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Welcome To Worship

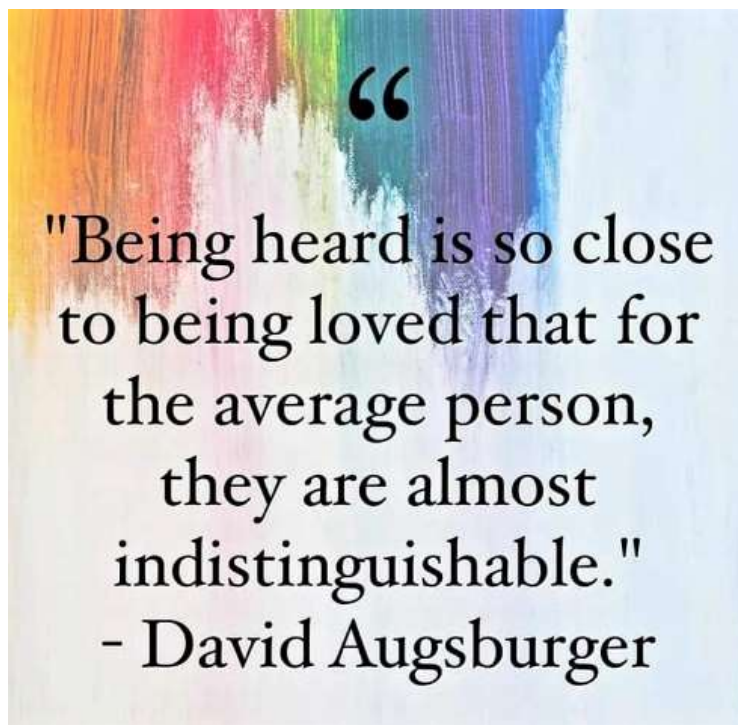
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We're At A Threshold!

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

*What challenges and losses, as well as triumphs and joys,
have you faced? ...small and large?*

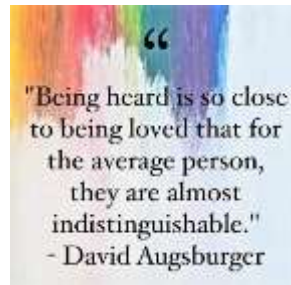


Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

*Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
World Wide Communion – Peacemaking Sunday!*

Preparing To Worship...



“We’re At A Threshold!”

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✧ Warm Welcome and Community News

✧ Readyng 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 upon today’s wisdom teaching Job 1:1, 2:1-10)*

One: God, sometimes life gets so hard it almost seems as if you are conspiring with the “bad guys” against me. I feel “blameless”. I’m trying to live my life with integrity and yet get accused of wrongful things anyways. Bad things happen to me through no fault of my own. Soon I feel as if I am “covered with sores” and no one will come near. And then I am told by those I trust the most, “Give it up! Curse God and be done with it!”

**All: So many in our world today are wronged
and feel forsaken, Lord.**

(Release a sigh...)

One: I feel life constantly tests me and I just need some relief and some hope. I’m mad and then sad about the ways things happen. Can You take anger...from me? Do You feel my sadness...with me? Explain Yourself, please!

**All: So many in our world have only You to hang onto, Lord.
They seek your insight desperately.**

(Release a sigh...)

All: Lord, help me in my struggle reflecting upon why bad things happen to me even though You want only good things for me! I long to understand how You are at work in my life so I will know what to do next...so I will know how to have faith. I ask for myself.

**I ask for others who have no voice or feel abandoned
...those struggling to stay connected to You in hope.**

This feels as if a threshold time, Lord! O Merciful One, You hear my prayer.



✧ You may wish to name with God how you have been wrongly accused or betrayed by a trusted friend...or how you have done so; or you may share a time someone ministered to you in your pain or hopeless; or you ask God to reach out to those known and unknown to you who are broken in life and in great need at this moment; 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

Psalm 26
Mark 10:2-16

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

All: Thanks be to our God.

~Slideshow~

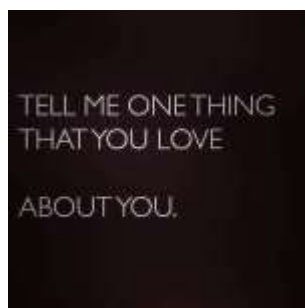
✧Prompting

We're At A Threshold!

"Awe Before The Law"

Rev. Karen S. Hagen

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



✧Special Music Video: "Goodness of God" CeCe Winans

https://youtu.be/v81yIo1_3o8

✧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!

✧ Preparation of the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: From east and west, from north and south, people will come and take their place at table together. Yes, and some who are now last will be first, and some who are first will be last.

People: We come to Christ's Table aware of our human frailty and our brokenness. We come knowing selfish prejudice and foolish pride... that of ours and others' shatters the peace of the universe. But we also come knowing God's healing love restores wholeness and welcomes us to move forward together. One with all people, we return to our true intention to be a personal expression of peace!

Pastor: The unity of the Lord's Table is a sign of the unity God wills for all creation. There is a price in coming...an invitation expectation. But the cost in coming pales to the cost of not coming, going it alone, on our own...as if we could even do such a thing!

People: From this Table we go will go out with joy as witnesses of God's love working in us. Through us, God brings healing and reconciliation into the world. We are God's peacemakers! We are hate breakers!

Pastor: Come, let's share in the feast of new and everlasting life!

Let us join in giving God our praise as we affirm our faith, singing from Worship and Praise, # 134, "That We May Be Filled".

✧ Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

*Tippe Offering and Peacemaking Offering
Are Received As You Come Forward.*

✧ **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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