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# Welcome To Worship

October 10, 2021 9:30 a.m.

# We're At A Threshold!

Let's Hear Each Other Into Life! So... what do you most need...now?

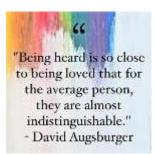
"Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable."
- David Augsburger

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

#### **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparing To Worship...



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- **♦Warm Welcome and Community News**
- **♦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?

~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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8AegG5en2g">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8AegG5en2g</a>

# **♦Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

**♦Sharing Our Inner Most Lives With God** (Based upon today's wisdom teaching Psalm 22)

The Psalmist says, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest."

God, there are times my life feels just like these words from the psalmist!

"God, you have been my God since my mother bore me."

"Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help. I am poured out like water and my heart is like wax. It is melted within my breast. O my help, come quickly to my aid!"

Holy One, bring Your guidance to me as you have to those throughout the generations!

I am here doing the best I can with the life I have.

Help me know the thing most needed now so I can move my life forward!

Help me trust myself to know what You would have me do.

O Merciful One, this feels as if a threshold time! This is my prayer for awareness. O Merciful One, You hear my prayer.



❖ You may wish to name with God a situation in which you feel alone...where God feels far away; or you may share your feelings about feeling trouble is near; 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**

#### Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

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**

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## "What Do You Most Need...Now?"

Rev. Karen S. Hagen

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





Let Love Light Upon You!

**♦Special Music Video: "Grace Will Lead Me home" David Dunn**<a href="https://youtu.be/O3WeqqTKqhU">https://youtu.be/O3WeqqTKqhU</a>

**♦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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