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Welcome To Worship

October 23, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"Wait and See"

Rev. Trish Eckert



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

✧Prelude: Zo Trembley

✧Welcome and community news

- “Cherished Memories” continues to meet after worship in the parlor, and this is an Adult Education Sunday – please join us after worship in the sanctuary as we begin our exploration of Parker Palmer’s text: “On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old.” We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and wrap up at noon.
- We are continuing our Hungry Hearts ministry and preparing to relaunch Divine Intervention’s warming room – be sure to let Pastor Trish know if you want to participate. We continue to seek people who feel led to serve in these vital ways! Trish is happy to answer any questions and let you know about upcoming orientation opportunities.

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship ~ SING:

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment

“For Presence” by John O’Donohue

*Awaken to the mystery of being here
and enter the quiet immensity of your own presence.*

*Have joy and peace in the temple of your senses.
Receive encouragement when new frontiers beckon.*

*Respond to the call of your gift and the courage
to follow its path.*

Let the flame of anger free you of all falsity.

May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame.

May anxiety never linger about you.

*May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of
soul.*

*Take time to celebrate the quiet miracles that seek
no attention.*

Be consoled in the secret symmetry of your soul.

*May you experience each day as a sacred gift woven
around the heart of wonder.*

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

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

✧ **Kid's Time**

✧ **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 are reflecting on the gifts within us and around us.

Over the past month, we have explored individual spiritual gifts as well as the needs and the gifts woven through our connections to the wider world. Last week, Betty led you through an experiential worship service that lifted up the gift of spiritual practices and embracing the traditions of our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Let us continue to consider: How might our spiritual gifts support and strengthen our community? How are we supported and strengthened by others? When have we come to recognize a spiritual gift and how/when did we use it?

An important aspect of using our spiritual gifts is honing the ability to notice/recognize/hear/witness our spiritual gifts. Central to that ability is our self-awareness alongside the nature of our connection with the Divine/to the sacred. Today we will consider the words from one of the prophetic books of the Bible: Habakkuk. The theologian, Eugene Peterson, observes that Habakkuk is the kind of prophet, that instead of speaking God's Word to us, is actually speaking our word to God. I certainly appreciate someone else speaking on my behalf, sometimes! He describes Habakkuk as our "...companion who stands at our side," waiting and listening. Habakkuk's waiting and listening turns into praying. This is a deep comfort at times when we are hurting, when we've been waiting for insight or understanding, when we can't figure out the next step and wonder how to move forward.

This week, let's make space for questions, admit to confusion and impatience, name our grief – and in the process, notice the depth of our relationship with God and to each other as we walk alongside one another.

✧ **Gathering Hymn**

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

**ALL: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.
We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.
We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.
We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.
Thanks be to God.**

✧ **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.

✧ **Special Music**

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous- therefore judgment comes forth perverted.



I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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.

✧ **Message: *Wait and See***



✧ **Reflection Questions**

- ◇ Do I live as if I were aware of God's presence at all times?
- ◇ When have I had a sense of being nudged or led by God?
- ◇ Am I faithful in following my leadings? Am I supportive of the leadings of others?

✧ **Silent Reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn**

✧ **Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

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**

May all here find blessing in their lives,
hope in their days, and comfort in their nights.
Let us go now, in peace. 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**

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