



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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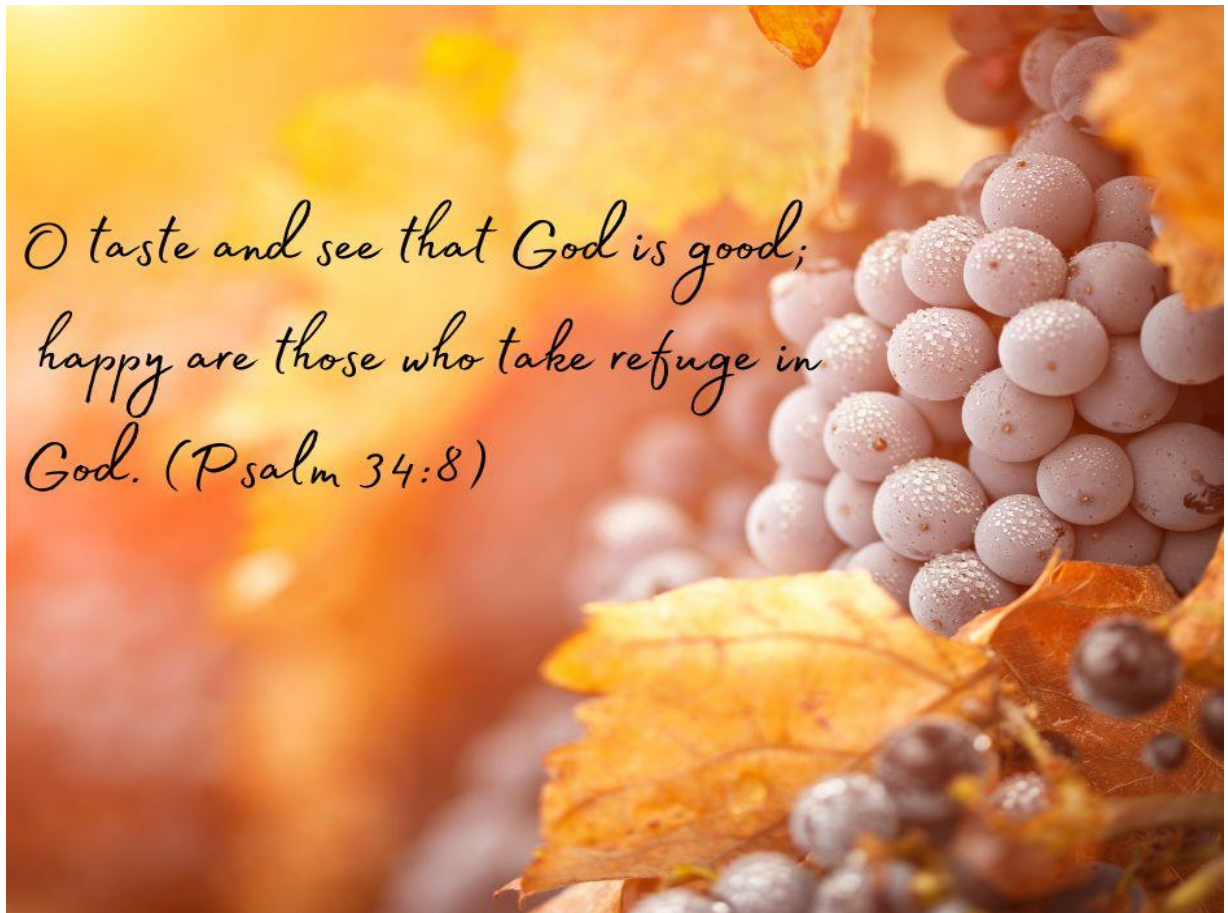
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Welcome To Worship

October 27, 2024

9:30 a.m.



*O taste and see that God is good;
happy are those who take refuge in
God. (Psalm 34:8)*

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

"Take Heart ~ Hear and Be Glad" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude "Be Now My Vision"** -- *Ancient Irish Text, Traditional Irish Melody (Slane)* ~Tippe Musicians

✧Welcome and community news

HUGS - our annual fundraising campaign is underway! Please get your pledges to us as quickly as possible, as your responses enable us to finish developing the 2025 Tippe budget. Let us know if you haven't received your invitation to contribute.

Adult Education Class opportunity – led by Diane Wirhanowicz Participants will gather for about an hour each Sunday in the parlor after worship on November 3, 10, 17, & 24 to explore Richard Rohr's writings and teachings. All are welcome!

Divine Intervention orientations are scheduled to take place on the next three Sundays from 4-5:30 pm here in the sanctuary, beginning this Sunday, October 27th, and then November 3rd and 10th. We invite you to join us to learn more about this vital ministry as you discern the ways you might participate in supporting those in need of shelter. We only ask that you attend one.

Tomorrow is the final day to **submit your holiday cookie recipes** for the 2024 holiday season! Send your recipes to Deacon Janet Scheffel at tippecares@gmail.com by tomorrow, *Monday, October 28th*. When you submit your recipe, provide a bit of history regarding the recipe you are sharing – maybe it's an old family recipe, or there is a particular memory attached to it or a specific reason that you like this recipe.

A reminder that next Sunday, **November 3rd** is when we shift out of "daylight savings time," which means we **fall back an hour**, so be sure to come to our 9:30 am service at the *new* 9:30 ;)

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧A Blessing as we Center Ourselves in this Moment

Blessing ~ by Christine Valters Paintner from her book, "Birthing the Holy: Wisdom from Mary to Nurture Creativity and Renewal"

Holy Mary, Mirror of Justice,
you reflect back to us what is possible
in a world of corruption and suffering.
You hold a vision of a new creation;
your very being magnifies the Divine
and reveals a pathway of justice

where each person and being
is well nourished and loved.
Where everyone has more than enough,
an abundance for flourishing.
Where each one is cherished
for exactly who they are.
You call on us to care for those
who dwell on the edges,
to bring them to the center of our concern.
You empower us to resist violence
in all of its forms and to shower
this world with care and kindness.
Help us transform this world
with love, compassion, and justice.

✧ **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

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme – Naming our Gratitude and Gleaning Encouragement**

At this point in the season, it seems a good opportunity to take time to reflect, to look back and recognize all that we're grateful for, to notice what is most important to us and celebrate what is unfolding for us as individuals and as a community. This morning we continue to contemplate aspects of discipleship and service. In our Bible Wisdom teachings this morning, we'll hear the people say, "take heart" – a phrase of encouragement, and we'll hear the psalmist exclaim, "let the humble hear and be glad!"

This fall we've been considering what discipleship looks like, and celebrating the many ways we each are part of this community, and reflecting on our gifts and how to share them generously.

Today, I hope we can consider: how might we, like Mary, in the blessing we heard earlier, "become mirrors of the divine path to wholeness?"

Let us recognize where we've been and where we're going, let us be encouraged, let us listen deeply and be glad, even as we face the unknown, and as we anticipate challenges – may we root ourselves in joy and imagine the possibilities as we walk in faith together.

✧ **Gathering Hymn "God of Change and Glory" No. 177**

✧**Opening Ourselves to God's Grace**

When we are happy,
When we are full of fun and laughter,
God welcomes us.

When we are angry,
When people let us down and make us sad,
God welcomes us.

When we are tired,
When we need to stop and curl up and rest,
God welcomes us.

God of welcome,
God whose door is always open,
We are glad to meet you here. (From "The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community")

✧**Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

God of our lives, you are always calling us to follow you into the future, inviting us to new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care, new ways to touch the hearts of all.

When we are fearful of the unknown, give us courage.
When we worry that we are not up to the task, remind us that you would not call us if you did not believe in us.

When we get tired or feel disappointed with the way things are going, remind us that you can bring change and hope out of the most difficult situations.

Let us pray:

God, we live in a world that needs to change.
We are part of the world.
We do things that hurt each other,
things that are wrong.
There are things that we need to sort out.

A silent moment to think about these things.

**God, we are sorry.
We want to do things differently.**

Let us listen to God's words,
words for those who want to change.
In Jesus, God says to us:
"I know you are sorry.

I forgive you.
I love you. Don't be afraid."

God, thank you.

Thank you for your love.

Amen. (From "The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Iona Community")

✧ **Special Music "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" -- Ghanaian Melody**
~Tippe Musicians

**Congregation: Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love,
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

✧ **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**

Mark 10: 46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' 48 Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' 49 Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' 50 So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' 52 Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Psalm 34: 1-8

I will bless God at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 My soul makes its boast in God;
let the humble hear and be glad.

3 O magnify God with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.

4 I sought God, and God answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

5 Look to God, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

6 This poor soul cried, and was heard by God,
and was saved from every trouble.

7 The angel of God encamps
around those who fear God, and delivers them.

8 O taste and see that God is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.

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** “Take Heart ~ Hear and Be Glad” Rev. Trish Eckert

✧**Reflection Questions**

- How might we, like Mary, in the blessing we heard earlier, “become mirrors of the divine path to wholeness?”
- Do the things we want to bring into being help to support and sustain others, especially those most vulnerable, or do they uphold the status quo?
- How might we also more clearly reflect the divine heart and longing for a world where all are uplifted?

✧**Short period of silent reflection**

✧**Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧**Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me" No. 726, vs 1-4**

✧**Our gifts of support**

Offertory Hymn "Will You Come and Follow Me," v. 5

Offertory Blessing

Giver of life and Source of freedom,
We know that all we have received is from Your hand.
You call us to be stewards of Your abundance,
the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us.
Help us to always use Your gifts wisely
and teach us to share them generously.
May our faithful stewardship bear witness to
Your constant love. Amen.

✧**Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

Please join in speaking the words in bold when asked:

Into the dark places of our world
Where people are frightened and hungry,
God bring light, bring love.

Into places where people are fighting,
Into places where people have no homes,

God bring light, bring love.

Into the places where we feel unsafe,
Into situations that hurt us and scare us,
God bring light, bring love.

We ask our prayers in Jesus' name and in the Holy Spirit's power. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Most compassionate Life-giver,
may we honor and praise you:
may we work with you to establish
your new order of justice, peace and love.**

**Give us what we need for growth,
and help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.**

**Strengthen us in the time of testing,
that we may resist all evil.
For all the tenderness,
strength and love are yours, now and forever. Amen.**
~ (W Wallace)

✧Benediction

May the Source of life hold you in the faith;
the Word of life speak clearly in truth around you;
and Breath of life, of grace, of wisdom,
sing in your inmost being this day and all your days.

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 "Be Now My Vision" ~Tippe Musicians