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Living Waters Contemplative Life Center | Divine Intervention Ministry to the Homeless
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Welcome To Worship

September 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"Out of the Depths" Rev. Trish Eckert



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

✧Prelude: Zo Trembley

✧Welcome and community news

- “Welcome” to our new Music Coordinator, Rosie Sheinbein!
- Outdoor service next Sunday, September 18th 9:30 am – bring a lawn chair – we’ll gather at the labyrinth, explore the gardens, and bring our prayers to the prayer tree
- Sign ups
- Christian Education/Sunday School – September 25th gather in the Parlor after Tippe Café to discuss what will be on offer this fall – including:
 - “*Cherished Memories*” facilitated by Diane Wirhanowicz & Carol Ann Meverden
- Today is Communion Sunday
- Connect with Pastor Trish if you are interested in participating in any of Tippe’s ministries: Hungry Hearts, Divine Intervention, SOS meals, Arts & Science Literacy Camp, or attending Living Waters programs

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship

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

✧A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment:

The Sigh

When it is necessary to drink so much pain,
when a river of anguish
drowns us,
when we have wept many tears
and they flow like rivers
from our sad eyes,
only then
does the deep hidden sigh of our neighbor
become our own.

~ Julia Esquivel
from “The Certainty of Spring: Poems by a
Guatemalan in Exile”



✧ **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**

As we have explored the Psalms this season, we have become more agile at naming the range of feelings that wash over us and witnessing to the paradoxes in our lives.

The theologian Walter Brueggemann tells us that the Psalms speak to us through “the voice of our own common humanity.... 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.”

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. As we wrap up our Summer Series on the Psalms, I thought on this day, September 11th, it was fitting to wrap up with a lamentation Psalm. This of course would fall within the category of disorientation, which so often resonates for each of us. The text emphasizes yearning, struggling with impatience, striving to wait, and seeking comfort and hope. This certainly speaks to my condition today, and likely, it speaks to yours as well.



✧ **Gathering Hymn 467 Give Us Light**

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

One: To you, O God, we hold out our hearts.
Deal gently with them, we pray.
Increase their love with your forgiveness;
soften their bitterness with your peace.

**ALL: Until peace comes,
we will wait and watch.**

One: To you, O God, we hold out our hungers.
Have mercy on them, we pray.
Rain down with manna to renew our hope;
quench our despair from the wellspring of your love.

**ALL: Until hope comes,
we will wait and watch.**

One: To you, O God, we hold out our wounds.
Heal their shame, we pray.
Bind up their bleeding and wipe their tears,
and we will praise the balm of our salvation.

**ALL: Until a salve comes,
we will wait and watch.**

One: To you, O God, we hold out our lives.
Be with them in this wilderness, we pray.
With each breath, dawn a new day;
in each death, light a light to comfort us.

**ALL: Until a new day comes,
we will wait and watch. Amen.**

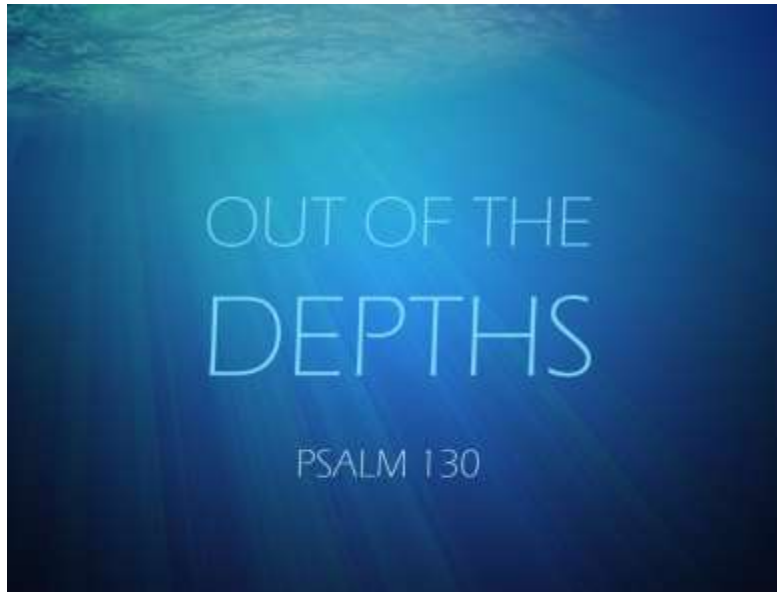
✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Gracious God, 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 to be present to
the brokenness of the world and strive to support what brings wholeness and healing.
May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds as
we walk your path. Amen

✧ **Special Music** – Rosie Sheinbein

✧ Reflection Questions

- What are you yearning for?
- In what areas of your life are you feeling frustrated or impatient?
- What enables you to wait?
- In what ways are you experiencing brokenness?
- What might forgiveness and healing look like for you?



✧ Bible Wisdom Teaching

Psalm 130 *Waiting for Divine Redemption A Song of Ascents*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the
morning,

more than those who watch for the
morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast
love,

and with him is great power to
redeem.

It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

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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✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn #791 For You, My God, I Wait (verses 1, 4, and 6)**

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

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

Welcome

As we partake of the Lord’s Supper, we are reminded that God is present with us always. Jesus walks alongside us. The Holy Spirit watches over us. We share in the celebration and give voice to our gratitude for sustenance, forgiveness, and enduring love.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: Our Father, who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

One: Life! God calls us to life!

All: Life in its fulness, life in its beauty, life!

One: For the bread that fills our hearts and souls

All: We praise you, O God!

One: For the love that gives life beyond this day

All: We praise you, O God!

Together: Life! God calls us to life! Alleluia!

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

**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!**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion



✧ **Benediction**

May we cry out to God
on behalf of ourselves and others
May we wait
May we hope
May we know God's love
and share it generously in ever-widening circles of community.
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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<http://www.tippechurch.org>