

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

Living Waters Contemplative Life Center Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless Tippecanoe just.good.food Garden "Food Justice Site PCUSA Arts and Science Literacy Camps for Children

Welcome To Worship

November 22, 2020 9:30 a.m.

The Fallow Way:

A Time of Rest.... A Time Of Restoration...

as we pivot on Christ The King Sunday!



Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Christ the King Sunday

Preparing To Worship...



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♦Welcome and Community News

~Congregational Meeting November 22nd following Sunday Worship to Approve Pastoral Package 2021~

♦Readying Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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♦Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:

How Are You As You Arrive... how is it with your spirit?

♦Gathered as God's People: A Music Video "The Fallow Way"

One: This is the season of the year when God's nature sinks deep into our roots.

All: While all seems quiet above, our roots are riotous below...preparing us for growth to come.

One: Be quieted, rest, and embrace *The Fallow Way*...for beyond our awareness

All: We have come full circle. God is doing a new thing in us, through us, beyond us!

♦Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

♦Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God based on today's Wisdom Teachings & Theme

Holy One, I hear You. There's a goat in me. I am a goat when I don't tend to the least of these (who are hungry, thirsty, the stranger, naked) for they...are You. We are One. It's true: sometimes I don't or won't see them...sometimes I don't want to be seen! But, there is a sheep in me too...for there are times when I *have done* these things, willing to see You in the human being before me. In those times...in them, I see myself as well as You.

Thank you, Lord God, for seeing the whole of me! Not only the bad....and not only the good.

So often it's hard to sort it all out. You know life isn't easy, but Lord, why do I often make life harder than it has to be. Why do I keep doing this to myself?

Gracious God, what helps me today...is remembering You are not trying to catch me at my worst. You aren't interested in scolding or punishing me. Instead, you want me to be at my best; to embrace the power I have, and the energy for life I receive, when I meet You in every person.

Gracious God, help me to model the choices I make today upon my life's very best choices. Help me sort out my inner sheep from my inner goat and live within Your fold...within Your reign for all the seasons of my life...starting now. Lord, I ask it.

❖ You may wish to name with God a time you passed by or reached out to a person in need and how that stays with you now; or you may give thanks for a time someone helped you when you were in deep need; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you shining his healing light all around and through you.

♦Bible's Wisdom Teachings

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Matthew 25:31-40, 45-46

Romans 12:1a, 2 adapted ... Might we all memorize this?

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God:

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is God's deepest desirewhat is good for us and acceptable for us and perfect for us."

♦Prompting

The Fallow Way:

"Comfort In The Challenge"

Rev. Karen Hagen



♦Special Music Video **♦**Sharing Our Wisdom

♦Affirming Our Faith with Intention

Each week during this season of fallow time, in preparation for the coming of winter...the coming of Christ, we will share a verse of the song that frames our theme affirming our faith and intention. You are invited to use these images as metaphors for faith journey and your own fallow ways at this time of the year and time of your life.

And slumbering in winter's folds I have dreams of green and blue and gold.

I've come to love the fallow way listening for the blossoming of my own heart once more in spring.

As sure as time, as sure as snow,
As sure as moonlight, wind and stars,
the fallow time will fall away.
The sun will bring an April day.
And I will yield to summer's way.

- ♦ Community Prayers: Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
 ♦ Honoring the Sustaining Financial Gifts of Our Faithing Community
- **♦**Special Slideshow of Theme Photos
- **♦Benediction...**Becoming a Living Blessing

What goes with you as life giving from our shared time?

May the long time Sun shine upon you. All love surround you. And the pure light within you guide your way home... through the fallow way...

♦Our Response

Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your word lives on in us.

