



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

August 18, 2024

9:30 a.m.



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

"Red in Tooth and Claw" Rev. Zo Trembley

✧Candle-lighting and chimes

✧**Prelude** A Grateful Heart (Psalm 111) Tippe Musicians

✧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 18th.**

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/Tippacano>

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 21st** 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.

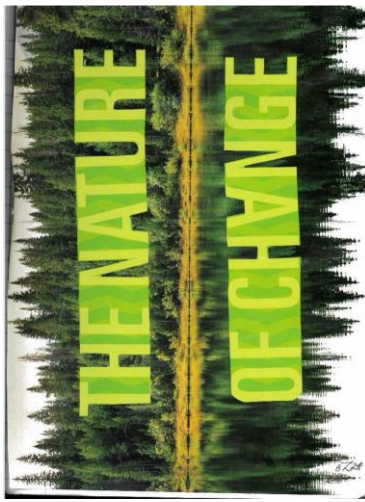
Save the dates: Tippe will take part in an **ecumenical worship service at Humboldt Park on Sunday, September 8th at 10 am** in partnership with other Southeast Clergy Association congregations. Worship will take place at the bandshell – please bring a chair if you can. We’ll gather for a potluck afterward (SECA will provide sandwiches, bottled water and table service) so bring a dish to pass.

During our Sunday morning worship service here at Tippe on **September 29th**, 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 Psalm of Praise** (from Psalm 111)

One: Praise the Sovereign God!

I: With all my heart I will thank God

II: in the assembly of God's people.

I: How wonderful are the things God does!

II: All who are delighted with them
want to understand them.

I: All God does is full of honor and majesty,

II: God's righteousness is eternal.

I: The Sovereign God does not let us forget
these wonderful actions;

II: God is kind and merciful.

I: All God does is faithful and just;

II: All God's commands are dependable.

I: They last for all time;

II: they were given in truth and righteousness.

I: God set God's people free

II: and made an eternal covenant with them.

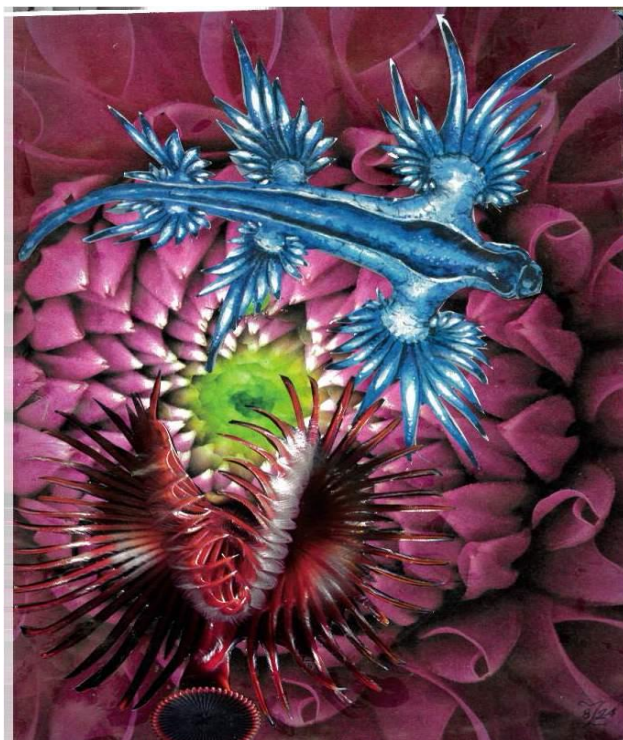
I: The way to become wise is to have reverence
for the Sovereign God.

II: God gives sound judgment to all
who obey God's commands.

One: Praise God forever.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 174 (GTG)** *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

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



✧ **Becoming Present to God**

**All: Divine Spirit of Life,
Alive at the center of my being,
I wish to be open to you
and surrender to you in love.**

**May my sacred word, which I will pray
when I become aware of anything else,
be a sign and symbol of my intention
to consent to your
presence and action within.**

One: Be still and know that I am God (*Psalm 46:10*).

~ 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

✧Reflection Questions

What is the difference between advice and wisdom?
The Bible is a complicated and confusing library of traditions,
how do you find the wisdom?
What is the wisdom that you live by?

✧ Prayer of Intention

One: Holy Spirit, may we hear your gracious Word for us today.

**All: May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open
our ears, our minds, and our hearts**

One: To the transformative message you have in store
for each of us.

All: Amen.

✧Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures- Proverbs 9:1-6

✧Special Music *Two-Part Invention IV -- J. S. Bach*

Willie Gonwa; Zo Trembley

✧Gospel Lesson- John 6:51-58

✧Message “Red in Tooth and Claw” – Rev. Zo Trembley

One: May the words of my mouth,

**All: And the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to you, O God,
our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

(Psalm 19:14)

✧Time for silent reflection

✧Sharing Our Wisdom

✧Our gifts of support

One: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who though he was rich,

**All: For our sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty
we might be made rich. Amen.**

✧ **Community Prayers . . . Pastoral Prayer . . . The Lord's Prayer**

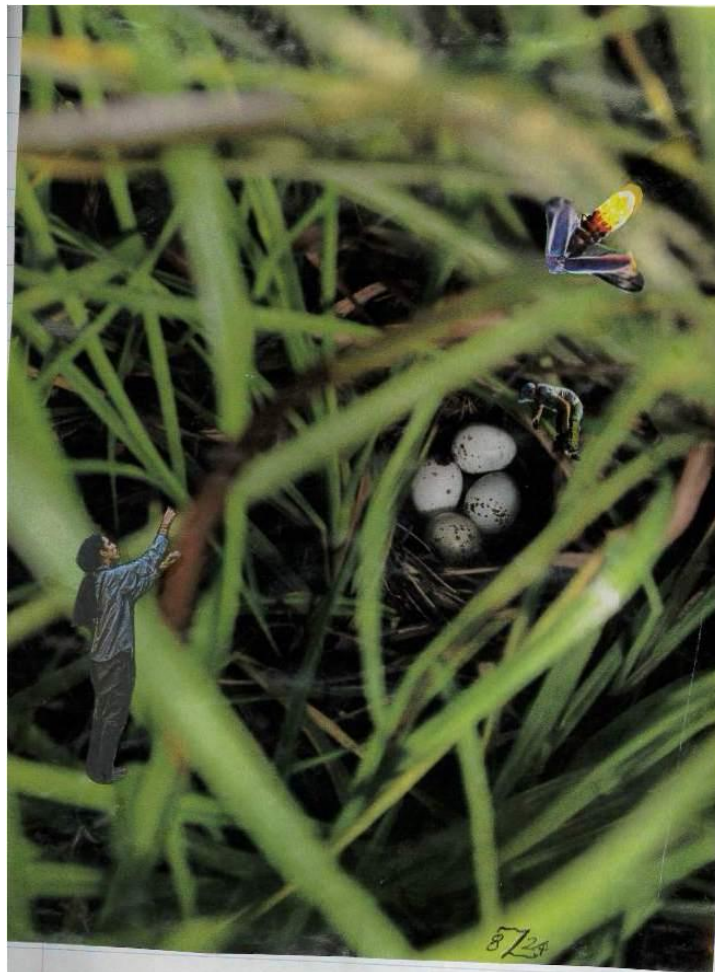
**All: Our Abba-Amma, who is alive at the center of the
the Universe and alive within us,
you are the Great Mystery, yet by the gift of love
we hold you in our hearts and minds,
in the depths of our very being.**

**Help us to live in the hope of your promised realm.
Teach us to know and do your will for all Creation.**

**Give us the gift of compassion that we might treat others
with the compassion you show to us.**

**Guard our spirits from the lures that would draw us
away from you.**

**Keep us safe within your protective embrace,
that enfolds us in the arms of your people,
now and forever. Amen.**



✧ **Hymn 522 (GTG) I Am the Bread of Life (Sung without refrain)**

✧ **Benediction**

One: May we go out from this time and place,
laying aside immaturity,

All: and live and walk in the way of insight.

One: Let us feast at Wisdom's table.

All: Let us eat of her bread and drink her wine,

One: And so be nourished with joy, hope, and trust.

✧ **Parting Words**

One: Now that the worship has ended, may the service truly begin.

All: (Sung) Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.

Your Word lives on in us.

✧ **Postlude *Praise to You, O God of Mercy* Tippe Musicians**

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Collage Art by Zo Trembley

Cover: "Safe"

"The Nature of Change"

"Mysterious Creation"

"Hidden Treasures"