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Welcome To Worship

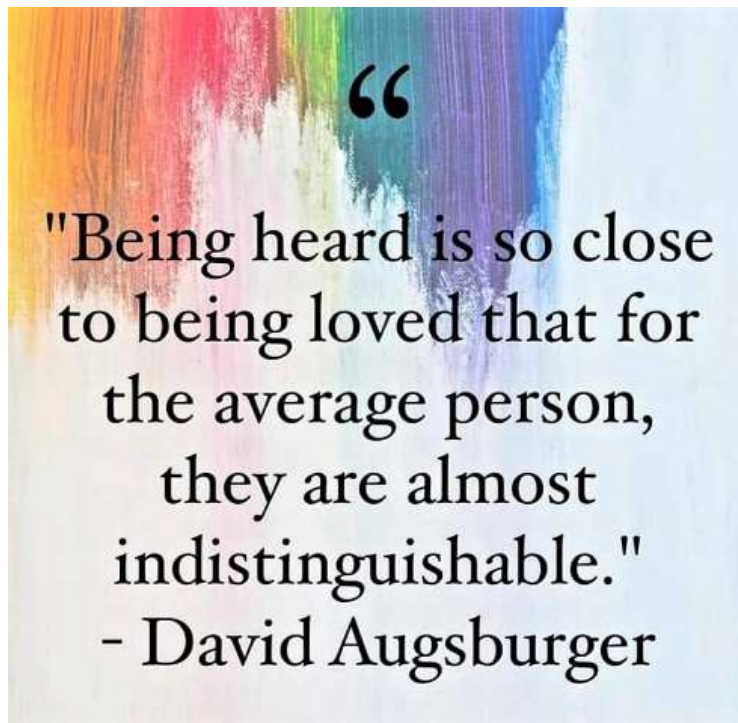
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We're At A Threshold!

Let's Hear Each Other Into Life!

Owning Our Power...Grace Upon Grace!

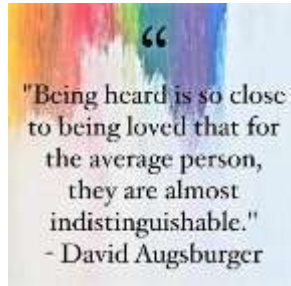


Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Twenty Second 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!
Surely God is in this place,
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

Lord, I close my eyes in order not to see my parents tired, my brothers and sisters alone and lonely, my friends and loved ones sad with no one to console them.

I close my eyes...so I don’t have to see...*myself*.

I am like a blind person...because sometimes it’s all just too much for me to see! I pretend that I am safe by simply not seeing what is hard at hand. Denial...my blindness.

I close my eyes in order not to see the pain and confusion. I close my eyes so I don’t have to see You, Lord...see You encouraging me to throw off these cloaks of mine and follow You.

Deeply, I want to see You. If only I had the confidence to call out for Your help. If only I was sure I could handle what I might see.

Have mercy on me, Lord. Pull me out of the dark into which I escape. Come to me with light, insight!

Lord, I ask it. Help me cross over that threshold and come...to You!



✧ You may wish to name with God how you close your “eyes”...fleeing to the seeming safety of “not looking;” or you may ask God to help you be re-formed in newness and grace; 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

We're At A Threshold!

*“Owning Our Power...Grace Upon Grace...
Growing the Contagion of Calm at This Threshold Time”*

Rev. Karen S. Hagen

Thanks to “Sanctified Art” for spurring reflection on our theme.

Special thanks to Shirley Paulson for her permission to use excerpts of “The Immovable Generation.”

You can find more of her work at <https://earlychristiantexts.com>



Let Love Light Upon You!



✧ Special Music Video: “Keep Going On...Song” by The Bengsons
<https://youtu.be/4HJ0DjEQENQ>

✧ Sharing Our Wisdom

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

(Written by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer WordWoman.com)

When I Want to Hold On

**Teach me
to trust
the hope
that blooms
inside
the loss,
the love
that’s at
the heart
of fear—
teach me
to molt,
to slough,
to shed,
to doff,
to meet
the first light
and then
let even that
go.**

✧ **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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