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Welcome To Worship

Gifts & Gratitudes

Exploring Indigenous/Columbus Day"

October 16, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"Written in the Wind"

Betty Salamun



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

✧Prelude: Zo Trembley

✧Welcome and community news

*Land Acknowledgment
Presbytery of Milwaukee
November 18, 2021*

Tippecanoe Church in Milwaukee County is situated on the ancestral homelands of the Hoocąk (Ho-Chunk), Bodéwadmi (Potawatomi), Menominee, Sauk, Mascouten, Fox, and Ojibwe nations. Our geographic footprint is still home to vital Indigenous communities who continue to live in this area and celebrate their traditional teachings and lifeways. As religious leaders, it is our responsibility to acknowledge this historical context and to be good partners with and advocates for the tribal nations on whose trust lands we inhabit.

✧Announcements

- Cards on fellowship table for Tom and Larry & Nancy; Steve took to Bev and Pastor Trish delivered to Barb & Jack last week
- Card box in back pew for Karen thank yous
- Karen's "Re-Tirement" celebration is NEXT SATURDAY, October 22nd from 5-7pm at Christ Church (915 E Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee). There will be a short program at 5:30. Trish still needs some clean-up help on Thursday night and Saturday after the event. Please contact her for time on Thursday.
- Flyers available for the Presbytery FALL ASSEMBLY

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship

ALL SING:

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

✧A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment



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“EAGLE POEM”

To pray you open your whole self
To sky, to earth, to sun, to moon,
To one whole voice that is you
And to know there is more
That you can't see, can't hear
Can't know except in moments
Steadily growing, and in languages
That aren't always sound but other
Circles of motion.
Like “eagle” that Sunday morning
Over Salt River. Circled in blue sky
In wind, swept our hearts clean
With sacred wings.

We see you, see ourselves and know
That we must take the utmost care
And kindness in all things.
Breathe in, knowing we are made of
All this, and breathe, knowing
We are truly blessed because we
Were born, and die soon within a
True circle of motion,
Like eagle rounding out the morning
Inside us.
We pray that it will be done
In beauty.
In beauty.

~JOY HARJO

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other...Our Check-in:**

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

✧ **Kid's Time**

Helping Angels - Animal Totems

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme**

In this season as we take stock and consider where we have been and where we feel led to go, we have explored individual spiritual gifts, needs/gifts to the wider world, opportunities to pray for countries and communities different from ourselves, and last week we pondered the divine inscriptions God writes in our hearts.

This week, the fourth in our series "**Gifts and Gratitude**," we reflect on our spiritual gifts and needs as individuals and within our community through three diverse indigenous physical prayer forms – tobacco/corn offerings, tying knots and prayer flags. Each comes from a different tradition which whispers our gratitude and prayers to the world and to the Divine – on the wind.

Today we'll *make* 'prayers' manifest, drawing on Native American prayer ties, knot tying from South America and Tibetan Wind Horse Prayer flags. We'll hang the physical forms of our prayers outside on the prayer tree, in Tippe gardens or at your home.

✧ **Gathering Hymn “Oh Great Spirit”**

Rosie leads us in this chant. Please stand as you are able.

Oh Great Spirit!
Earth, Wind, Sky and Sea
You are inside
And all around me, around me

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

Indigenous peoples have long understood our world as a reflection of its Divine Creator, seeing Spirit in all living things. The ancient Incan form of accounting reflects those knotty places in our lives where we are tied up in knots – and the help we need to untie them. And, the millennial old Wind Horse combines the shamanic animism of early Tibetans with Buddhist philosophy sending compassion into the world.

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- ◇ Do I sense the shift I want to happen within me?
- ◇ Am I opening myself to change with gratitude to Spirit?
- ◇ If I've tied myself into knots, how can I untie them?
- ◇ If I stand in the storm, will I be blown away?

Keep these questions in your heart as we chant.

✧ **Reflective Hymn Om Mani Padme Hum**

Rosie leads us in this chant.

Please remain seated.

For your information... each syllable represents one of the six goals of Buddhist existence to heal, purify and brings forth the positive qualities.

- **Om** = sound of the universe; divine energy; generosity; and purifies the ego
- **Ma** = represents ethics and purifies jealousy
- **Ni** = represents patience and purifies want or desire
- **Pad** = represents diligence and purifies ignorance and judgment
- **Me** = represents concentration and purifies attachment
- **Hum** = the unity of all; represents wisdom and purifies hatred.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

**How does your question, prayer, wound, dream, longing,
wondering, grief, blessing, sorrow, joy, wisdom...
...seek to be manifest in the world.**

We will take three short journeys, one into each prayer tradition.

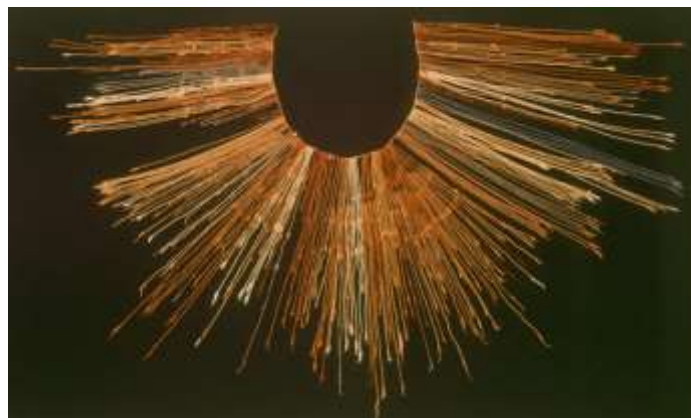
You will have some time to form a wind prayer that reflects gratitude directly and/or metaphorically in your life. You may choose one or more prayers:

- make Lakota Prayer Ties, or
- write on Tibetan prayer flags, or
- knot quipu strings.

Lakota Prayer Ties



Quipu (photo credit: Claus Ableiter)



Tibetan Wind Horse Flags

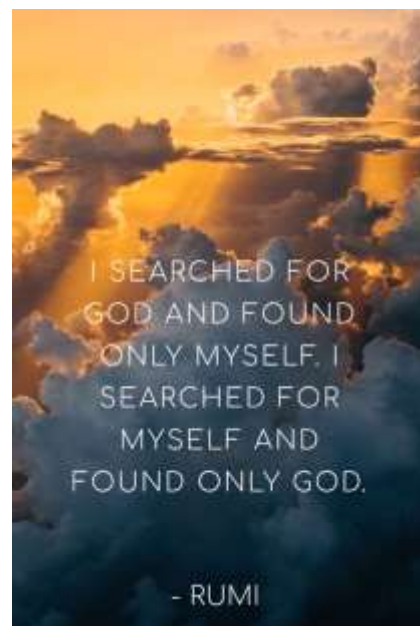


✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn Love** - a poem by Rumi, music by Rosie Rain
Rosie leads us in this song over the coming weeks.

LYRICS

*Love came and became
Like blood in my body,
It rushed through my veins
And encircled my heart.
Everywhere I looked I saw one thing,
Love's name written on my limbs,
On my left palm
On my forehead
On the back of my neck,
On my right big toe
Oh my friend, all that you see of me
Is just a shell
And the rest belongs to LOVE*



✧Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

I pray

Great Spirit, I offer this tobacco

Mother Earth, I offer this tobacco

Grandmother Moon, I offer this tobacco

Grandfather Sun, I offer this tobacco

I thank you

**I offer this tobacco to the four directions
to the east**

to the south

to the west

to the north

I thank you for all my relations:

the winged nation

creeping and crawling nation

the four-legged nation

the green and growing nation

and all things living in the water

Honoring the clans:

the deer

the bear

the wolf

the turtle

the snipe

Great Spirit, I offer this tobacco

Ah-ho!

✧Benediction

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

✧Our Response:

~ALL SING

Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.

Your Word lives on in us.

✧Postlude

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