

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

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Welcome To Worship

March 8, 2020 9:30 a.m.

"Turbulence...Along The Way"



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 (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.

We open our hearts and minds to the texts, confronting the radical nature of God's wisdom.



"Turbulence...Along The Way!"

Lent is the time we turn toward that which has meaning in our lives...watching what drops away as we do. We follow in the ways of Jesus ... turbulence and all.

We are becoming new human beings.

In today's Wisdom Teachings, we hear how the psalmist trusts, how Nicodemus questions, and how Jesus invites us to belong, to be saved, born again and again! Truth in the midst of turbulence.

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

Second Sunday in Lent

Preparing To Worship...



WELCOME TO THIS CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY



"Turbulence Along The Way"

♦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
•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

The Quiet of Approach...KNOWING...
Turbulence Along the Way, Can Happen Any Given Day.

A Poem by John Donahue

*♦Gathering Hymn #821 Hymnal

"My Life Flows On"

♦Opening Ourselves To God's Grace

♦Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God

Lord God, the psalmist asks for a steady foot and just enough shade...yet enough light for the journey. It seems I need the very same things to make it through the turbulence of this day.

Lord, God steady my confidence, Shade me from the glares of others, Shine truth on my perceptions.

(Go Deeper...)

Lord God, protect me from all the things that tempt me. Keep me close to You...and grab onto me when I begin to stumble so I don't hit the ground hard.

(Go Deeper...)

Lord God, lift up my eyes from the way things seem to the ways truth brings to awareness. Guide me to accept Your help and trust in our outcomes.

Lord God, be with me as I go out in the morning and come back in the evening. Keep me... from this time on and forever more...turbulence and all!

Lord, I ask it!

♦ You may wish to name with God the help you need for your journey...hope made real; or you may rejoice with God in the new found steadiness you have found in your life and ask God to help it go deep; 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 traditional hymn from 1868...still timely for today's theme. Enjoy!

Based upon today's Wisdom Teachings in Psalm 121 and theme.

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

♦A Moment With God For Each Of Us...



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

ill play once, **Kyrie**

Peace, be still. Peace, be still.

The storm rages.

Peace, be still.

♦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. 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

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the turbulence, calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

MaryBeth will play once, please sing twice, slowly and reflectively.

Our Sung Response

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

Chorus, Hymn #291, adapted. Listen once, then please sing twice. Please remain seated.

♦Bible's Wisdom Teachings and Reflection

Psalm 121

The Gospel of Truth 2:1-5, 3:4, 4:1

"All things have searched for the One from whom they have come. All things were within the One-the uncontainable, incomprehensible One who surpasses all thought. Ignorance of the (the One) produced disturbance and fear, and disturbance enveloped like a mist so that no one was able to see. In this way Transgression found strength, and fashioned materiality with emptiness. Transgression did not know the truth and became a molded form, preparing—in power and beauty—a substitute for truth. (The) Forgetfulness (of Transgression) came into being because the Father was not known, so when the Father comes to be known, forgetfulness, from that time on, will not exist. This is the good news of the one (Jesus Christ) whom they see, revealed to those filled through the mercies of the Father. Through hidden mystery, Jesus Christ shone to the ones in the darkness of forgetfulness. Jesus Christ enlightened them and showed them a way. The Way Jesus taught them is truth."

John 3:1-17

One: This is the way our story is told.

God speaks to us anew through ancient stories.

All: Thanks be to our God.

♦Prompting

"Turbulence...Along The Way"

"A Daily Dose of Truth Will Save You"

Pastor Karen Hagen

♦A Moment Of Personal Reflection...

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

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.



And so we move closer to Jerusalem and the truth, in awareness...

Melody found on #448, Hymnal. Please sing twice. An Arabic song translated in to English. However, you are invited to sing in either language. Salaam in Hebrew is translated "shalom."

From "enfleshed," adapted.

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

Opening to God's Grace

♦Welcoming The Turbulence ♦Un-Lighting Of The Lenten Candles

♦Sung Response

Peace of God be with you.
Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam. Peace of God be with you.

♦Affirming Our Faith With Intention

Spirit of Truth, all that has shaped me - my experiences of joy and pain, both are held in Your embrace with care. I take comfort that You know what is in my heart. You meet me in my intentions, and nurture what is good. You take delight in my desire to be generous and kind.

But where there is love-within, striving to become an outward expression, and still doing harm nonetheless, I trust You come with your gentle correction. May I not linger too long in wallowing or guilt, nor expect those I harm to tend my discomfort. You guide my discernment in what I need to hold or let be.

If I feel insecure, may I remember what is true: We all mess up. A lot. Correction is an act of love. Corrupted life has taught us so many lies we must unlearn. We need each other - for this work of collective liberation.

At each day's end, I rest in the knowledge that I am loved, I am valuable, and my persistence in showing-up to the needs of the world with humility, courage, and conviction are made fruitful in You.

♦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:
- •Richard & Joan Fleming
- Brandon & John Ford-Teich
- •Arts & Science Literacy Camp

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

- Larry Hartmann
- *Sheryl Schroeder
- •Tim Kuechenmeister
- *****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!
- Unity Lutheran Church
- ◆Employment ◆Immigration Reform
- •Torture Awareness •God's Creation: Environmental Concerns

♦Quieting Ourselves For Prayer



MaryBeth will play once, then let us sing once. By Richard Bruxfort Colligan. Used with permission.

♦ 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

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

♦Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song written by Stephen Foster, adapted.

Sending Forth With Blessing

♦*Departing Hymn "Hard Times Come No More"

Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears while we all sup sorrow with the poor.
There's a song that will linger forever in our ears Oh, hard times open me to more.

Chorus:

Tis the song, the sigh of the weary Hard times, hard times, come again no more Many days you have lingered around my front door Oh hard times, open me to "more."

While we seek mirth and beauty and music bright and gay, there is turbulence shaking our core. Our voices go silent, our pleading looks will say Oh, hard times open me to more.

Chorus

Tis a sigh that is wafted across the troubled wave. Tis a wail that is heard upon the shore. Tis a plea that is murmured throughout most every day. Oh, hard times open me to more.

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.

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♦*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 March 8, 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

 $\textbf{A Lenten Parlor Class} \ begins$

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 Night Worship 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 Worship: 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 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.

Sitting and Knitting meets on the second Saturday of the month from 10:3011:30 at Pat Bowne's home. Pat and Cindy invite you to join with them!

Zen Sitting: Finding the Path Thursdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on-going

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

UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday March 29th after Tippe Café

to elect the Pastoral Nominating Committee, officially! And we hope to share our video and other transition materials!

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

Lent at Tippe 2020... "Turbulence"

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

March 1-April 5 Lenten Holy Worship and Parlor Class

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

Pastor: Turbulence, hard times, come...even when life seems to be living "good." Chaotic changes may come to our door and we sigh, hard times...please come no more! And, it is exactly for times such as these the Universal Christ has come!

Holiness puts on a human face in Jesus to show us a way through ...what we can say and do! Still, we know the depth of the "waves" this uninvited turbulence can create in our lives. We usually doubt at first that we will be able to cope.

One: But then we remember and we know deeply at our core, turbulence is "truth" there's no way to ignore. And it is often that very commotion, this turbulence...that truth, held in holiness, which brings wholeness to life and even some joy. Turbulence, a blessed restlessness.

So, each with our own beloved story, let us lift to our God our turbulent life in prayer, silently using the reflection on Page 4 to guide us.



Tippe-Ministers

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

Today in Leadership

PastorKaren Hagen
Director of Music Ministry MaryBeth Garrett
Ministry Support Associate Crystal Stinemates
Facility Host Margaret Majewski & Jay Paske
Worship Leader Maynard Bell
Worship HostsJerry Watkins and Jay Paske
Nursery Care Natalia and Community
Living Waters Staff
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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: projecthomedi@gmail.com.

For more information about Arts and Science Literacy Camps, please contact email: aslcforkids@gmail.com. Find us at www.tippechurch.org or on Facebook at Tippecanoe Church!

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For Suffering by John O'Donohue, adapted

You are blessed in the holy names of those Who, without you even knowing it, help to carry and lighten your pain.

May you find some serenity when you are called to enter the house of turbulence.

May a window of light always surprise you. May you be granted the wisdom to avoid false resistance. When turbulence knocks on the door of your life, may you glimpse its truths and eventual gifts.

May you be able to receive the fruits of chaos, commotion...turbulence. May memory bless and protect you with the hard-earned light of past travail; to remind you that you have survived before and, though the darkness now is deep, you will soon see approaching light.

May the grace of time heal your wounds. May you know that though the storm might rage, not a hair of your head will be harmed.

And, through the turbulence, you remember Jesus' words:

Peace. Be still.