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Welcome To Worship

August 28, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"The Ripple Effect" Rev. Trish Eckert



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

✧Prelude: Zo Trembley

✧Welcome and community news

- “Tippe Break” on Labor Day weekend – we will not gather for Sunday service on September 4th
- The Interfaith Picnic on September 11th has been postponed

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship

***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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Holy Ground!***

✧Reflecting on Prayer as we Center Ourselves in this Moment:

To pray means to open your hands before God. It means slowly relaxing the tension which squeezes your hands together and accepting your existence with an increasing readiness, not as a possession to defend, but as a gift to receive. Above all, prayer is a way of life which allows you to find a stillness in the midst of the world where you open your hands to God’s promises and find hope for yourself, your neighbor, and your world. In prayer, you encounter God not only in the small voice and the soft breeze, but also in the midst of the turmoil of the world, in the distress and joy of your neighbor, and in the loneliness of your own heart. ~ Henri J.M. Nouwen



✧ **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**

Although the Psalms are ancient, their vibrancy and immediacy inspire us to continue to peel back the layers of meaning in the Psalms and reflect on what these texts have to say to us today.

The theologian Walter Brueggemann encourages us to “let experience touch the Psalter.” He writes, “The Psalms, with a few exceptions, are not the voice of God addressing us. They are rather the voice of our own common humanity – gathered over a long period of time, but a voice that continues to have amazing authenticity... It speaks about life the way it really is... in those deeply human dimensions the same issues and possibilities persist...when we turn to the Psalms it means we enter into the midst of that voice of humanity and decide to take our stand with that voice. We are prepared to speak among them and with them and for them, to express our solidarity in this anguished, joyous human pilgrimage. We add a voice to the common elation, shared grief, and communal rage that besets us all.”

The Bible Wisdom teachings speak to us most powerfully when we tune our ears to hear the words anew and consider them through the lens of our own lives. Then, the words of the text influence our self-understanding while at the same time our experience brings vitality and relevance to the Scripture.

Brueggemann observes that all of the Psalms fall within three categories that align with the seasons of our lives: orientation, disorientation, and new orientation. Today we'll explore a Psalm of gratitude, which he would describe as an orientation Psalm. The text emphasizes equilibrium, celebrating the abiding love woven into the foundation of all creation.



✧ **Gathering Hymn #467 Give Us Light**

✧ **Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

**All: O God,
Awaken us to your presence
in our lives ...
to your continuous pouring
of grace upon grace,
molding us
and shaping us ...
past, present, and future ...
into the children of God
you have called us to be,**

**that we may reflect that light
upon others,
through grace upon grace:
welcoming,
embracing,
declaring,
proclaiming,
LOVING
in all we say and do. Amen.**

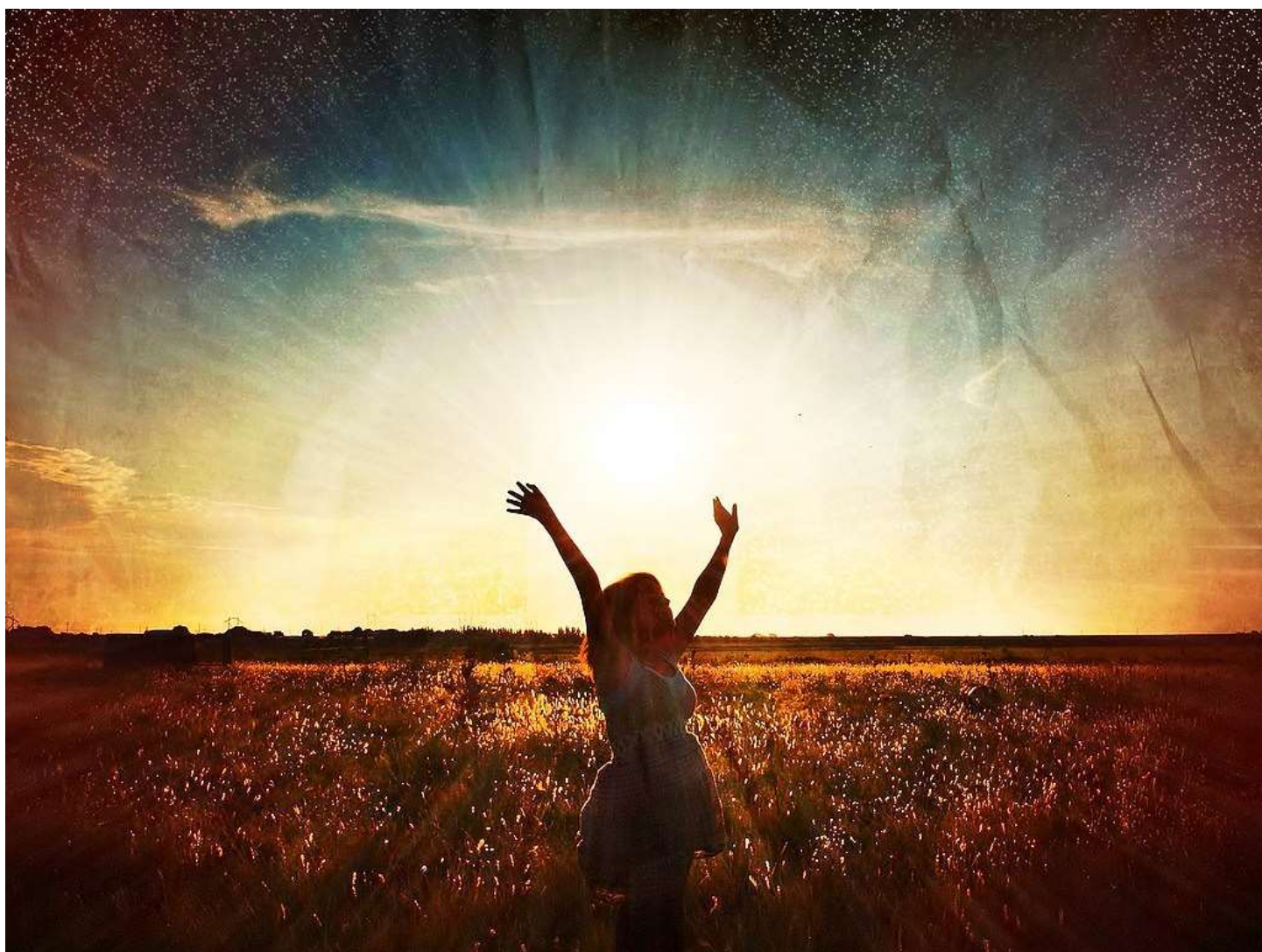
✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Holy One, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. Reveal to us how best to show up for others. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds as we walk your path. Amen

✧ **Special Music** – Zo Trembley

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- What awakens praise within you? How do you acknowledge your gratitude?
- When do you tend to put your trust in humans who wield influence?
- Do you ask God to change your heart or the heart of another? Have you experienced a change of heart or witnessed it in another person?



✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching Psalm 146**
Praise for God's Help

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my
life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return
to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God
of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the
oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed
down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to
ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

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**





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✧ **Community Conversation & Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn: #19 God of Great and God of Small**

✧ **Affirming Our Faith with Intention - Our Mission**

**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!**

✧Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Our Mother

Who are in all the earth

Holy is your truth

May your wisdom come

Your circle be one

uniting heaven and earth

Give us today a nurturing spirit

Heal through us as we ourselves are healed

Lead us into Fullness of life

And liberate all that is good

For the Wisdom, Presence and the Goodness are Yours.

Amen

(from Dominican Sisters Retreat, March 1993 Great Bend, Kansas)



Artist: Brian Kirhagis (aka BK The Artist)

<https://www.bktheartist.com/>

✧ **Benediction**

Go forth with an open heart
Stay awake to joy
Speak your gratitude
Root into the goodness surrounding you

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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