



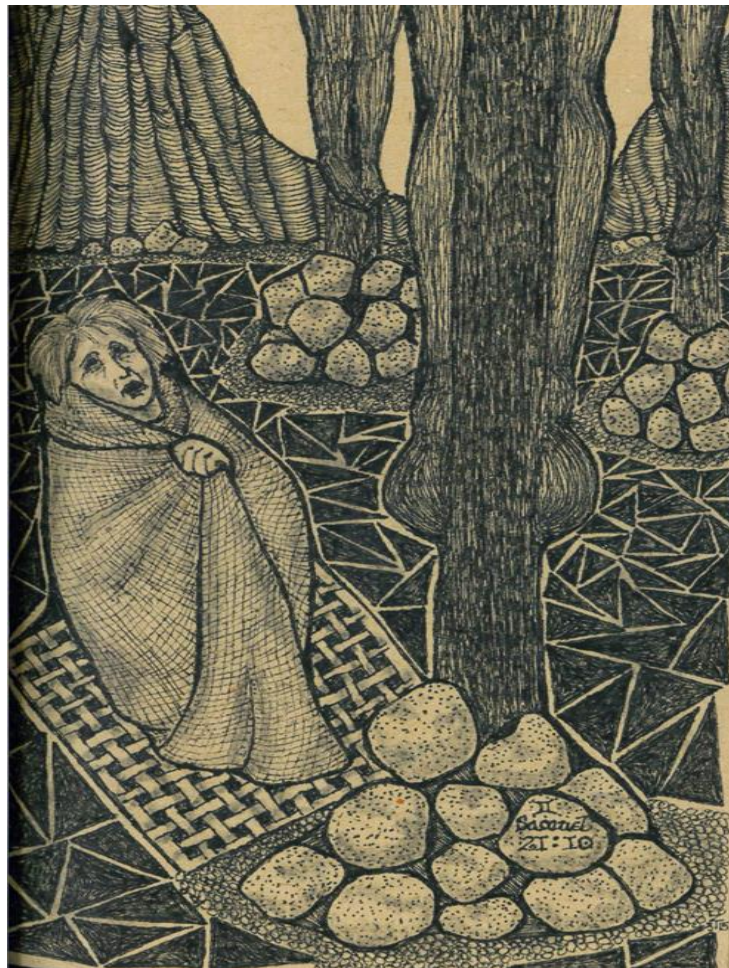
"A Community Of Many Faithing Communities Where All Belong!"

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Welcome To Worship

August 13, 2023

9:30 a.m.



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

"Rizpah - by Day and by Night" Rev. Zo Trembley

Candle lighting and Chimes

Prelude: Betsy Gonwa

Welcome and Community News

- Tippe Night Out Friday, August 18th 6:30 pm Humboldt Park – 3000 S Howell
- Worship at Plymouth UCC Sunday, August 20th 9:30 am – 2717 E Hampshire
- Cohosting Interfaiths Dinner at Grace Wednesday, August 30th 6-8:30 pm 2931 S Kinnickinnic
- Larry Hartmann's memorial service Saturday, September 16th noon

Readying Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

Antiphonal Psalm: *from* Psalm 105

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

Left: O give thanks to God, call on God's name.

Right: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Left: Sing to God, sing praises to God'

Right; Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice.

Left: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

Right: God's miracles, and the judgments God uttered.

Left: O offspring of God's servants Abraham and Sarah,

Right: Children of God's chosen ones.

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Checking-in with Ourselves and Each Other

The Joy of Passing the Peace

Time for Young Hearts

Gathering Hymn: “A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar,” No. 201 (GTG)

Opening Ourselves to God’s Grace

One: God’s message is near us.

All: On our lips and in our hearts.

One: It is by our faith that we are put right with God;

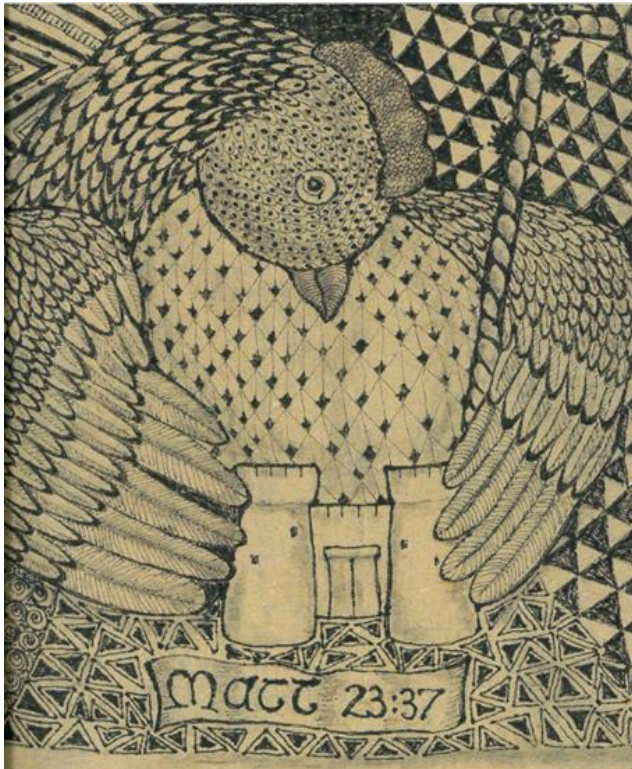
All: Whoever believes in God will not be disappointed.

One: This includes everyone,

All: God is the same Sovereign of all,

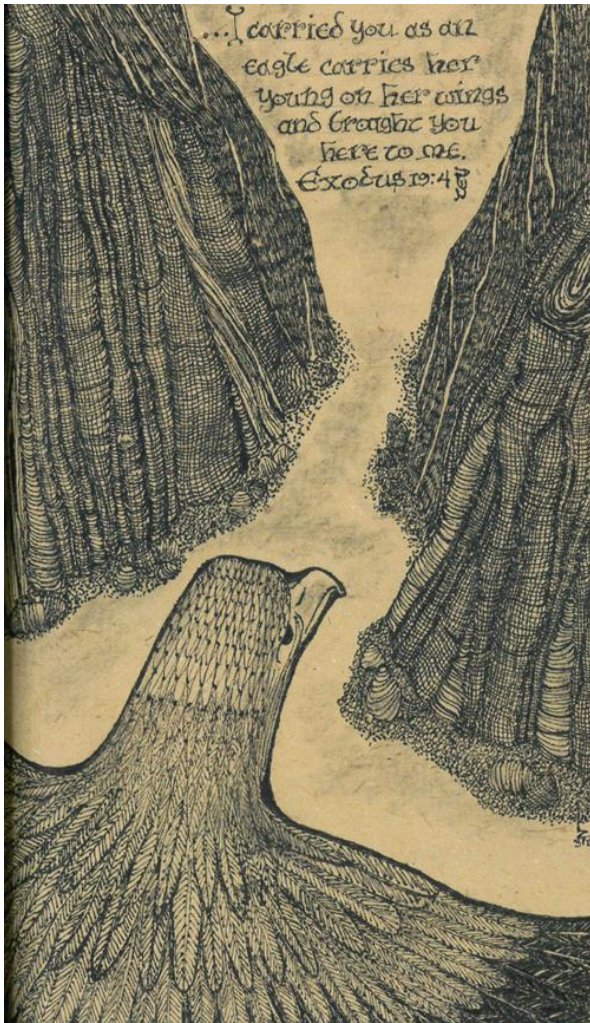
One: And richly blesses all who call out to God.

All: Everyone who calls out to God for help will be saved.



Sharing Our Inmost Lives with God

Gracious God, we come to you filled with gratitude and praise, but also with pain and struggles. Help us to open ourselves to you in trust. We call out to you for help and healing, for encouragement and empowerment. Open the eyes of our hearts to blessings in our lives. Open the ears of our ears to hear your words of hope and comfort. Open our spirits to recognize the nearness of your Spirit – closer to us than we are to ourselves. *(Some time for silent reflection)*
Amen.



Reflection Questions . . .

- What does it mean to be courageous?
- Where do you find the determination to do what needs doing?
- What is the hardest thing you have ever done for someone you love?
- What from your experience does forgiveness or being forgiven mean to you?

Special Music: Betsy Gonwa

Prayer of Intention

Spirit, as we reach out to you, may we sense you reaching out to us. As we call upon your help, may we hear your call upon our lives. Fill our hearts with your love that we might recognize and receive your good news. Inspire our minds with your holy wisdom; transform us by your living presence in our very midst. Amen.

Readings from the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures:

Romans 10:5-15; 2 Samuel 21:1-14

One: May we hear anew the origin stories our faith and draw
from the roots of our tradition.

All: Thanks be to our God.

Message: “Rizpah -- by Day and by Night” (*Text:* 2 Samuel 21:10)
-- The 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.**

(from Psalm 19:14)

Time of Silent Reflection

Sharing Our Wisdom

Community Prayers; Pastoral Prayer; The Lord's Prayer . . .

**O God, you love us better than any human parent;
you are present in every dimension of our lives.
May awareness of your nature fill the Universe.
May your love, truth, and justice become a living reality.
Nurture and sustain us with what we need for today.
Forgive us for missing the mark of your intention for us;
let your forgiveness teach us
how we can forgive others and ourselves.
Lead us into the promised realm of your joy, peace, truth, love,
and wholeness;
Keep us from seeking anything less.
For in you we know the Eternal Now at the intersection
of time and eternity. Amen.**



Closing Hymn: “God, How Can We Forgive,” No. 445 (GTG)

Benediction

One: All shall be well;

Left: And all shall be well.

Right: And all shall be well.

One: And all manner of things shall be well.

All: And all manner of things shall be well. Amen.

(Julian of Norwich)

One: 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: Betsy Gonwa