



"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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Welcome To Worship

August 21, 2022

9:30 a.m.



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

TODAY'S WORSHIP
Preparing to Worship...



“Awe & Wonder: The Mystery of Personhood”

✧ **Prelude: Zo Trembley**

✧ **Welcome and community news**

- Tippe Family Night Out on Friday, August 26th at 6 pm at South Shore Beer Garden
- “Tippe Break” on Labor Day weekend – we will not gather for Sunday service on September 4th
- 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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Holy Ground!***

✧ **A Poem to Center Ourselves in this Moment:**

“Just Beyond Yourself” by David Whyte

Just beyond
yourself.

It's where
you need
to be.

Half a step
into
self-forgetting
and the rest
restored
by what
you'll meet.

There is a road
always beckoning.



When you see
the two sides
of it
closing together
at that far horizon
and deep in
the foundations
of your own
heart
at exactly
the same
time,
that's how
you know
it's the road
you
have
to follow.

That's how
you know
it's where
you
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to go.

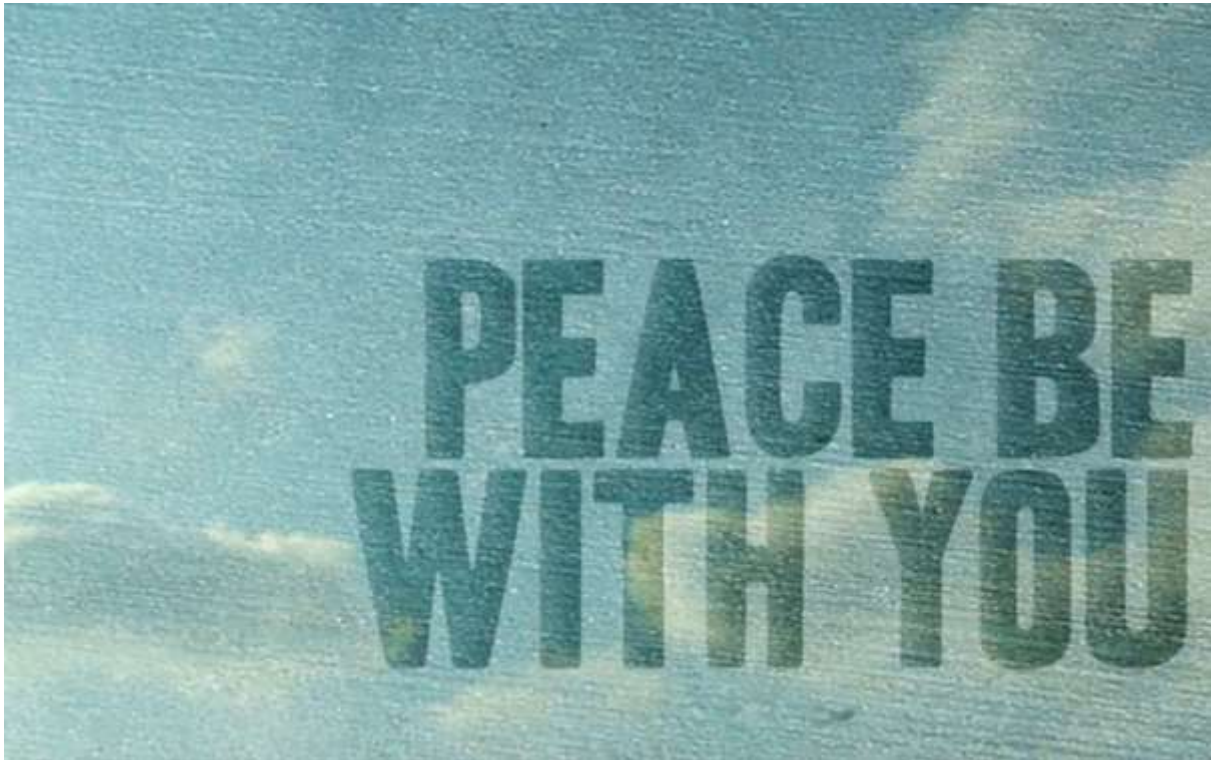
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✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**
How Are You as You Arrive...how is it with your spirit?

~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~



✧ **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: In every detail of this day

let me be fully alive

to the words I speak, and those I hear,

and to the eloquence of the silence where no words are spoken.

Let me be fully alive

to every instant,

to the pulse of God at the heart of all things.

Let us see this day as a gift from God.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Holy One, open us to the wisdom woven throughout your creation. Reveal to us what will most benefit this hurting world for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love. Amen.

✧ **Special Music** – Zo Trembley

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- When do you sense the presence of God?
- What makes you feel known and seen by the divine?
- Even though we can't "get away" from God, what do you do that sometimes holds God at a distance?
- When you are in conversation with God, do you put into words the painful and difficult thoughts and feelings that arise in you?



✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching Psalm 139**
The Inescapable God
To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
 and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
 O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
 and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
 Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
 if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
 and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
 and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
 and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day,
 for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
 Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
 intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
 all the days that were formed for me,
 when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them!

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
those who speak of you maliciously,
and lift themselves up against you for evil!
Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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.**

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Message “Awe & Wonder: The Mystery of Personhood”** Rev. Trish Eckert



✧Community Conversation & Sharing Our Wisdom

✧Hymn: 29 O God, You Search Me (Psalm 139)

✧Affirming Our Faith with Intention

ALL: In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one Triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth praying, "Come, Lord Jesus?"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

✧Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.

May your reign be a reality here on earth.

May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.

Let us share our bread with those who hunger.

Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.

Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.

For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth. Amen.



✧ **Benediction**

Let us embrace the work and wonder of this day
with fresh commitment.

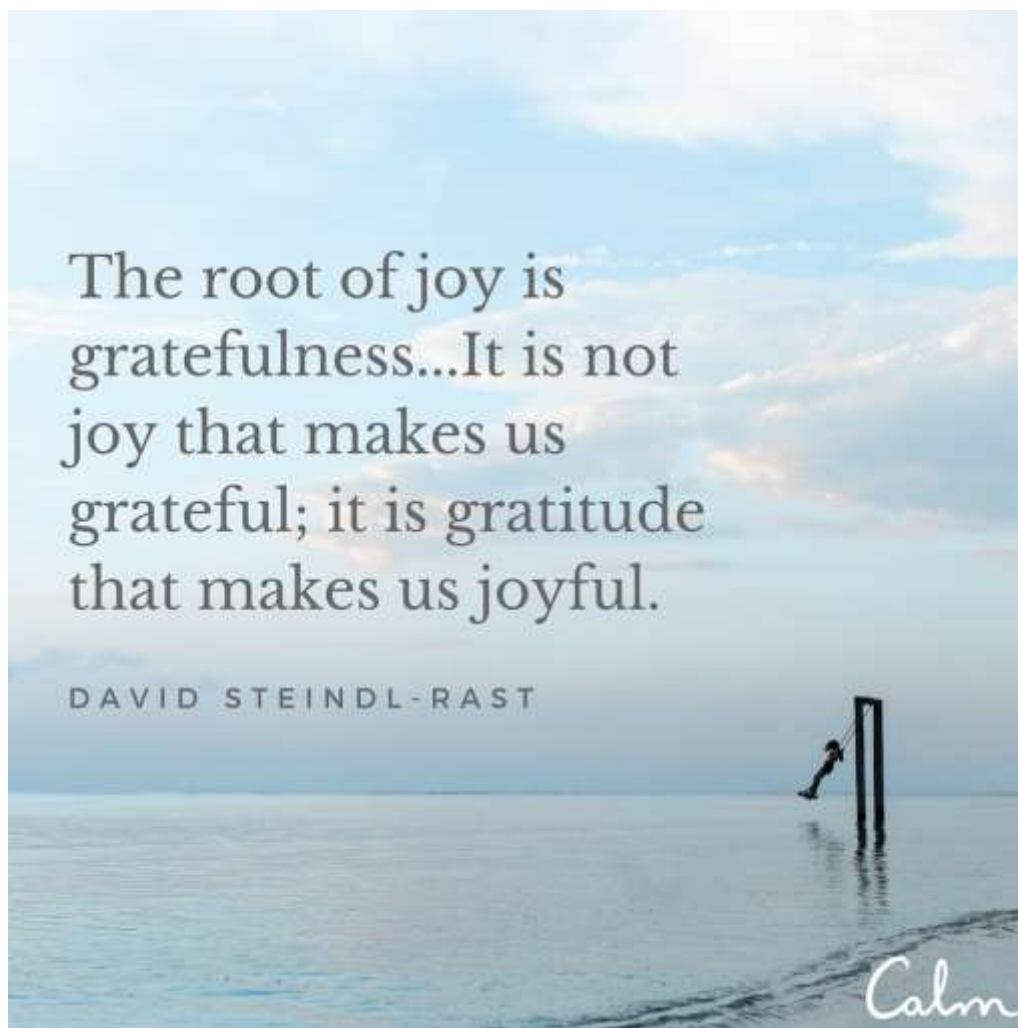
May we go forward together
in the power of the love of God
in the company of Jesus Christ
and by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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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