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# Welcome To Worship

July 30, 2023

9:30 a.m.



*Martha and Mary ~ He Qi, Artist*

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

*"Discipleship: Doing AND Being" Rev. Trish Eckert*

✧ **Prelude** Zo Trembley

✧ **Welcome and community news**

- Friday evening, **August 18** - join us for our next Tippe night out at Humboldt Park: 3000 S Howell
- Sunday, 9:30 am **August 20** - [“Fieldtrip!”](#)

We will worship together at Plymouth UCC Pastor Trish will preach and the Tippe community will have a chance to reconnect with one of our DI partner churches. We will not hold Sunday worship at Tippe that morning. Folks can meet at Tippe and drive over together: 2717 E Hampshire Street



- Wednesday, 6 pm **August 30** - we are cohosting the “Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue” with Grace Presbyterian at their church: 2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave!
- Saturday, noon **September 16** - Save the date! Larry Hartmann’s memorial and reception

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

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

✧ **A Reading as we Center Ourselves in this Moment**

*A Psalm Celebrating Beauty ~ Miriam Therese Winter in WomanWitness*

She walks in beauty  
as the night,  
veiled in the folds of mystery,  
concealing the deep, dark secret source  
of her integrity,  
revealing only what will inspire,  
so is she who walks with God.

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She rises in beauty  
as the dawn,  
radiant with newly awakened light,  
clear as far as the eye can see,  
slowly, surely, enticing all  
into the orb of her energy,  
so is she who rises with God.

She sits in beauty  
like a stone, certain of her appointed  
place,  
fundamental and firm to the insecure,  
unafraid to sit alone,  
so is she who sits with God.

She stands in beauty  
like a tree,  
deep-rooted, so no catastrophe  
can wipe her memory from the land,

nor fell her  
when she takes a stand,  
so is she who stands with God.

She is with Beauty constantly,  
she who enters the cosmic force  
of quintessential harmony,  
savoring all she has come to be,  
so is she who is with God.

She is beauty incarnate,  
the kind  
transcending sinew, stature, skin  
to thrill the participating mind  
and fill the senses.  
Who will find  
a clearer image of the Deity  
than she who is in God?



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

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

One: May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you

**All: And also with you**

One: Thanks be to God

✧ **Time for Young Hearts** “Growing in God’s Love”

## ✧ **Gathering as God's People: *Women in the Bible***

While exploring the theme of “women in the Bible,” we’ve reflected on three different stories from the Old Testament. We began with the story of Hagar in the Book of Genesis, observing her example of being fully awake to God’s presence. Next, we focused on the powerful narratives of women throughout the Book of Exodus who made it possible for Moses to fulfill his call, and finally last week we turned our attention to the deep love and connection between Ruth and Naomi, giving us a chance to consider how we might show up in others’ lives and what we most need in our relationships.

Now we turn to the New Testament, and the story that we turn to is that of Mary and Martha. It became pretty clear to me that this was the story I needed to contemplate this week, and I imagine that might prove to be true for others, as well. We will consider the different ways we express love, how we engage in discipleship, and the dance between “doing” and “being.” Let us continue to mine these stories for the wisdom and truth that can enlighten our lives and relationships.

✧ **Gathering Hymn** *To be announced.*

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

God of the journey,  
who calls us to travel with faith,  
who reminds us we are dust,  
yet breathes into us the breath of life, hear our prayer:

Bearer of the Sun,  
draw us into your heart of fire,  
that we may have light to uncover  
the unremembered stories  
and strength to endure their telling.

Creator of the world,  
awaken us to the blessedness of earth,  
that we may honor those who once dwelled  
along these paths that we now travel.

Spirit who hovered over the face of the deep,  
lead us to your life-giving waters,  
that we may give our tears  
to the depths and find refreshment and delight.

Helper who breathes life into each new generation,  
surround us with the winds of your spirit,  
and may we hear with tenderness the stories that they bear.

~ Jan L. Richardson, adapted from “Sacred Journeys: A Woman’s Book of Daily Prayer”

## ✧ Sharing our Innermost Lives with God

One: Living God, loving God,  
we thank You and we praise You

**All: for the power of Your presence deep in our hearts,  
the vitality of Your presence here in our midst,  
for this opportunity to come together to celebrate our common hope.**

One: We thank You for the many and diverse efforts  
that continue to contribute toward the building of a better world.

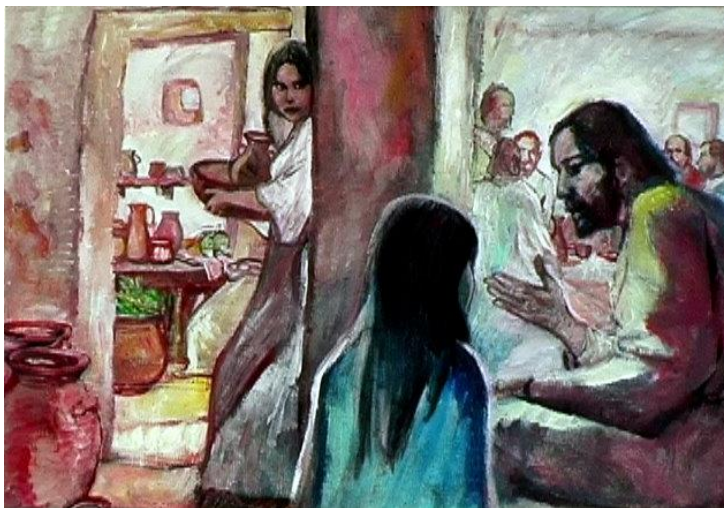
**All: Pour out your Spirit upon us.  
Confirm and strengthen our vision.  
Be the Hope that sustains us and strengthens us  
in these changing, challenging times.  
God of our foremothers, our God forever,  
glory and praise! Amen.**

## ✧ Special Music Zo Trembley

### ✧ Prayer of Intention

*Holy Spirit, may we hear your precious Word for us today. May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to the transformative message you have in store for each of us. Amen.*

## ✧ Bible Wisdom Teachings



### **Luke 10: 38-42**

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' 41 But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'



## **John 11: 17-35**

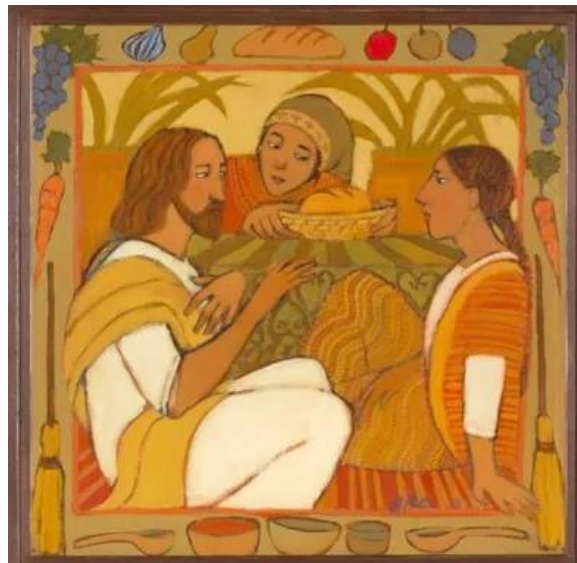
17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' 23 Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' 24 Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' 25 Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 27 She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' 33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34 He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' 35 Jesus began to weep.

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.**

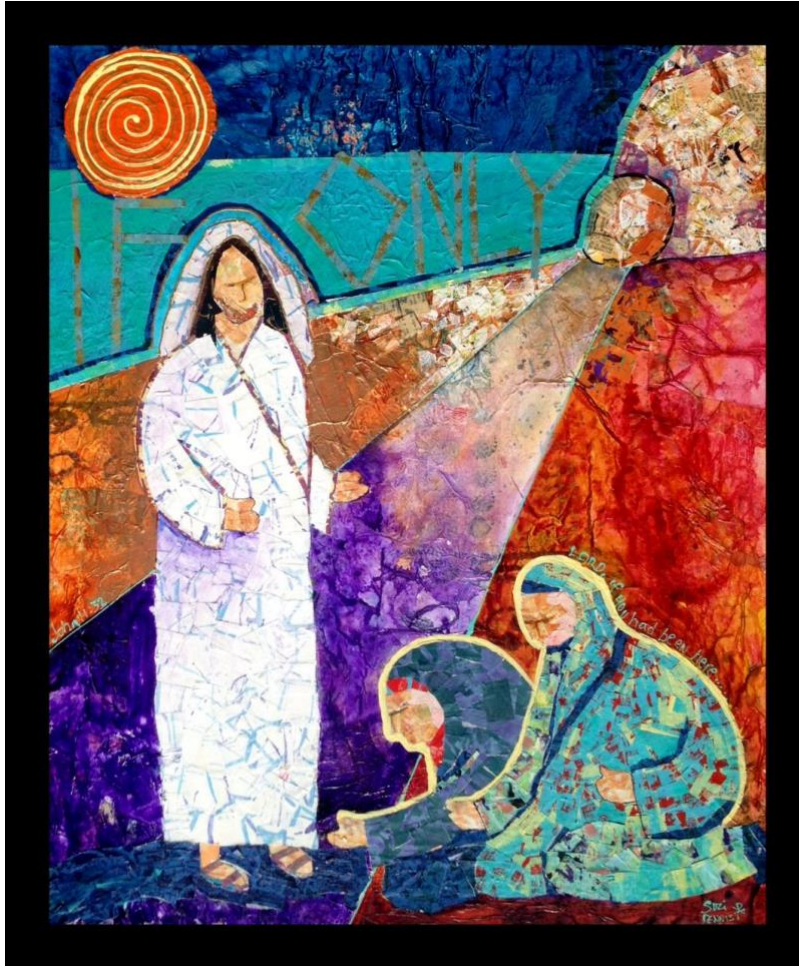
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## ✧ Reflection Questions

- What reminds you to seek balance in the being and doing of your life?
- How are you nurtured and sustained when you minister to others?
- In what ways do you easily show up in the world and what are your growing edges?
- How does your relationship with God enable you to integrate change and all that you are learning about yourself and the world?

## ✧ Short period of silent reflection



~ Suzi Dennis, Artist, *Mary and Martha with Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus*. "If only You had been...."

## ✧ Sharing Our Wisdom

✧ **Hymn** *To be announced.*

## ✧Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer



### **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: O cosmic Birther,  
from whom the breath of life comes,  
who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration.  
May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest.  
Your Heavenly Domain approaches.  
Let Your will come true  
in the universe just as on earth.  
Give us wisdom for our daily need,  
detach the fetters of faults  
that bind us, like we let go the guilt of others.  
Let us not be lost in superficial things,  
but let us be freed from that which keeps us from our true purpose.  
From You comes the all-working will,  
the lively strength to act,  
the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age.  
Sealed in trust, faith and truth, Amen.**

~ A translation from the original Aramaic

### ✧**Benediction**

May the power of the Holy Spirit come upon us.  
May the wisdom of godly women encourage us.  
May the cloud of witnesses accompany us.  
And may we witness to the ends of the earth. 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