offered for your personal reflections!

✧ Prompting

Reflecting A New Light From Within...
Accepting Uncertainty - Thinking Differently

“Showing Up...Afraid But Not Alone!”

OR...

“What’s the Least I Can Believe And Still Be A Christian?”

Pastor Karen Hagen



✧ A Moment Of Personal Reflection...

Now is the time.

Still your mind and lean into the peace offered by the Spirit.

Please use space on for your personal reflections!

Opening to God's Grace

Deeply hear this invitation.

*Excerpt, revised, from
"The Resiliency Route to
Authentic
Self-Esteem and Life
Success" by Nan
Henderson, M.S.W.*

*Alternative Language:
I am able to*

*-do postmortem on my
past*

-evaluate my expectations

-reinforce new roads

-fail forward

-eliminate extremes

-create and not compare

*-transcend the moment or
situation*

*This list taken from
"better than Perfect"*

*Keep this weekly check list
so at Lent's end you are
filled with the passion of
who you are and who you
are becoming!*

✧ Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

✧ Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God



Bring to mind and heart a challenging time or situation you faced this week. Imagine God listening in...for God is! God knows and invites you to contemplate the strengths/resiliency responses which you used just this past week to move forward, to live into what comes next? Please check 2-3 from the list below.

Then, if you could add another resilience response to your desired personal response repertoire, which one would you choose? Put a + by it.

- Relationships — Sociability/ability to be a friend/ability to form positive relationships
- Humor — Has a good sense of humor
- Inner Direction — Bases choices/decisions on internal evaluation (internal locus of control)
- Perceptiveness — Insightful understanding of people and Situations
- Independence — "Adaptive" distancing from unhealthy people and situations/autonomy
- Positive View of Personal Future — Optimism; expects a positive future
- Flexibility — Can adjust to change; can bend as necessary to positively cope with situations
- Love of Learning — Capacity for and connection to learning
- Self-motivation — Internal initiative and positive motivation from within
- Competence — Is "good at something"/personal competence
- Self-Worth — Feelings of self-worth and self-confidence
- Spirituality — Personal faith in something greater
- Perseverance — Keeps on despite difficulty; doesn't give up
- Creativity — Expresses self through artistic endeavor

Reflect upon how wonderful you are and all you have going for you. Take this in deeply. Say to yourself: "I am resilient. I am _____." Perhaps do this several times naming your resiliencies. As you move into the next week, what of this goes with you...?

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

MaryBeth will play once through, then prayerfully let us sing once

*Page 16 in The Hymnal,
"Traditional"*

✧ 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:

♦ Jimmy Dill and Dick & Gail Dricken

♦ Counters

♦ Maynard Bell

♦ Patti Heneghan

♦ Joan Fleming

♦ Common Ground and MICAH

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

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

♦ Islamic Society of Milwaukee

♦ Employment

♦ Immigration Reform

♦ Torture Awareness ♦ God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

✧ Quieting Ourselves For Prayer



✧ Sung Call To Prayer

O Tender God, have mercy, for You are for us.

O Living Christ, have mercy, for You will heal us.

O Tender God, have mercy, for You are for us, for You are for us.

✧ Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Giving Thanks To God

✧Offering Ourselves

**In Thankfulness
With Energized Commitment!**

✧Offertory and Sung Response

#246 Hymnal

“Christ Is Alive”

Verses 1,4,5

Sending Forth With Blessing

✧*Departing Hymn #744 Hymnal “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

✧Benediction

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

Go with the courage you have.
Go simply, lightly, gently in search of love lived fully!
And the Spirit goes with you! So do we!
Amen.

✧*Our Response

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

✧*Postlude

*Please know you are welcome to take a previous week's bulletin and prompting from the
back Cart for your own enrichment or
to share with someone about whom you care deeply. Namaste!*

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 April 8, 2018

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH first and third Sundays of each month after Kid's Time in worship! Our families will teach us!

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 2nd-5th Sundays at 6pm. Join us for a time of quieting, opening us to the Holy within

One Blessing meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm.

Thursday Centering meets 2:30pm in the parlor.

UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

Our next ASLC Science Saturday is in April 21st. To know more, email aslcforkids@gmail.com!

Lunch Bunch will meet noon first Tuesdays of each month 11:45am at Applebee's on Holt Avenue.

Zensational Yoga for children meets next on April 22 at 1pm in Sanctuary.

Brave Places Letter Writing/Calling Meet-up

Where: McDonald's at 6th and Oklahoma

When: 1-2 pm on First Sundays!

Sung Meditation - Threshold Singing



First Friday Nights monthly, 6:30-8pm.

Common Ground TEN-acity Celebration

10 years of advocacy and organizing: Sunday April 29th, 3:30pm at the Italian Community Center.

Carpools form at 2:45.

Congregational Annual Meeting

to celebrate another year of wondrous ministry and to elect our 2018 Spiritual Leaders immediately after worship on April 29th!

Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

Pastor:

It is Easter. We have journeyed with Jesus to Jerusalem and through the cross. We stand on the other side now....more than belonging, we are resilient...each unique, a gift, and yet needing each other to attain true fullness of life. And, Easter invites us to a life of conscious choice knowing we are loved! And, if we will!everything is different. Yet, nothing changes...unless we change. And we can change....our attitudes, our routines, and so, our very lives. We can do so in joy!

One:

Each with our own beloved story, shaped anew by our Holy Story,
SILENTLY lift our prayers to our God
As we use the reflection on Page 7 to guide us.



Tippe-Ministers

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

Today in Leadership

Pastor..... Karen Hagen
Director of Music Ministry MaryBeth Garrett
Ministry Support Associate..... Crystal Stinemates
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske
Worship Leader..... Sheryl
Worship Hosts..... Jerry and Jay
Nursery Care Natalia and Community
Director of *Living Waters* Pastor Karen
Living Waters Staff
Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna

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Email Pastor Karen directly at pastor.tippechurch@gmail.com

If you have questions regarding our missions and how you can help, please email: sustainingtippe@gmail.com.

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

To assist with Larry Under The Bridge, please contact email: lutbtippedi@gmail.com

If you have donations for Project Home, please contact email: projecthomedidi@gmail.com.

For more information about Arts and Science Literacy Camps, please contact email: aslcforkids@gmail.com.

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