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# Welcome To Worship

April 29, 2018

9:30 a.m.

*Easter Celebrations: No Fooling!*



*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.

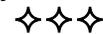
**When your child (1<sup>st</sup> grade and under) is restless, when you are, when those around you are...** you're/we're probably asking too much of everyone. Please let your child be in the nursery at times like this. Please return borrowed "goodies" to the cart after worship.

**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.*



**Easter: No Fooling!**

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.

*In today's Wisdom Teachings,* God responds to us with images of love which supersede our fears, hesitancy, and confusion. And through this love, God gathers all God's people so all may know the fruitfulness of loving relationships...as individuals and within community. We live anew into a new reality: We can live our faith...not our fears!



*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.*

*Based upon today's Bible Wisdom Teachings on this day.*

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Fifth Sunday In 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!*



### ***Easter Celebrations: No Fooling!***

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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: We are Easter people of possibility!

**All: No Fooling! I am Easter possibility...personified!**

One: We are people of the vine, our God tends to our need. We graft ourselves into God's one community!

**All: I follow the voice of Love.**

One: Each of us finds here refreshment for our body and soul, and a space to rest our weary bones.

**All: Holiness nourishes us with compassion and prunes us with truth.**

One: We grow in love.

**All: We need each other. On our own, we cannot be fruitful!**

One: We grow in peace.

**All: We come to make sense of our lives and become renewed creations.**

One: We grow in joy.

**All: Christ brings the possibility of Peace and the relief of Joy! We are loved into new life!**

*Please stand!*

\*✧Gathering Hymn                      #366                      Hymnal

**“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”**

✧Opening Ourselves To God’s Grace

✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

**God, I know something about being pruned. I know what it feels like to be cut off or kept away from the people and things I love and are important to me. I “bear” no fruit when this happens...not for me, or You, or anybody!**

(Let there be some quiet. Go deeper....)

**Lord, at such times, I don’t feel "I abide in You and You in me." In such times, I often can’t even feel You at all. When life is cutting, here’s the thing: How am I to live joyfully (bear fruit when I’m being pruned)? How do I know where to turn (in whom to abide)? How do I know what to choose (the true vine)?**

(Let there be some quiet. Go deeper....)

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*Based upon John 15: 1-8.*

*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.*

**You say, "Come to me." Lord, I long to come. When life is cutting and there are many low lying branches blocking my way, help me. Help me to distinguish between the pruning the world does which diminishes my life and the pruning You do which releases me and takes me beyond the mind I have...placing me on my way, The Way!**

**Lord, I ask it.**

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

*You may wish to name with God a way in which life cuts you off from the love you desire; or you may share how it feels not to be able to feel God abiding with you in the tough times OR how wondrously you do feel God's abiding presence in exactly those times; 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.*



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

*MaryBeth will play the tune once through, then we will start softly and build to our full voices.*

*By Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan Used by permission 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, & 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!**

*Our Sung Response*

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

*Please remain seated.*

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

✧ **\*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**

✧ **Hymn of Prayerful Preparation #627 Hymnal**

**"I Love You, Lord"**

✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teachings and Reflection**

**John 15: 1-9**

**1 John 4: 7-21**

**Acts 8: 26-40**

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

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

✧ **Prompting**

*"No Fooling!"*

*"Choosing to Abide In Love...Fearlessly!"*

Pastor Karen Hagen



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

*Please use space on for your personal reflections!*

## Opening to God's Grace

### ✧ Affirming Our Faith With Intention

We are striving to be...  
Relevant and Responsive, Open and Affirming,  
Engaged and Engaging. Informal and Radically Traditional.  
Welcoming All.  
Honoring The Sacred Masculine and The Sacred Feminine,  
Embracing The Mystic Within.  
We Are Of One Spirit...  
not necessarily of one mind.  
Mission bound.  
Educationally engaged.  
Children and Teens show us "the way".  
Elders honored. Visitors Expected.  
Full of gratitude and seeking 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:

- ♦ Debbie Haag and Karen Hagen
- ♦ Mission
- ♦ Pastor Karen
- ♦ Sheryl Schroeder
- ♦ Janet Ahrens
- ♦ 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



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*

From Worship and Praise,  
# 27, "Cares Chorus."  
Please listen and then sing  
once.

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*

## ✧ **Sung Call To Prayer**

**I cast all my cares upon You;  
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon You.**

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

### **Giving Thanks To God**

## ✧ **Offering Ourselves**

**In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!**

## ✧ **Offertory and Sung Response**

**Hymn #710 Hymnal "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 #683 Hymnal**

**"Lord Of All Hopefulness"**

## ✧ **\*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**

# Tippeca-News April 29, 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

## **Common Ground TEN-acity Celebration**

10 years of advocacy and organizing: TODAY  
3:30pm at the Italian Community Center. Carpools  
form at 2:30.

## Congregational Annual Meeting TODAY

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

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

**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.

## UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

**Our next ASLC Science Saturday** is May 19th.  
To know more, email [aslcforkids@gmail.com](mailto:aslcforkids@gmail.com)!

**Lunch Bunch** will meet at noon this Tuesday,  
May 1, at 11:45am at Applebee's at 270 W Holt Ave.

**Zensational Yoga** for children meets third  
Sundays in Sanctuary at 1pm.

**New Parlor Class Sundays in May!**  
**Crossan video series by New Paradigm:**  
**The Challenge of Paul**

**Brave Places Letter Writing/Calling Meet-up**  
**Where: McDonald's at 6<sup>th</sup> and Oklahoma**  
**When: 1-2 pm on First Sundays!**

Sung Meditation ~ Threshold Singing



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

*See you this Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>!*

Wanting to know more about being Presbyterian the  
Tippe Way? Please let Pastor Karen know and Plan  
to attend Sun. May 20, 3-5:30pm a time of group  
sharing as we gather with our Spiritual Leaders!

## Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

**One:** Easter invites us to a life of conscious choice knowing we are loved! And, if we will choose differently....everything becomes different. Yet, nothing changes...unless we change. And we can change....our attitudes, our routines, and so, our very lives.

As we worship, as we hear the Word spoken and preached, we are prompted to think in new ways about God, the world, and ourselves. This newness, this response to God's nudging, is God's invitation to begin newly Easter lives and let God in to our daily choices and reflections.

Each with our own beloved story, shaped anew by our Holy Story,  
**Let us in our common voice,** lift our prayers out loud to our God  
as we use the reflection on Page 4 to guide us.



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### **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..... Carol Meverdan  
Worship Hosts..... Maynard Bell  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
Director of *Living Waters* ..... Pastor Karen  
*Living Waters* Staff  
Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna

#### **Next Sunday in Leadership**

Pastor..... Karen Hagen  
Director of Music Ministry. .... MaryBeth Garrett  
Ministry Support Associate ..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader ..... Diane Wirshanowicz  
Worship Hosts ..... Betty and Gary  
Nursery Care..... Natalia and Community  
Director of *Living Waters*..... ..Pastor Karen  
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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).**

**To assist with Larry Under The Bridge, please contact email: [lutbtippedi@gmail.com](mailto:lutbtippedi@gmail.com)**

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