



# Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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## Welcome To Worship

August 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.



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

*"Out of the Depths" Rev. Trish Eckert*

## ✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

### ✧Prelude “Ton-Y-Botel” ~ Zo Trembley

*“Once to every soul and nation, come the moment to decide.  
In the war of truth with falsehood for the good or evil side.”*

### ✧Welcome and community news

As we continue in the discernment process with Grace Presbyterian Church about the potential of partnering together in ministry, both congregations are engaging in a “culture” survey. **We would so appreciate your participation in the “Innovation Culture Index” online survey** – Grace and Tippe are completing the questionnaire separately. The results will illustrate how our community responds to change, how we act on new ideas and/or include different voices and perspectives, what we believe about our reason for existing as a church and give us a sense of our vision as a community. **The questionnaire can be completed in 10-15 minutes. Please complete the survey by Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Your responses will inform our ongoing conversations with the Grace/Tippe Exploration Committee. We are seeking a high level of participation because with more responses, we’ll gather a broader and deeper understanding of our community’s values and approaches.

**Tippe’s unique ICI questionnaire is available at this link:**

<https://mqxazakjof6.typeform.com/Tippacanoe>

**Our group access code is: 9indicators**

Each participant will receive their individual results via email at the address they provide immediately upon submitting their online ICI questionnaire. The group facilitator will then receive all the scores on a spreadsheet – individuals will not be able to see other’s scores. Please be in touch with Pastor Trish directly with any questions or concerns via email or phone.

Our final **Summer Supper Service** of the season with Prince of Peace will be on **Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** here at Tippe on the labyrinth. Potluck and fellowship begins at 5:30 pm followed by a short worship service beginning at 6:30 pm. Join us for a “Blessing of the pets” – bring your pet, bring a chair, and bring a dish to pass.

**Save the dates:** Tippe will take part in an **ecumenical worship service at Humboldt Park on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am** in partnership with other Southeast Clergy Association congregations. We’ll gather at the bandshell for worship.

During our Sunday morning worship service here at Tippe on **September 29<sup>th</sup>**, we **will celebrate the life of beloved Tippe member, Barbara Wooldrage** through music, prayer, and reflection. Join us afterward for an extra special Tippe Café!

✧ **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**

*The Sigh*

When it is necessary to drink so much pain,  
when a river of anguish  
drowns us,  
when we have wept many tears  
and they flow like rivers  
from our sad eyes,  
only then  
does the deep hidden sigh of our neighbor  
become our own.

~ Julia Esquivel

from "The Certainty of Spring: Poems by a Guatemalan in Exile"

✧ **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** *Going Deep*

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme – Psalms as Living Prayers**

While exploring the Psalms over the past couple of months, we have become more agile at naming the range of feelings that wash over us and recognizing the paradoxes in our lives.

The theologian Walter Brueggemann tells us that the Psalms speak to us through "the voice of our own common humanity.... It speaks about life the way it really is... in those deeply human dimensions the same issues and possibilities persist...when we turn to the Psalms it means we enter into the midst of that voice of humanity and decide to take our stand with that voice. We are prepared to speak among them and with them and for them, to express our solidarity in this anguished, joyous human pilgrimage."

The Bible Wisdom teachings speak to us most powerfully when we tune our ears to hear the words anew and consider them through the lens of our own lives. Then, the words of the text influence our self-understanding while at the same time our experience brings vitality and relevance to the Scripture.

Brueggemann observes that all of the Psalms fall within three categories that align with the seasons of our lives: orientation, disorientation, and new orientation.

We opened our Summer Series on the Psalms with a lamentation Psalm, and it seems fitting to wrap up with a lamentation, as well – kind of like bookends of lament. Lamentations falls within the category of disorientation, which so often resonates for each of us. Psalm 130 emphasizes yearning, struggling with impatience, striving to wait, and seeking comfort and hope. This certainly speaks to me these days, and likely, it speaks to part of you as well.

### ✧ **Gathering Hymn No. 307 (GTG), vs. 1,2,4 “God of Grace and God of Glory”**

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

One: To you, O God, we hold out our hearts.  
Deal gently with them, we pray.  
Increase their love with your forgiveness;  
soften their bitterness with your peace.

**ALL: Until peace comes,  
we will wait and watch.**

To you, O God, we hold out our hungers.  
Have mercy on them, we pray.  
Rain down with manna to renew our hope;  
quench our despair from the wellspring  
of your love.

**ALL: Until hope comes,  
we will wait and watch.**

To you, O God, we hold out our wounds.  
Heal their shame, we pray.  
Bind up their bleeding and wipe their tears,  
and we will praise the balm of our salvation.

**ALL: Until a salve comes,  
we will wait and watch.**

To you, O God, we hold out our lives.  
Be with them in this wilderness, we pray.  
With each breath, dawn a new day;  
in each death, light a light to comfort us.

**ALL: Until a new day comes,  
we will wait and watch. Amen.**

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

Gracious God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. Reveal to us how to be present to the brokenness of the world and strive to support what brings wholeness and healing. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds as we walk your path. Amen

#### ✧ **Special Music Meditation on Psalm 130 (No. 791, vs. 1,2,3 GTG)**

## ✧ **Prayer of Intention**

*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**

### **Psalm 130**

*Waiting for Divine Redemption*

*A Song of Ascents.*

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

2 Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with you,  
so that you may be revered.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

6 my soul waits for the Lord  
more than those who watch for the morning,  
more than those who watch for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!  
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.

8 It is he who will redeem Israel  
from all its iniquities.

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 “Out of the Depths”** Rev. Trish Eckert

## ✧ **Reflection Questions**

- What are you yearning for?
- In what areas of your life are you feeling frustrated or impatient?
- What enables you to wait?
- In what ways are you experiencing brokenness?
- What might forgiveness and healing look like for you

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn No. 5 (WAP) “All That We Have”**

✧ **Our gifts of support**

We wait, often impatiently, for things to change, for our situations to improve, for our struggles to dissipate. Let us remember that there is still so much to be grateful for and so much that we can share with others. God calls us to give out of our bounty, that all might have enough to live on without fear. With eager hearts, let us joyfully give out of our abundance. Amen.

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**All:**

**Our Parent,  
Perfect Love,  
We turn again to You.**

**(and ourselves as well);  
and to look on them as you look on  
us.**

**Guide us;  
help us to love,  
so that Your Will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us strength to resist  
temptation.  
When we are tempted, let us  
choose peace.**

**Give us this day  
that which we need.  
Fill us with hope and trust.**

**Deliver us from our fears.  
For what You love is safe.  
And Your love remains forever  
and always. Amen.**

**Help us to forgive  
our brothers and sisters**

*~Adapted from alternative  
version written by Quaker author,  
Peter Parr*

✧ **Benediction**

May we cry out to God  
on behalf of ourselves and others  
May we wait  
May we hope  
May we know God’s love  
and share it generously in ever-widening circles of community. 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** “We Cannot Measure How You Heal” ~ Zo Trembley  
(“*Ye Banks and Braes*”—*Iona community*)