



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

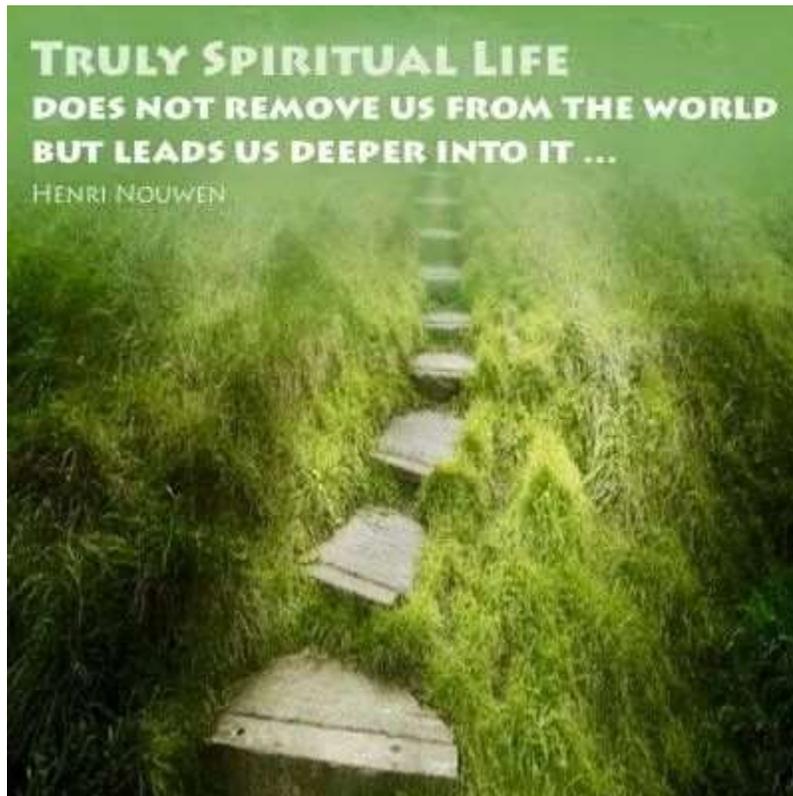
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Welcome To Worship

May 27, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday: Pulling It All Together!



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...

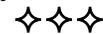
you're/we're probably asking too much of everyone. Please let your child be in the nursery at times like this. Please return borrowed "goodies" to the cart after worship.

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.*



As we journey on in our faith, knowing Jesus and now companioned by the Holy Spirit, we are in complete relationship with our wondrous God. We celebrate the depth of that relationship and, most significantly, the personal closeness God seeks with us as his adopted children. Our God cares so deeply about us as to be present to us as Creator Father (transcending giver of life), Christ Son (living teacher amongst us agitating us to new belief and redeeming our lives), and Spirit Holy Ghost (comforter, prompter, encourager, companion). Whatever language we use to describe the ways God seeks to support us in our lives, God's initiative is clear in seeking relationship with us.



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.

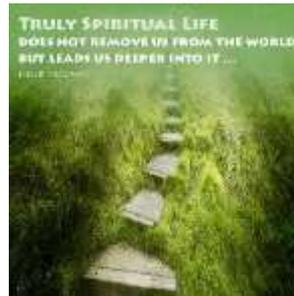
TODAY'S WORSHIP

Trinity Sunday

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!



Trinity Sunday: Pulling It All Together!

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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*

- ♦ *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: Within the Mystery that is God...**

**Pastor: And in the sacred presence of one another...**

**All: We gather to experience the embrace of God's love.**

One: God's own children...

*Pastor: called as Christ's brothers and sisters, divine friends...*

**All: We gather to experience the embrace of God's love.**

One: As God's family....

*Pastor: filled with the Spirit of peace and reborn to share the joy of life...*

**All: We gather to experience the love of Creator God who parents and sustains, Christ Wisdom God who agitates and redeems, Spirit God who advocates and prompts!**

One: God breaks into our lives any way...

*Pastor: every way God can!*

**All: Just as we are, we believe, we believe! We do believe!  
Yes, we do believe it!**

*Please stand!*

\*✧Gathering Hymn

Songsheet

“We Believe”

✧Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

✧Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

**Life is so confusing, so puzzling, Abba. My work wants one thing of me...my family another...my friends yet another! Church always seems to want something from me...something I would rather not give!**

**And, my faith...well, sometimes it seems to add as much confusion as help!**

**The teachings of Jesus make it seem so simple....do these things....and not those things. But it so hard to stop doing the things I've always done, the way I've always done them. It's hard to put aside my own immediate best interests hoping for a better common outcome in the long run.**

**Do I really have to stop complaining, say yes if it takes me out of my way, expect the best in people even when they seem to give me their worst? Are the promises of faith real?**

**Abba, Poppa, I sigh a sigh too deep for words, but I am not so confused I am willing to stay away from You.**

**Help me, Abba. I come and I ask Your help.**

*Based upon today's wisdom teaching in John about Nicodemus.*

*Read these words! These may be the best words of all...just for you this morning!*

*Please join in this sung body prayer as our Kyrie. Listen into the melody, then sing once and then do it once more "on the breath" (movement and music but no words).*

*Music and Words by permission, Worldmaking Music, 2004.*

*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.*

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

*You may wish to name with God a situation or relationship in which you feel confused; or you may share with God how hard it is to believe in yourself sometimes...believe in others sometimes; 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....

## ✧Kyrie

**To be faithful with what I've been given,  
To be faithful with who I am,  
To be faithful with how I am living,  
I pray to be faithful.**

## ✧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!**

## ✧\*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 #469 Hymnal

**"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"**

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

**John 3:1-12**

**Romans 8:12-17a, 26-27, 31b**

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

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

✧ **Prompting**

*Trinity Sunday...*

*"If God Is For Us...How Can These Things Be?"*

Pastor Karen Hagen



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

*Please use space for your personal reflections!*

*Based on a 1<sup>st</sup> Century  
"Prayer of Thanksgiving"  
of the early Christ  
People. Remember, at  
that time there was no  
"Christianity" or Church  
as we know it. Rather,  
there were Jews who were  
beginning to see Christ as  
the Jewish Messiah  
...sometimes they are  
called Messianic Jews.*

**Opening to God's Grace**

✧ **Affirming Our Faith With Intention**

*Pastor: On this Trinity Sunday when the Church celebrates the mystery of God, we pause to reflect how quick we are to make faith a certainty, and how ready we are to create God in our own particular image. Let us still our mind and lean into the Spirit as we contemplate who we are and whose we are.*

*Here is an excerpt from an ancient Christ Movement Prayer of Thanksgiving for your possible reflection and for our belief...let us affirm:*

**Every life and heart stretches toward you, O Name Untroubled, honored with the name of Father. To everyone and everything comes the kindness of the Father, and love and desire. And Yours is a sweet and simple teaching, it gifts us mind, word, and knowledge: mind, that we may understand You; word, that we may interpret You; knowledge, that we may know You. We rejoice and are enlightened by Your knowledge. We rejoice that You have taught us about yourself. You have made us divine through Your knowledge. O Never-Ending Endurance of the Father...who gives birth, one wish we ask: to be protected in knowledge. One protection we desire: that we not stumble in this life.**

**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*

**✧ 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:

- ♦ Tom Knuth
- ♦ Jennifer Kubacki
- ♦ Worship

- ♦ Maynard Bell
- ♦ Sheryl Schroeder
- ♦ Natalia Rojo
- ♦ 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!
- ♦ Bayview United Methodist Church

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

**✧ Quieting Ourselves For 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."**

### **Sending Forth With Blessing**

## ✧ **\*Departing Hymn #300 Hymnal**

**"We Are One In The Spirit"**

## ✧ **\*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 May 27, 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

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** first and third  
Sundays of each month after Kid's Time in  
worship! Our families will teach us!  
**On break now till fall...can't wait till then!**

**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.

**Shared Wisdom Circle** 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. No  
Centering tonight given holiday.

**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 ATTRACTION

**Lunch Bunch** will meet on June 5 at 11:45am at  
Applebee's (270 W Holt Ave).

**Zensational Yoga** for children is on break till fall.

**Brave Places Letter Writing/Calling Meet-up**  
**Where: Right Here At Tippe!**  
**When: 12:30-1:30pm on First Sundays!**

Sung Mediation - Threshold Singing



First Friday Nights monthly, 6:30-8pm.  
*See you this Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>!*

**New Members Join June 24 and June 25!**

And....

We give God and You our praise and thanks!  
Currently Tippe's financial giving so far this year is up  
to date and then some! We're in the black!

And we know,  
keeping our pledges current over the summer is very  
challenging! Please enjoy your summer time and let  
our postal service help you keep your giving current.  
*Every gift matters all the time!*

## Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

It is Trinity Sunday. We celebrate God with us... God meeting us where we are, as we are, willing to come in ways most needed to catch our attention, engage our imagination, prompt a new action. God is not limited by our understanding or state of mind. God longs for us to live into the fullness of relationship with each other as loved and loving people. And so, we come today for a dose of courage to live more fully. But, just like in Nicodemus' day, it takes courage to come to Jesus. It takes courage to come to church in such a secular society. We have garnered the courage to come even though, like Nicodemus, we don't really know what coming will do to us or ask of us. Like Nicodemus, we're afraid we will be asked to change, yet we want nothing more than to be changed. The paradox of life... *and faith!* Friends, in simply coming, we are changed! Our God draws us here and holds us here and wants us to ask our questions, just as Nicodemus asks questions of Jesus.

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..... Madelyn  
Worship Hosts..... Eloise and Maynard  
Nursery Care..... Natalia and Community  
*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..... One of Our Children  
Worship Hosts..... Betty and Gary  
Nursery Care..... Natalia and Community  
*Living Waters Staff*  
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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).**

**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: [projecthomedl@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedl@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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