



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

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Welcome To Worship

October 14, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Rerun of October 14, 2012

~Falling Forward in Faith... Falling To Your Knees~

For YOU ARE...

A LIVING GOSPEL!



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!*

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 Second and Fourth
 Sundays of the months during the program year
 when Heatherlee guides**

"Children's Wisdom Circle" 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. Please return
 borrowed "goodies" to the cart after worship.

**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.

Infant through 1st Grade Care

is available all during worship down the stairs in the
 Cloud Room which is our "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 today
 confronting the radical nature
 of God's wisdom...

~Falling Forward in Faith...To Your Knees~

FOR you are...a living gospel!

When we open our hearts and minds **to the texts
 today, we confront the radical nature of God's
 wisdom.** Mark's gospel tells us that Jesus chose to
 teach in parables. Why didn't Jesus come right out and
 say what he meant? Why did He leave behind all these
 cryptic sayings, loaded with innuendo, instead of a crisp
 code of laws or a stack of essays?

Maybe part of the answer is that we are invited to think
 our own thoughts. Maybe we don't listen as well with
 our ears as we do with our hearts. Maybe we are to
 become living breathing, walking talking modern day
 parables. **We are falling...forward?**

*Thanks for being here today!
 In deepest gratitude, we give God thanks
 for your presence with us in worship!*

Being Christian...

involves being shaped by Christian language, with the Bible as
 its foundation. *Some* in this church understand Christian
 language quite literally and factually. *Others* understand it
 more symbolically and metaphorically. What we *share in
 common* is the love of language that brings us together more
 deeply one with our God, one breath-one people, toward more
 life, held in right relationships, peace with justice for all God's
 creation!

***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. A prayer is provided for your use.

God rejoices in your coming and meets you this morning in special ways that are meant just for you.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Now,
O Lord,
Calm me into a quietness
that heals
and listens...
and molds my longings
and passions
my wounds
and wonderings
into a more holy
and human shape.

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### **WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY**

*~Falling Forward in Faith... Falling To Your Knees~*

*For you are... a living gospel!*



✧ **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**

♦ *Bringing Forward The Bible and The Bread*

♦ *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 hearts are drenched in the light of fall's splendor! It is time.  
*This* is the place...

**All: Not to fall down! Not to fall over! But, as we fall apart, this is the time and place to "Fall Forward" into God's love and grace.**

One: In awe, we "Fall To Our Knees" as we realize each one of us *is* a living gospel, God's work in progress...rich with learnings!

**All: May we have spiritual eyes to see heavenly meaning interwoven midst the ordinary tasks of our everyday!**

One: For God's story is *still* unfolding...now within us, and for us, and through us!

**All: In this holy space, God gathers us in for we are of God's "good news"! In awe, we worship and praise!**

### ✧\*Gathering Hymn #401 Hymnal

#### "Gather Us In"

### ✧ Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

**"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?"**

**God, there are times my life feels just like these words lived by the psalmist! This story is my story, too!  
Sometimes...**

**"I am scorned by others and despised by the people who mock me. They make mouths at me, they shake their heads and they taunt me.**

**Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. I am poured out like water and my heart is like wax. It is melted within my breast. O my help, come quickly to my aid!"**

*Continued on the next page...*

*Just listen to this invitation!*

*Based on Psalm 22*

*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.*

**Bring Your guidance like You did to people long ago!**

**I'm trying to live a new story! I'm making it up as I go along...rewriting my life story each day as best I can!**

**Hear me O God: I so long for my story to be Your story living out in me! Holy One, I come to Thee on bended knee, in prayer and deep humility.**

**(Let there be some quiet. We will be stilled together for 3 minutes or so! You have time...go deeper...)**

✧ You may wish to name with God a situation in which you feel alone...where God feels far away; or you may share your feelings about being mocked by others or times when you have mocked; 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 three times in 3 ascending keys, starting softly and building to our full voices.*

*Written by Mark Wooldrage, used with permission.*

*A sung response.*

*You are invited to light a prayer candle or mind-fully tie a ribbon on the Prayer Tree. Agape bread will be passed.*

**✧Kyrie**

**Falling Forward  
Now is the Time and Place.  
Falling Forward  
into God's Love and Grace.**

**✧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!**

**✧\*Passing of the Peace**

## Held WithIn the Word

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

*Please use this moment of quiet to prepare to hear God's word spoken or make use of this written prayer by James Jones.*

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

Teach me, God, to pray as much in works as in words;  
to make my actions thoughtful messages;  
to make my actions more beautiful than words. I ask it!

Amen!

### ✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teaching    Hebrews 4:12-16**

### ✧ **Prayerful Hymn of Preparation**

*Second Verse of "Let Us Break Bread Together" Hymnal #525*

**Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees,  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.**

### ✧ **Bible's Wisdom Teachings    Mark 10:17-31**

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

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

### ✧ **Prompting**

*Fall On Your Knees...*

**"We Are Living Gospels! Parables Unfolding!"**

Written by Pastor Karen Hagen  
Presented by Judy Berdan

*Please remain seated.  
MaryBeth will play once through, then let us sing twice.*

*Let there be some quiet.*

*Tippe's Mission Statement*

*Our Statement on Civility  
for this election season  
....a wisdom for all the  
times of our lives!*

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

*Now is the time.  
Still your mind and lean into the peace offered by the Spirit.*

### **Opening to God's Grace**

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

**Called to be thankful: We celebrate God's grace in worship, reflection, and action; nurture personal discipleship through education, prayer, and fellowship; and reach out with healing into a world seeking peace and justice. We welcome people of diverse backgrounds, lifestyles, beliefs, and relationships with God to join us on this journey.**

#### ✧ **Naming Our Gratuities, Joys, and Concerns**

In this election season, as Christians we are mindful of our call to be politically involved and to vote. There is a separation of church and state *but* not religion and politics! **AND** we also honor our religious sensibility which guides us to be mindful of **how and when and where** we share our views....setting and timing and "audience" and words chosen matter!

Here at Tippe we welcome divergent thinking and a range of commitment. We are enhanced by our diversity and together we hold worship and prayer as sacred times of union in which we are encouraged to give voice to issues calling out for our attention. However, it is not appropriate to give voice to preference concerning candidates at such times.

We participate in the Wisconsin Council of Churches Covenant of Civility signed by over 175 religious leaders statewide. (A copy is available on the back bench.)

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 twice.*

*Page 35 in The Hymnal*

## **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:

♦Gary & Ruth Schultz and Bonnie Schulz

♦Living Waters

♦Christian Pavlock

♦Nancy Hartmann

♦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!

♦Prince of Peace ELCA Church

♦Employment      ♦Immigration Reform

♦Torture Awareness   ♦God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

## **✧Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**



## **✧ Sung Call To Prayer**

**In this moment, in this place, all is mystery, all is grace.  
In this moment, in this place, we are one.**

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



## Giving Thanks To God

### ✧Offering Ourselves

◆In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!

### Hymn #146 "We Are An Offering" Worship and Praise

**"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 #41 Worship and Praise

**"Give Thanks"**

### ✧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!

*A Tippe Singer will sing the refrain and verse as gifts are collected. We will rise to all sing the closing refrain as the hosts bring the offering forward.*

*Written by Richard  
Bruxvoort-Colligan,  
adapted*

*You are invited to linger longer enjoying sanctuary time. You may partake of the Bread of Life remembering Christ with you always. The kneeler is also available for a time of quiet prayer.*

## Tippeca-News October 14, 2012

*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

**Family Fall Fun and Fellowship!**



**TODAY 5:00 pm** Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> for a Hot Dog Roast and S'mores as we gather round the campfire for storytelling and more! Please bring a side dish to share & a stick to roast hotdogs & mallows!

**Parlor Class Sundays begin October 21<sup>st</sup>!**  
**"The Challenge of Jesus"**

**CHILDREN'S WISDOM CIRCLE** second and fourth Sundays of each month after Kid's Time in worship!

***Youth Circle for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders***  
***first Mondays*** of the month, 6:30-7:45pm  
with Heatherlee.

**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 on Wednesdays at 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 on the 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

**Lunch Bunch** meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:45am at Applebee's on Holt Avenue.

**Zensational Yoga** for children Sunday October 21 at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary. All children welcome!

Sung Mediation - Threshold Singing



First Friday Nights monthly, 6:30-8pm.  
Next gathering is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

Pastor: Each of us is a living story of power and insight. Each one of our lives bigger than it is...full of meaning! Our story matters, how we tell it matters. Where we share it matters! Our God's story is still unfolding...in us, within our humanness, connecting us back...to a new future! We are walking talking parables of faithfulness!

Yes, our life stories bring us to our knees! We fall forward in faith...sometimes we tumble right over...ourselves...and find ourselves able and standing up to life differently, within a new understanding of God's grace!

As we are about to open our inner most selves, our unfolding story, to God, know this: No one knows better than God how hard it is to be understood. No one wants to understand *you* more than God. God listens. Relief begins.

**One: So now, in your holy imagination, see yourself kneeling your life beside God, who loves you. Take a breath...release yourself. Entrust the Holy One who hears you, understands you.**

**Each with our own life story, each a living gospel, let us in our common voice lift our lives to our God, praying:**

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### **Tippe-Ministers**

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

#### **Today in Leadership**

Elder..... Judy Berdan  
Wondrous Musician ..... MaryBeth Garrett  
Dir. C, Y, F Ministry..... Heatherlee Muehlius  
Ministry Support Associate..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader..... Sheryl Schroeder  
Worship Hosts..... Jerry Watkins and Jay Paske  
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  
Dir. C, Y, F Ministry ..... Heatherlee Muehlius  
Ministry Support Associate ..... Crystal Stinemates  
Facility Host ..... Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske  
Worship Leader ..... Diane Wirhanowicz  
Worship Hosts ..... Nancy and Larry Hartmann  
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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 email: [sosmealsdi@gmail.com](mailto:sosmealsdi@gmail.com).

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

If you have donations for Project Home, please email: [projecthomedl@gmail.com](mailto:projecthomedl@gmail.com).

For more information about Arts and Science Literacy Camps, please email: [aslcforkids@gmail.com](mailto:aslcforkids@gmail.com).

Find us at [www.tippechurch.org](http://www.tippechurch.org).

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