



# Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

*"We take the Bible seriously, but we don't take it literally."*

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## Welcome To Worship

*April 13, 2025*  
9:30 a.m.



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

*"Full to the Brim: Even the Stones Cry Out" Rev. Trish Eckert*

✧ **Candle-lighting and Chimes**

✧ **Prelude *Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement)*, GTG #199**

✧ **Welcome and community news**

**Holy Week**

- Join us at **Tippe for Maundy Thursday services on April 17<sup>th</sup> at noon and 7 pm** – members of faith communities from the Southeast Clergy Association (SECA) will attend as well!
- **Good Friday** services will be held at Unity Lutheran Church at noon and 7 pm on April 18<sup>th</sup> 1025 E Oklahoma Ave ~ All are welcome!
- We look forward to seeing you at worship next Sunday morning, **Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Community Book Discussion – May 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30 pm**

**“Unclobber: Rethinking our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality”**

*Purchase the book. Read it. Come ready to discuss. Sign up to join us!*

*“UnClobber” reexamines what the Bible says (and does not say) about homosexuality in such a way that breathes fresh life into outdated and inaccurate assumptions and interpretations. The first session on May 5<sup>th</sup> will be at **Prince of Peace – 4419 S Howell Ave***

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

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

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✧ **A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment** Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed  
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***Even the Stones Will Cry Out***

The Pharisees found Jesus;  
they said,  
“Order your disciples to stop.”  
It’s not the first time  
justice was almost  
silenced. People stood on the  
sidelines shouting hosanna  
which means, “Save us,”  
“Save me.”  
It’s not the first time we’ve  
heard that cry from the street.  
The Pharisees said  
stop. They wanted the people  
quiet, but some things can’t be  
silenced.  
Justice will bubble up,  
hope will raise its head,  
love will rise to the surface.  
Hate and fear will try to  
drown them out,  
but you cannot silence  
what was here first,  
which was love,  
and it was good.  
It was so good.  
So even the stones will cry out.  
Remember that  
at your parade.

Justice will bubble up,  
hope will raise its head,  
love will rise to the surface.  
Amen.

✧ **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 *Praising God***

### ✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme~ *Full to the Brim***

The readings this season have provide stories that touch on our theme, "Full to the Brim," which speaks to fullness and expansive grace. The texts we've been exploring throughout Lent reveal a God who offers us boundless grace – grace that we often perceive as undeserved, unearned, and illogical. This challenges us to face the deeply ingrained belief that so many of us carry about whether or not we are worthy. Instead, we are encouraged to be authentically who we are, and to remain mindful that love is at the center of everything. As we move toward Holy Week, let us remember to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. May we remember to know and trust that we belong to God. May we increase our capacity to receive and give grace. May we discover the expansive life God dreams for us.

### ✧ **Gathering Hymn *Christ is Coming*, #360 GTG**

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

It is holy to gather.

**It is holy to sing.**

It is holy to be generous, to throw our coats on the road.

**It is holy to celebrate justice when we see it.**

It is holy to shout, "Hosanna!"

**It is holy to remember.**

It is holy to gather.

**It is holy to sing.**

Here and now, let us do all of these things.

#### ✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

##### ***Call to Confession***

The word 'hosanna' is often sung with joy and glee on this day. We process in, we wave palm branches, and it feels like a celebration. But the truth is, the word 'hosanna' actually means, "save us." The people along that parade route so many years ago were crying out to Jesus for help, because they knew—this world is not as it should be. There is still too much hurt here. They were crying, "Save us!"

In the prayer of confession, we have our own hosanna moment, because we cry out to God, admitting the ways in which we have fallen short, and we ask for God's saving hand.

So friends, let us pray together, as we face all that we struggle with.

##### ***Prayer of Confession***

God of street parades and hosannas,

**we know that you are counting on us to speak out against oppression,**

to speak up for love and to speak hope to fear,

**but so often we are silent.**

We worry that we'll say the wrong thing,  
**so we don't say anything at all.**  
We worry that we'll offend,  
**so we keep our convictions to ourselves.**  
We worry that we'll speak up and won't be heard,  
**so we stay silent.**  
And meanwhile, the parade marches on.  
**Unravel our fears. Spark conviction in us.**  
**Give us the courage to yell, "Hosanna!"**  
**Gratefully we pray, amen.**

### ***Words of Forgiveness***

Friends, even when we are silent,  
even when we are scared,  
even when we miss the moment,  
even when we choose to speak and say the wrong thing—  
we belong to God.  
There is nothing said or unsaid, done or undone that can undo that, so rest in this good news:  
**We are forgiven. We are known.**  
**We belong to God, every day and always. Amen.**

✧ **Special Music** *By my Side* music by Peggy Gordon, lyrics by Jay Hamburger

### ✧ **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God,  
sometimes life feels like a parade rushing by us  
as we stand on the sidelines and try not to miss it!

There are hundreds of things that catch our eye,  
but the thing we fear missing the most is you.

So slow down the speed on this parade.  
Paint the colors of this world a little brighter.  
And dance through the words in our scripture passage  
until it is almost impossible for us to miss you there.

God we are here.  
We are trying to pay attention.  
Gratefully we pray, amen.

Holy Spirit, may we hear your gracious 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

### Luke 19: 28-40

#### *Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*

28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it.'" 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' 34 They said, 'The Lord needs it.' 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!'

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' 40 He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

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** "Full to the Brim: Even the Stones Cry Out" Rev. Trish Eckert

We open with Mary Oliver's poem: *Do Stones Feel?*

Do Stones feel?

Do they love their life?

Or does their patience drown out everything else?

When I walk on the beach I gather a few  
white ones, dark ones, the multiple colors.

Don't worry, I say, I'll bring you back, and I do.

Is the tree as it rises delighted with its many  
branches

each one like a poem?

Are the clouds glad to unburden their bundles of rain?

Most of the world says no, no, it's not possible.

I refuse to think to such a conclusion.

Too terrible it would be, to be wrong.

Featuring: *Stone Stories*

- 1 Triumphal Entry
- 2 Jesus Cleanses the Temple
- 3 Upper Room
- 4 Praying in the Garden
- 5 Jesus' Arrest
- 6 Peter's Denial
- 7 Trial
- 8 Crucifixion
- 9 Jesus' Death
- 10 Jesus' Burial

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Hymn *Road to Jerusalem*** (see songsheet)

✧ **Affirmation of Faith**

*paraphrased from and inspired by Luke 19: 28-40*

Go to the village ahead of you, and you will find a colt tied there. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, say, "The Lord needs it."

We believe in a God of surprises.

**We believe in a God with a sense of humor.**

**We believe that there are things we may never understand,  
but we believe that even in the mystery, God is there.**

They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt, and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Today, we are each invited to welcome Jesus. Some will offer their voices. Some will offer their possessions. Some will offer their presence. All are important and valid. Thank you for what you give in this time of offering.

**Offertory Hymn #712 GTG *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought***  
(verse 1)

**Offertory Blessing**

Gracious and welcoming God, today we recognize that not all offerings are money. May all our offerings be used to joyfully proclaim your vision and hope for our world. Amen.

✧ **Prayers of the People**  
**Community Prayers**  
**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Holy One beyond all names**  
**Eternal Wellspring**  
**May love rise again in us today**  
**With food for every table**  
**Shelter for every family**  
**And reverence for every life.**  
**Forgive us our failings in love**  
**And free us from all falseness**  
**That the light of our souls may shine**  
**And the strength of our spirits endure**  
**For Earth and all its people**  
**This day, tonight, and forever. Amen**

~ John Philip Newell – Celtic Version of the Lord's Prayer

✧ **Benediction**

As you leave this place,  
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.  
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.  
May you overflow with love for those around you.  
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.  
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,  
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,  
and may it change your life.  
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—  
go in peace, full to the brim. 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** *Jesus, Remember Me, Brother Jacques Berthier* ~ Tippe Musicians