



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

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Welcome To Worship

November 13, 2022

9:30 a.m.

"For Everything There is a Season"

Rev. Trish Eckert



The trees are about to
show us how lovely it is to
let things go

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

✧Prelude

✧Welcome and community news

- November 19 - Global Day of Prayer and Peace 10 am -noon at Tippe
You can go to this link to register, and to learn more about it:
<https://bit.ly/GlobalDayOfPrayer2022>
If you'd prefer to participate on zoom at home, you can register at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/global-day-for-compassion-and-peace-tickets-440946592127?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete>.
- November 20 - Annual Meeting
Have you filled out and submitted your HUGS pledge card?
- November 27 - Advent begins
Let's gather for a potluck and decorate Tippe for Christmas!

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship ~ SING:

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

✧Blessing

For a New Beginning – John O' Donohue

In out of the way places of the heart,
where your thoughts never think to
wander,
this beginning has been quietly
forming,
waiting until you were ready to
emerge.

For a long time it has watched your
desire,
feeling the emptiness growing inside
you,
noticing how you willed yourself on,
still unable to leave what you had
outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction
of safety
and the gray promises that sameness
whispered,
heard the waves of turmoil rise and
relent,
wondered would you always live like
this.

Then the delight, when your courage
kindled,
and out you stepped onto new ground,
your eyes young again with energy
and dream,
a path of plenitude opening before
you.

Though your destination is not yet
clear
you can trust the promise of this
opening;
unfurl yourself into the grace of
beginning
that is at one with your life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
hold nothing back, learn to find ease
in risk;
soon you will be home in a new
rhythm,
for your soul senses the world that
awaits you.

✧ **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: Kid's Time**

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme ~ Gifts and Gratitude**

This has been such a rich theme for us to explore this season! Awakening to our spiritual gifts - acknowledging and naming them within ourselves and through witnessing others - has empowered us to consider our individual formation as well as the journey of our faith community. Let's continue to reflect on the blessings, invitations, and opportunities that arrive daily. As we talked about it last week: *Jesus tells us that the elements we need – salt and light – are within us. God has equipped us, so now, Jesus says, “go out and do it!” If we are awake to what we carry within us and are willing to share it, we naturally make a difference. Think about it: if we each lived into our spiritual gifts every need in this world would be attended to!*

Gratitude quickly arises as we consider our gifts. What are you grateful for? What are you learning about yourself? About God? About the world? How might your gratitude spill over into joy and wonder? How might it heal anxiety or burnout? How might gratitude spur us on to give ourselves over to the divine?

✧ **Gathering Hymn #250 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”**



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

One: Children of God: welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

✧ **Sharing Our Innermost Lives with God**

Ever present God,

We thank you for always providing us a path to you, even as we wander and struggle.
We are grateful for this gathered community – a place where we find each other and find you.

By your grace you give us an eternal purpose.

By your grace you give us everything necessary to fulfill that calling:

Your very self before us, beside us, within us, among us.

You invite us to open our hearts to your abiding love; and so, we do. Amen

✧ **Special Music “Love”** (words by Rumi, music by Rosie Rain)

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

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8**

Everything Has Its Time

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

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: “For Everything There is a Season” Rev. Trish Eckert**



✧ **Reflection Questions**

- ◇ How might I listen more deeply during seasons of change?
- ◇ Am I willing to obey the still, small voice within?
- ◇ Am I cultivating a discipline of listening and watching so that I recognize the messages that come to me through dreams, prayers, meditations, friends, or my own body?

✧ **Short period of Silent Reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**



✧ Hymn “Turn, Turn, Turn”

LYRICS

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under
heaven

A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap
A time to kill, a time to heal
A time to laugh, a time to weep

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under
heaven

A time to build up, a time to break
down
A time to dance, a time to mourn
A time to cast away stones, a time to
gather stones together

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under
heaven

A time of love, a time of hate
A time of war, a time of peace
A time you may embrace, a time to
refrain from embracing

To everything (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time to every purpose, under
heaven

A time to gain, a time to lose
A time to rend, a time to sew
A time for love, a time for hate
A time for peace, I swear it's not too
late



✧Community Prayers, Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

God, lover of us all, most holy one. Help us to respond to you. To create what you want for us here on earth. Give us today enough for our needs. Forgive our weak and deliberate offences, just as we must forgive others when they hurt us. Help us to resist evil and to do what is good. For we are yours, endowed with your power to make your world whole. Amen.

✧**Benediction**

Blessed is the path on which you travel.
Blessed is the body that carries you upon it.
Blessed is your heart that has heard the call.
Blessed is your mind that discerns the way.
Blessed is the gift that you will receive by going.
Truly blessed is the gift that you will become on the journey.
May you go forth in peace.

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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