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Welcome To Worship

June 25, 2023

9:30 a.m.



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

"Seeing What is Revealed to Us" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Prelude** Zo Trembley

✧ **Welcome and community news**

- Watch for the *Tippe Talk* newsletter emailed every first Tuesday of the month
- We are taking a “Tippe Break” next Sunday, July 2nd during the July 4th holiday weekend
- Tom Knuth’s memorial: July 8th at 1 pm at Tippe (Zoom will be provided)
- Larry Hartmann’s memorial: September 16th at noon at Tippe (Zoom will be provided)
- Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogues are resuming! First one on Wednesday, July 26th from 6-9 pm at the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, and Tippe will be cohosting the August 30th dinner at Grace Presbyterian! Stay tuned.

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

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

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

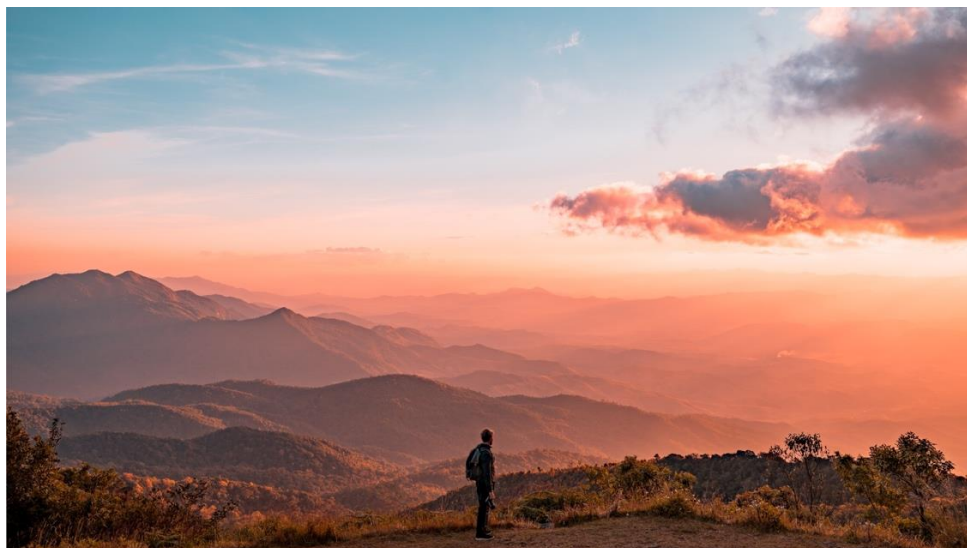
Meditation by Jan L. Richardson

From the dream-filled land, cry!
What shall I cry?
That all earth is sacred ground, the
dwelling-place of God.

From the rushing wave, cry!
What shall I cry?
That earth is drenched with mystery
dancing over the face of the deep.

From the restless wind, cry!
What shall I cry?
That the Spirit rushes through the one
placed in Her path.

From the burning flame, cry!
What shall I cry?
That creation is ablaze with the holy; to
see is to be consumed.



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

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

✧ **Kid's Time**

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

Throughout the summer, it seems the perfect time to experiment and explore, and what better way to do that than to go a bit off the beaten path and seek wisdom from the women who lead, question, suffer, seek, teach, and pray, throughout the Bible? There isn't an actual road map yet, but we'll find our way together! Today we begin with the difficult path that Hagar walks and turn our attention to what it means to open our eyes to see what is revealed to us.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 450 *Be Thou My Vision***

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

**ALL: Inhabit these glances,
God of my eyes.
Dwell in my gazing,
and in the line of my sight
make your home.
Let the force of my looking
lay bare the ways you hide
your spirit in in the shadows,
your laughter on the wing.**



✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

God of eye and ear,
of taste and touch,
of smell and of every
sense
and source of knowing,
bless me not
with sight alone

but bless me also
with ears to hear
your voice
and tongue to taste
your essence
and nose to breathe
your fragrance

and fingertips to touch
your nearness
and heart to open
that door
which is wisdom,
which is wonder,
which is all.

✧ **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 Teaching Genesis 21: 8-21**

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

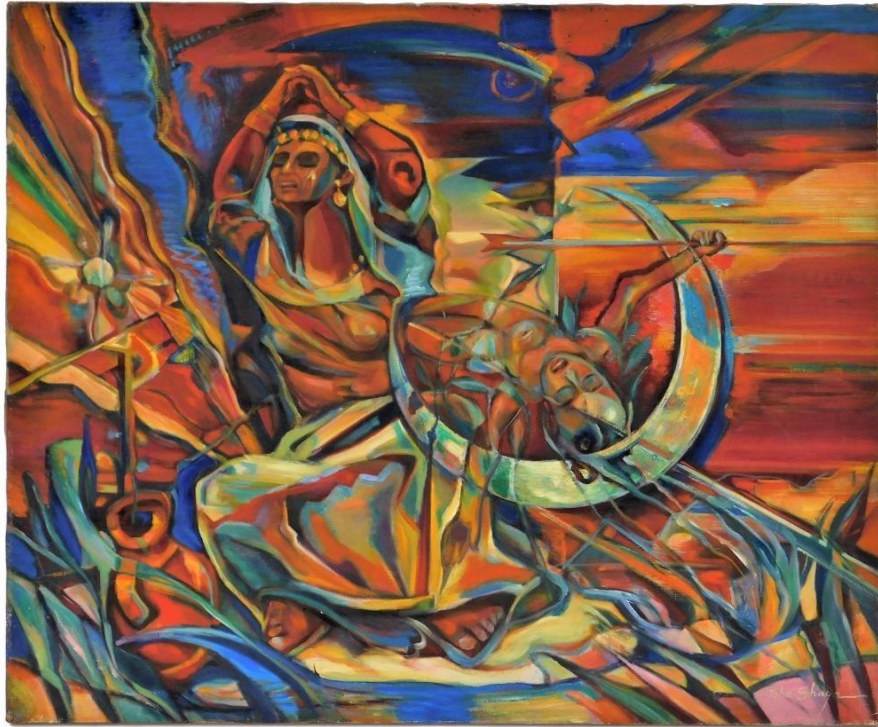
When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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** “Seeing What is Revealed To Us” Rev. Trish Eckert



✧ **Reflection Questions**

- When have you experienced being *seen* by the Divine?
- What do you yearn to see in your own life or that of others?
- What do you hope might be revealed to you?
- What have you glimpsed in the past that was life-giving?
- What images or “knowings” sustain you on your journey?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**



✧ **Hymn 451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See***

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain bearer, Life giver, Source of all that shall be. Father and Mother of us all. Loving God, in whom is heaven; May the hallowing of your name echo through the Universe! May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! May your heavenly will be done by all created beings! May your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and may it come on earth.

With the bread that we need for today, feed us. In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love. Now and forevermore. Amen.

~New Zealand prayer book

✧ **Benediction**

Blessed is the one who comes to us by the way of love poured out with abandon.
Blessed is the one who walks toward us by the way of grace that holds us fast.
Blessed is the one who calls us to follow in the way of blessing, in the path of joy.

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**

