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Welcome To Worship

July 24, 2022

9:30 a.m.



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Preparing to Worship...



“Abundant Awe”

✧ **Prelude: Zo Trembley**

✧ **Welcome and community news**

Interfaith Picnic on Sunday, September 11th from 1-5 pm at Humboldt Park

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧ **A Poem to Center Ourselves in this Moment:**

“Mindful” by Mary Oliver

Every day
I see or hear
something
that more or less

kills me
with delight,
that leaves me
like a needle

in the haystack
of light.

It was what I was born for -



to look, to listen,

to lose myself
inside this soft world -
to instruct myself
over and over

in joy,
and acclamation.
Nor am I talking
about the exceptional,

the fearful, the dreadful,
the very extravagant -
but of the ordinary,

the common, the very drab,

the daily presentations.
Oh, good scholar,
I say to myself,
how can you help

but grow wise
with such teachings
as these -
the untrimmable light

of the world,
the ocean's shine,
the prayers that are made
out of grass?

✧ **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** ~



✧ **And the Children Will Lead the Way: Kids' Time**



✧Gathering as God's People: Our Theme – Psalms as Living Prayers



Over these past weeks we've been exploring the practice of prayer through the lens of the psalms. The theologian Walter Brueggemann describes the psalms within the framework of orientation, disorientation, and new orientation. We first explored a psalm that spoke of communal lamentation (disorientation) and last week we reflected on an orientation psalm filled with gratitude for the daily rhythms that provide us ballast and enable us to center ourselves. This week we pray Psalm 65, a psalm of new orientation, a psalm that names awe and wonder, gratitude, and maybe even confusion or overwhelm in the midst of transition. The writer, Anne Lamott, would describe this as a "wow" prayer.

Just as Brueggemann places the psalms into three categories, Lamott places prayer into three categories: "Help, Thanks, and Wow." She tells us the "... great prayer, Wow, is often offered with a gasp, a sharp intake of breath, when we can't think of another way to capture the sight of shocking beauty or destruction, of a sudden unbidden insight or an unexpected flash of grace. 'Wow' means we are not dulled to wonder. We click into being fully present when we're stunned into that gasp, by the sight of a birth, or images of the World Trade Center towers falling, or the experience of being in a fjord, at dawn, for the first time. 'Wow' is about having one's mind blown by the mesmerizing or the miraculous; the veins in a leaf, birdsong, volcanoes."

As we explore the psalms, let us listen for the intimate prayers that we hear in them. Let us consider how these words align with our experiences and tap into the joy and pain that is expressed through them.



✧Gathering Hymn 467 Give Us Light

✧Opening Ourselves to God's Grace

All: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through the risen Christ. Amen

✧Sharing our Innermost Lives with God

Loving God, guide us as we navigate the many changes and transitions that continue to unfold around us. Reveal to us how to walk the journey and ignite within us gratitude, even when we are overwhelmed or worried. Awaken in us the ability to see your grace and empower us to be grace-filled with one another. Amen.

Let us enter into a few minutes of quiet. Our gathered community enables us to become even more aware of the Divine presence. Enter the sacred awareness of God's accompaniment as you seek understanding and connection.



✧Short period of silent reflection

Holy Spirit, may we hear your precious Word for us today. May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the transformative message you have in store for each of us. Amen.

✧ Bible Wisdom Teaching Psalm 65

Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty To the leader. A Psalm of David. A Song.

- 1 Praise is due to you,
O God, in Zion;
and to you shall vows be performed,
- 2 O you who answer prayer!
To you all flesh shall come.
- 3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.
- 4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near
to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.
- 5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,
O God of our salvation;
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
- 6 By your strength you established the mountains;
you are girded with might.
- 7 You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.
- 8 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.
- 10 You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
- 11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
- 13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

One: May we hear anew the origin stories of our faith and draw from the roots of our tradition. **All: Thanks be to our God.**

✧**Special Music** – audio recording of “Psalm 65 (EveryPsalm)” by Poor Bishop Hooper, which is Jesse and Leah Roberts. *All songs written, recorded, and mixed by Poor Bishop Hooper. Mastered by Jim Barnes.*

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what mighty praise o god belongs to you
what mighty praise o god what mighty praise
we will fulfill the vows we've made to you
we will fulfill o god we will fulfill
oh to you who hear our prayers
oh to you who all men come
what mighty praise o god belongs to you
what mighty praise o god what mighty praise

though our sins prevail you forgive them all
how blessed is the one whom you choose to bring near to you
those who dwell within your holy courts
we will be satisfied with the goodness that awaits in your house

you answer prayers in faith with awesome deed
you answer prayers o god you answer prayers
you who are the trust of earth and sea
you are the trust oh god, you are the trust
you formed the mountains by your power
and armed yourself with strength on strength
you who still the roaring of the sea
you answer prayers o god you answer prayers

though our sins prevail you forgive them all
how blessed is the one whom you choose to bring near to you
those who dwell within your holy courts
we will be satisfied with the goodness that awaits in your house

even the ends of the earth they stand in awe
from where the sun rises to where it sets you bring shouts of joy
your visit makes the world to overflow
the river of our god is brimming up and bountiful

you settle its ridges you soften with showers
you bless its growth with fruit and abundance
paths drip with fatness as pastures blossom
you crown the year with a harvest oh so bountiful they all sing for joy

✧ **Reflection Questions**

When have you been grateful for change and transition? What about times when instead, you have been overwhelmed? Do you sometimes wish you could give back the “gift” you have received? What have you learned about yourself in the wake of upheaval in your life?

✧ **Message “Abundant Awe”** Rev. Trish Eckert



✧ **Hymn: 22 God of the Sparrow**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention**

ALL: We are striving to be...
Relevant and Responsive,
Open and Affirming,
Engaged and Engaging,
Informal and Radically
Traditional.

Welcoming All.
Honoring The Sacred Masculine
and The Sacred Feminine,
Embracing The Mystic Within,

We Are of One Spirit....
not necessarily of one mind.

Mission bound.
Educationally engaged.
Children and Teens show us “the
way”.
Elders honored.
Visitors Expected.
Full of gratitude and seeking
grace!

✧A Moment of Quiet for Everyone



✧Community Prayers and the Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.**

**Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.**

**Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

**In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go.
Amen.**



✧ **Benediction**

Blessed is the path on which you travel.
Blessed is the body that carries you upon it.
Blessed is your heart that has heard the call.
Blessed is your mind that discerns the way.
Blessed is the gift that you will receive by going.
Truly blessed is the gift that you will become on the journey.
May you go forth in peace.

Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.

✧ **Our Response...**

Holy One, now we your servants go in peace. Your Word lives on in us.

Postlude: Zo Trembley



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