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# Welcome To Worship

<u>November 7, 2021</u> 9:30 a.m.

## Crossing Over into Loving Kindness



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

### **TODAY'S WORSHIP**

Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Preparing To Worship...



Crossing Over into Loving Kindness

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Warm Welcome and Community NewsReadying 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?

 $\sim$ The Joy of Passing the Peace $\sim$ 

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

**♦**Gathering Special Music Video –

If Not Now (Carrie Newcomer) - YouTube

#### **Affirming Our Faith With Intention**

One: This is our cross over moment! If not now, when?

All: We will not see this place or time again. So...NOW! I cross over into love. Abundant love laced with kindness for me... And through me!

God lifts me up above the burden of expectations, above the poison of impatience, above the danger of fear.

God lifts me up into the joy of possibility, into the grace of curiosity, into the risk of love.

I am hope this day. I am miracle this day. I am peace this day.

**A Moment of Quiet for Everyone** 

**Kyrie:** Please sing twice. (Karen Drucker, with permission)

#### Thank you for this day, Spirit, thank you for this day! This healing, this healing, this healing day!

**♦**Tippe Kids Time

**♦Bible Wisdom Teachings** 

#### 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

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

Crossing Over to Loving Kindness

*"Convinced" Rev. Karen S. Hagen* 

### **♦Sharing Our Wisdom**



# ♦ Opening Ourselves to God's Grace ♦ Sharing Our Inner Most Lives with God

I am now beginning. I am crossing over...falling into loving kindness. Yet...

Lord, who am I kidding? Only myself? I am often not kind. I can get so self-righteous ....whether I am building myself up to impress others or meet their expectations....or tearing myself down in order to impress You and meet Your expectations. Gosh, I wish I wouldn't do this!

Help me to treat myself the way You would have me be treated. Give me courage to recognize and then not take in the faulty messages of others. Help me resist feeling I must justify myself to others...or make myself the center of attention to divert attention from the thing most needed now.

Lord, I don't want to feel so isolated, so separated from my better, God-self. Help me recognize the things which separate me from myself, others and You, O Holy One...help me see

walls, attitudes, language, misunderstanding, prejudice, guilt, shame, fear, revenge, fear, pride, mistrust... which keep me from kindness.

Bring me some relief and energize me to see myself differently and respond to Your world with new insight and confidence...*NOW!* Lord, this is my prayer.



 $\diamond$  You may wish to name with God how you puff yourself up or minimize yourself; or you may share with God how you overcame a sense of isolation or separation in your life; or you may simply invite Jesus to come sit beside you shining his healing light all around and through you.

# Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Quieting Ourselves for Prayer



#### ♦Giving Thanks For Our Community...Our Sustaining Gifts! (Offering Plate in back of Sanctuary)

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Pastor: It is right and good that together. We lift up Your name as holy, O God, Giver of New and Renewed Life! Always active, ever watchful, You keep Your promise. You make a way where there is no way. You claim us as Your very own in this life and all time to come.

All: We are ready. The Table is set. And we remember. Your Spirit is life. Through this faithful act of communing, You join us more deeply to Yourself, to Your people here and to all Your people. In deepest gratitude, we imbibe grace!

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

#### **Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread** Communion of the People



### **♦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.* 

Hear this service presented on Tippe Talk podcast, link on our website & Facebook.