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Welcome To Worship

April 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.



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

"A Ghost Story" The Rev. Zo Trembley



✧ **Lighting the Christ Candle and Sounding the Chimes** *Let there be a little silence*

✧ **Prelude “Open Our Eyes, God”** -- Bob Call. *Tippe Musicians*

✧ **Welcome and community news**

✧ **Reading Ourselves for Worship**
Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

✧ **Time for Reflection as We Center Ourselves in this Moment.**

As a youngster I described God as:

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Now I describe God as:

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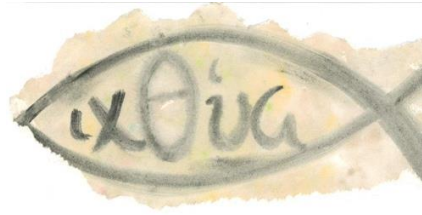
✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other-** Our Check-In

✧ **The Joy of Passing the Peace**

One: May the peace that passes all understanding be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Thanks be to God.



✧ **Time for Young Hearts** (*1 John 3:1*)

“... Since the people of this world did not know who Christ is, they don't know who we are.”

✧ **Gathering Hymn: “Now the Green Blade Rises”**—John M.C. Crum

Now the green blade ris-es, from the bur-ied grain.
Wheat that in dark earth for man-y days has lain;
Love lives a-gain, that with the dead has been

Love is come a-gain like wheat that ris-es green.

In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,
Think-ing that their Love would nev-er wake a-gain,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un-seen (*Love . . .*

Christ came forth at Eas-ter, like the ris-en grain,
Je-sus, who for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen: (*Love . . .*

When our hearts are win-try, griev-ing, or in pain,
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a-gain.
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: (*Love . . .*

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

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

One: May our sacred words, which we will pray,
When we become aware of anything else,
**All: Be a sign and symbol of my intention
to consent to your
Presence and action within.**

Let there be a little silence.

✧Prayer for Illumination

One: Holy God, we come with wintry hearts, grieving and in pain.

All: We fear that love will never wake in us again.

One: We have laid our hearts and hopes in the grave;

All: We need your warm touch to call us back to life.

One: Rekindle the fires within to rise with a dancing flame.

All: Silence the noise, so that we can hear your voice.

One: Open the eyes of our eyes, so that we can see you alive in our midst.

All: We pray all this in Christ's name. Amen.



✧Special Music: “*Love Is My Name*” -- Prayer Chant
The Congregation

✧An Affirmation of Our Faith (*from Acts 3:12-19*):

One: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

All: The God of our ancestors,

One: Has given divine glory to God's Servant Jesus,

All: But he was handed over to the authorities,

One: To Pontius Pilate. He was rejected and killed.

All: The one who leads to life was killed,

One: But God raised that one from death –

All: And we are witnesses to this. Amen.

✧Prayer of Intention

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

All: May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love,

One: As we open our ears,

All: Our minds, and our hearts

One: To the transformative message you have in store

All: For each of us. Amen.

✧The Scripture Lessons

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48

✧Prayer for Inspiration (*from Psalm 19:14*)

One: May the words of my mouth,

**All: And the meditations of our hearts,
Be acceptable in your sight, O God,
our rock and our redeemer.**

✧Message: “A Ghost Story”—The Rev. Zo Trembley

✧Reflection and Sharing Our Wisdom

Imagine that Jesus is coming to town and will be your guest. Working as a planning committee, decide upon a meal to celebrate his presence. Will you hold a candlelight dinner, a potluck, or a picnic? Who will you include on the guest list? How will you invite them? Where and when will you hold the event? In reporting your plan, please explain the reasons behind your choices.

✧Hymn: “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” -- Appalachian Folk Song

What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What won-drous love is, O my soul!
What won-drous love is this! That Christ should come in bliss
to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, Ill sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on!
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be,
and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

✧ **Our Gifts of Support**

One: For you know the grace of Christ Jesus,
who for our sakes became poor,

**All: So that by his poverty we might be
made rich.**

One: We offer ourselves and our gifts to you, O God. Amen.

✧ **Call to Prayer: “O God, Hear Our Prayer”** -- Ralph C. Sappington

O God, hear our prayer we offer up you;

O God, hear our prayer. [*We will repeat this phrase after each petition*]

✧ **Community Prayers . . . Pastoral Prayer . . . Lord’s Prayer**

**O God, our Parent, both Mother and Father to us,
who abides in love at the center of all creation,
and is the very life within us,
May we hold your name holy by doing your will.
Establish your reign within us and among us.
Nourish and sustain us with what we truly need.
Forgive us when we miss the mark of your intention for us,
and through the experience of your mercy
may we learn and show mercy to others.**

**Spare us from hard testing and the snares of evil.
For in you is the fulfillment of all life, love, and meaning
beyond time and our imagining. Amen.**

✧ **Prayer Response: “O God, Hear Our Prayer”** -- Ralph C. Sappington

O God, hear our prayer we offer up you;

O God, hear our prayer.

✧ **Benediction** (*from Psalm 4:6*)

One: May the light of God’s love,
shine on you.

**All: May the light of your love
shine on us, O God.**

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

**All: Holy One, now we your servants go in peace.
Your Word lives on in us.**

Please remain quietly in place until the postlude has ended.

✧ **Postlude: “Morning Has Broken”** – Eleanor Farjeon; Gaelic Melody
Tippe Musicians



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