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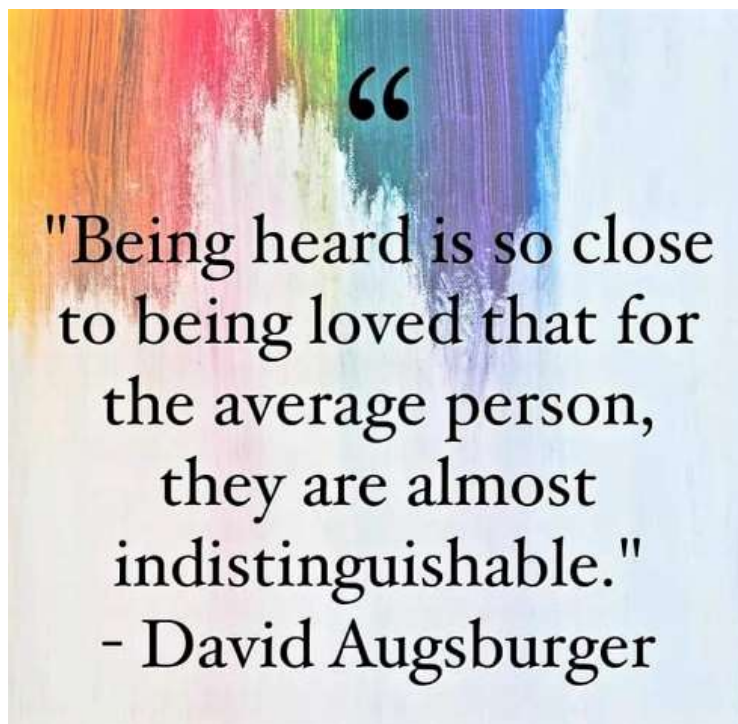
September 26, 2021

9:30 a.m.

We're At A Threshold!

Let's Hear Each Other Into Life! So...

What Is Your Story and How Does It Shape You Now?

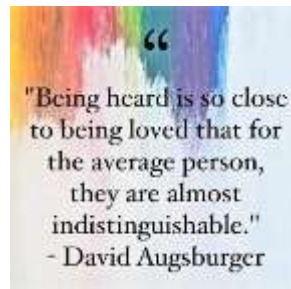


Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Preparing To Worship...



"We're At A Threshold!"

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✧ **Warm Welcome and Community News**

✧ **Reading Ourselves for Worship**

*Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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Holy Ground!*

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

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

~The Joy of Passing the Peace~

✧ **Gathering As God's People: Our Theme**

"At any time you can ask yourself: At which threshold am I now standing? At this time in my life, what am I leaving? Where am I about to enter? What is preventing me from crossing my next threshold? What gift would enable me to do it?"

A threshold is not a simple boundary; it is a frontier that divides two different territories, rhythms, and atmospheres. Indeed, it is a lovely testimony to the fullness and integrity of an experience or a stage of life that it intensifies toward the end into a real frontier that cannot be crossed without the heart being passionately engaged and woken up.

At this threshold a great complexity of emotion comes alive: confusion, fear, excitement, sadness, hope. It is wise in your own life to be able to recognize and acknowledge the key thresholds: to take your time; to feel all the varieties of presence that accrue there; to listen inward with complete attention until you hear the inner voice calling you forward. The time has come to cross."

JOHN O'DONOHUE

Excerpt from his books: *To Bless the Space Between Us (US) / Benedictus (Europe)*

✧ **Gathering Special Music Video –**

“Hope Comes From the Place Where the Hurt Comes”, The Bengsons

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8AegG5en2g>

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

✧ **Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God** (Based on our reading in James)

In today’s wisdom teaching, James asks,

"Are any among you suffering? They should pray."

**Sometimes it's exactly when I need to be praying most
that it's hardest to pray at all!**

James asks, "Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise."

**Sounds easier. But sometimes I have a hard time admitting to myself that things are pretty good
wondering if this can last!**

**James asks, "Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and
have them pray over them."**

**I know it does feel better if I ask for prayers
when I'm sick at heart or sick in health.
And yet, how rarely I ask for prayers!**

**How do I feel confident enough to really open myself to the whole of my life’s story? Please help me
see myself the way You do...to see others the way You do! Lord, nudge me to trust those around me
hear my prayers without passing judgment on my life.**

This is my prayer. I am listening for Your voice. This feels as if a threshold time, Lord!



✧ You may wish to name with God the things you do that are exhausting your energies... or renewing them...honoring all of your story; or you may share your feelings about being “capable”; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you this morning shining his healing light all around and through you.

✧Tippe Kids Time

✧Bible Wisdom Teachings

James 5:13-16, 19

Mark 9:38-50

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

All: Thanks be to our God.

✧Prompting

We're At A Threshold!

"Salty Words For This Time!"

Rev. Karen S. Hagen

Thanks to "Sanctified Art" for spurring reflection on our theme.



✧**Special Music Video:** "Hear My Voice" Celeste
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZV4PW5hWuGo>

✧Sharing Our Wisdom

✧Affirming Our Faith With Intention...*Our Prayer*



(As willing, please share in the chat box.)

✧ **Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

✧ **Quieting Ourselves For Prayer**



✧ **Giving Thanks For Our Community...Our Sustaining Gifts!**

✧ **Benediction...*Becoming a Living Blessing***

What of this shared wisdom goes with you as helpful and life-giving? Or...



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



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