



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

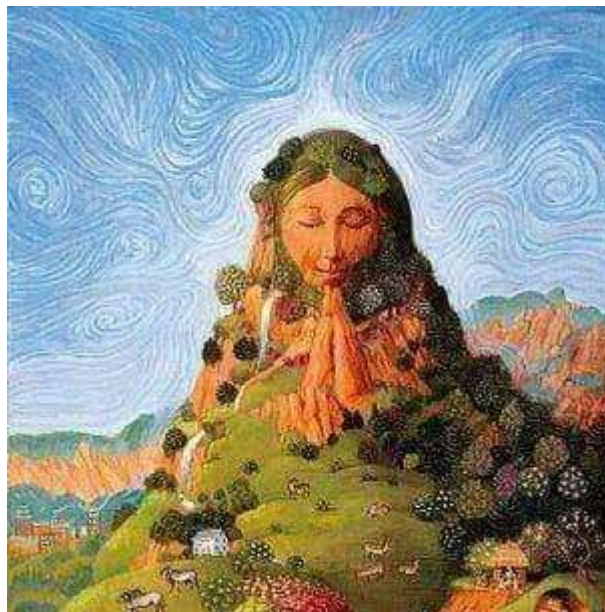
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## Welcome To Worship

February 16, 2020

9:30 a.m.

*"Continue...Come...Close-r!"*



*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.**

***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 (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.

**Infant through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Care**

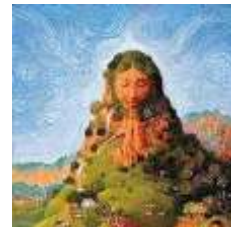
is available all during worship down the stairs in the Cloud Room which is our "nursery."

**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,  
 confronting the radical nature of God's wisdom.*



*"Continue...Come...Close-r!"*

In today's *Wisdom Teachings*, we are challenged to choose wisely, to choose...life! We do not have permission to squander even one moment, one day. Rather, we are invited to live now and fully! Listen for God's word just for you today!



*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.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

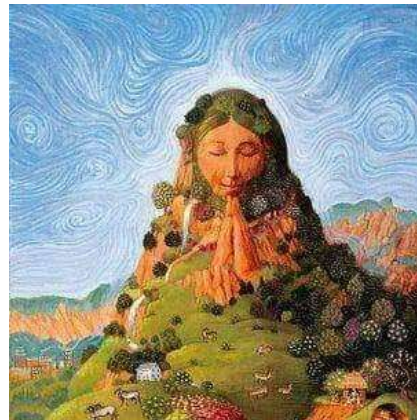
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preparing To Worship...



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



*“Continue...Come...Close-r!”*

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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**

◆ **Bringing Forward the Bible**

◆ **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: In Christmas, God comes to us. And we *Continue...to Come ... Closer* to God...living from this inner-source of Universal Unconditional Love; offering compassionate care to ourselves and others. And to do so, we gather within the holiness of grace, seeking wisdom. To do so, we seek to see ourselves more clearly...and

**All: To examine our true intentions and the consequences of our choices.**

One: Jesus implores us to choose that which is life giving rather than life stopping.

**All: With open eyes and truth that must be spoken, we give ourselves in worship this day...the giving of ourselves: our offering!**

\*✧ **Gathering Hymn #156 *Worship and Praise***

### **“What Have We To Offer”**

### ✧ **Opening Ourselves To God’s Grace**

### ✧ **Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God**

In a world where many choose to be angry  
in self-defeating ways,  
help me look at my own anger and what lies beneath.  
Lord, I wouldn’t normally talk about this, but...

In a world where many seek reconciliation,  
help me see where I hinder the very peace I want most.  
This feels petty, but...

In a world where many act in ways of self-justification,  
help me see myself the way You do...  
my true motivations of body, mind, and spirit.  
I guess I should be over this, but...

I don’t usually say this to You, but  
I’m not sure how to show empathy to those who need it  
most...including me, or access my deep compassion when so much  
that goes on seems like it’s not my business.

Give me a wise heart  
so I may be and act in ways that reflect the depth  
of Your care for me as well as my care  
for self, others, & creation.

Please continue to come close...I continue to come close to You!  
At least, this is my prayer.

*Please substitute the word “table” for “alter” as able. Do you know the difference?*

*Based upon today’s Wisdom Teachings and theme...and insight from Pat many years ago!*

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

*MaryBeth will play once, please sing twice.*

*Hymnal #399*

*Our Sung Response*

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

*Please substitute the word God for "He" and Close for "Down". Please remain seated.*

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

✧ You may wish to name with God ways you feel anger or a need to reconcile or how you are self-justifying your actions...where it is you need grace most in order to choose new life; or you may share with God where you feel free and know grace in life; 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

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

## ✧ 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 #137 Hymnal

**"God Came Close"**

## ✧ Bible's Wisdom Teachings and Reflection

**Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

### Sirach 15:15-20

**If you choose, you can keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choices. God has placed before you fire and water; stretch out your hand for which ever you choose. Before each person are life and death, and whichever one chooses...will be given. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; He is mighty in power and sees everything; His eyes are on those who are in awe of Him, and He knows every human action. God has not commanded anyone to be wicked, and God has not given anyone permission to sin.**

### Matthew 5:21-37

One: This is the way our story is told.

God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

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

*My prayer as I listen:*

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.

Maya Angelou, *adapted*

Please take a moment to survey this invitation to Continue... We will read a section out loud together each week.

### ✧ Prompting

*"Continue...Come...Close-r!"*

*"Come...Closer...Choose Life!"*

Pastor Karen Hagen

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

As my reflection after Your prompting Lord, I feel You inviting me to...



### Opening to God's Grace

### ✧ Affirming Our Faith With Intention

Because God is close and we are called to continue, my prayer for myself and others...affirming my God-centered worldview (vs a thought-centered worldview), is that you and I and each of us

*Continue...*

*Continued on next page...*



To be whom we are created to be, to astonish a mean world with our acts of kindness; to allow humor to lighten the burden of our tender hearts...

*Continue...*

In a society dark with cruelty, to let the people hear the grandeur of God in the peals of our laughter; to let our eloquence elevate people to heights we had only imagined...

*Continue...*

To remind the people that each is as good as the other and no one is beneath nor above you; to remember our own young years and look with favor upon the lost and the least and the lonely...

*Continue...*

To put the mantel of our protection around the bodies of the young and defenseless; to take the hand of the despised and diseased and walk proudly with them in the high street that some might see and be encouraged to do likewise...

*Continue...*

To plant a public kiss of concern on the cheek of the sick and the aged and infirm and count that as a natural action to be expected; to let gratitude be the pillow upon which we kneel to say our nightly prayer and let faith be the bridge we build to overcome evil and welcome good...

*Continue...*

To ignore no vision which comes to enlarge your range and increase your spirit; to dare to love deeply and risk everything for the good thing...

*Continue...*

To float in the sea of infinite Universal Love which sets aside peace and joy for each of us before we even had a name, and by doing so, entrusts our shared HOLY work *Continues* eternally!

### ✧ 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:

- ◆ Gregory & Liz (Max & Gwen) Charewicz
- ◆ Deserae Constantineau
- ◆ Worship
  
- ◆ Christian Pavlock
- ◆ Nancy Hartmann
- ◆ Eloise Bell

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 Partners  
Divine Intervention  
& Arts and Science  
Literacy Camps  
Faith Communities  
Partnering in Ministry  
Current Issues Calling Us  
To Prayer*

- ♦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!
- ♦St. Luke's Episcopal Church
  
- ♦Employment                      ♦Immigration Reform
- ♦Torture Awareness   ♦God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

### ✧ **Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**



*MaryBeth will play once,  
please sing three times.  
Melody: Hymnal, #392*

### ✧ **Sung Call To Prayer**

**Spirit, You are here; Spirit, You are here;  
Spirit, You are here; we are here with You.**

*Our Lady's Prayer-  
translated directly from  
Aramaic into English.*

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

**O Cosmic birther of all radiance and vibration,  
soften the ground of our being and carve out a space  
within us where your pleasure can abide. Fill us with your  
creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit  
of your mission. Endow us with the wisdom to produce  
and share what each being needs to grow and flourish.  
Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our  
desires. Untie the tangled threads of destiny that binds us  
as we release others from the entanglement of past  
mistakes. Do not let us be seduced by that which would  
divert from our true purpose, but illuminate the  
opportunities of the present moment. For you are the  
ground and the fruitful vision, the birth power and the  
fulfillment, as all is gathered and made whole once again.**

### **Giving Thanks To God**

### ✧ **Offering Ourselves**

**In Thankfulness  
With Energized Commitment!**

### ✧ **Offertory and Sung Response**

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

### ✧ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**



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*

## Sending Forth With Blessing

✧\***Departing Hymn**      #549      Hymnal

**“May The Love Of The Lord”**

✧\***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**

*Join us in fellowship!  
Tippe Café follows right here in the sanctuary.*

# Tippeca-News February 16, 2020

*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

**A Lenten Parlor Class** begins  
Sundays March 1:

“God and Imperial Power, Jesus and  
Economic Justice” by Crosson and Rieger.  
Join in the parlor with Pastor Karen after  
Tippe Café.

*Monday Nights 6:30pm:*  
*“Sanctuary Time of Belonging”*

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:**  
**Wednesdays 10:30am in the parlor** as we  
reflect on our individual and corporate lives  
through the lens of the wisdom  
teachings...*lectio style!*

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 at 2:30pm in the  
parlor.

**Zen Sitting: Finding the Path**

**Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on-going**

Led by Rev. Toner O'Connor. *Everyone is welcome, no  
preparation is necessary, just an inquiring mind.  
A Buddhist version of our Christian Centering Prayer.*

UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS

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

**Living Water's Class:**

**Global Ethic for the Local Soul.** Wednesdays  
6:30-8pm March 4th-April 1<sup>st</sup>. Led by Pastor  
Nicole Melara, Spiritual Guidance by Pastor  
Karen. This course will provide us with an  
opportunity to consider our personal ethics as we  
operate in a global world and work to develop our  
local souls. **Please register now!**

**Lent at Tippe 2020... “Turbulence”**

Turbulence, hard times, come even as life seems to be  
living “good”. Chaotic changes may come to our door  
and we sigh: Hard times, come no more! And this is  
exactly when and why Jesus, the Universal Christ  
Wisdom, comes...exactly for times such as these.  
There is a way through...a blueprint for what we can say  
and do! Even in times of turbulence, truth in life is  
fullness and joy.

This Lent we journey through the Wisdom Teachings of  
John & the Book of Truth in the New, New Testament.

**Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> –**

**Into Lent Intergenerational Worship:**  
**Ash Sunday**

**March 1-April 5**

**Lenten Holy Worship and Parlor Class**

**Lenten Song Circle March 6th 6:30pm**  
**Palm Sunday April 5**  
*with Easter Egg Dying!*

**Maundy Thursday Worship April 9 6pm**  
*with potluck finger food dinner & Communion*

**Good Friday and Holy Saturday**

**Easter Worship April 12**

**Potluck Brunch 9am**  
**Easter Egg Hunt 9:45am**  
**Holy Worship 10am**

## Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

We continue to come closer. We reflect on the potential effect of "God's" unconditional, universal love in the ordinary and extraordinary of our life stories...love's effect on our faith.

Throughout the gospels we are repeatedly told that after some word or deed of Jesus, "his disciples believed in him." The point of these statements is *not* that up to that point they had no faith, *but rather* that their faith deepened with life and over time.

To believe in God is more than simply to profess God's existence...

God not necessarily perceived as a being as much as a life giving power of wholeness; to believe is to enter into communion with God and our fellow human beings. It's about being in relationship with God in all the moments of our lives.

So, each with our own beloved story, let us lift our prayers silently to our God using 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..... Larry Hartmann  
Worship Hosts..... Nancy and Larry Hartmann  
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 .....  
Worship Hosts ..... Eloise and Maynard Bell  
Nursery Care ..... Natalia and Community  
*Living Waters Staff*  
Pastor Karen, Diane, Jane, Tami & Donna

**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: [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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