Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

August 23, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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

"Sacred Stubborness" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Welcoming music

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧Prelude *We are Called to Serve*

✧Welcome and community news
Constructive Conversations: Connecting across Religious Differences - Explore different religious experiences and perspectives through constructive conversation. An interactive workshop hosted by the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin, the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, and Urban Rural Action on **August 29th from 2pm-4pm at 7512 S Howell Ave in Oak Creek**

Upcoming Session meetings: Tippe Session on Tuesday, August 25th, Joint Session on Tuesday, September 22nd

Sunday worship schedule for this fall, to accommodate special services and Pastor Trish's travel schedule.
Please add these dates to your calendar:

- **September 6** – Labor Day weekend, is a "Tippe break," but you're invited to 10 am worship at Grace Presbyterian if you're in town! (2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave). Pastor Ted will preach.
- **September 13** – 10 am ecumenical outdoor worship and potluck at Humboldt Park (3000 S Howell Ave) with our Southeast Clergy Association area congregations. We'll celebrate communion during our "Season of Creation" service. Bring: a chair, a dish to pass, and your own silverware and dishes for your use during the meal.
- **September 27** – Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Rev. Mark Fraley will preach.
- **October 4** – World Communion Sunday, Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Pastor Trish will preach, Pastor Ted is out of town.
- **October 18** – Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Pastor Ted will preach.
- **November 15** – Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Pastor Ted will preach.

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship
Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧ **Centering Words** ~ A blessing, from Kate Bowler katebowler.com
Bless you who keep waiting for life to begin somewhere beyond your calendar, while all along it has been hiding inside the dishes, the commute, the conversations between errands, and the familiar rhythm of coming and going.

May you discover all that is tucked inside your daily life – the sunlight across the floor, the neighbor who waves, the short chats with people in line – the quiet miracles that refuse to wait for vacation.

Bless you when the ordinary becomes so familiar you can hardly see it, and may your eyes soften enough to recognize that wonder has been here all along.

May this season remind you that the life you have been hoping for has never been somewhere else; it has been waiting not for your achievement, but for your attention.

✧ **Call to Worship**
God has blessed each and every one of us.
We want to serve God.
Each talent, each skill can be used for peace and justice
Holy One, help us be part of ministries that promote hope and peace.
Come, let us praise God for the diversity present here.
Enable us, O God, to discern what you would have us do. Amen.

✧**Gathering Hymn 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service***

✧ **Prayer of Confession**
It is so easy for us, God, to diminish the gifts you have given us. We have come to believe that either we are experts in some areas or we know nothing. Each of us has been given special talents and gifts that can be used to help others, but for some reason we have chosen not to use these gifts, deciding that they are unimportant or not needed. Forgive us when we make decisions not to act. Help us look at the blessings that you have poured into our lives and to discover the special talents that we have. Open the doorways of service and let the gates swing wide on the "grease of grace," that we may go forth to serve you in this world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

✧**Words of Assurance**
Each one of us has been blessed with unique talents. God has need of our talents, our energies, our spirits in the world in which we live. Let us place our trust in God's loving guidance and open our hearts to serve God. Amen.

✧**Celebrating our Forgiveness *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!***

~ 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

✧**Special Music** *Renuévame, Señor Jesus*, Betsy Gonwa – guitar
Lyrics (in English) as we reflect and listen:
Transform me, Lord Jesus
I don't want to stay the same
Transform me, Lord Jesus
Put Your heart in me
Because everything inside of me
Needs to be loved by you
Because everything inside of my heart
Needs more of you.
Chorus:
Because everything there is inside of me
Needs to be touched Lord
Because everything inside my heart
Needs more of 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
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the

boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Romans 12: 1-8
I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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.

✧ **Time for Young Hearts** *Sparkle and Glow*

✧ **Message: "Sacred Stubbornness"** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Reflection Questions

- What, and whom, will we choose to be fierce in protecting?
- How will we give ourselves to help make possible the life and the freedom of another?
- Am I faithfully serving God by seeking justice and showing loving kindness to those I encounter?

✧ Silent Reflection

✧Sharing our Wisdom

✧Hymn 308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

✧ Offering Invitation

And now, not because we have to, but because we are grateful, let us return to God what is ours to share. Let us joyfully offer our time, our treasure, our commitment, our prayers.

✧Offertory Hymn 5 *All That We Have* (*Worship & Praise* hymnal)

✧Prayer of Dedication

God, we thank you – for your grace, for this community of faith, for the gifts of our lives. Bless these offerings today that they might be used to further your kin-dom here and now. Work through each of us and through the ministries of this congregation that we might glorify you in all we do. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Christ all peo-ple here be-low.
Praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-more.
Praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore. Amen.

✧ Prayers of the People

After each petition:
One: "God, in your mercy," **All: "Hear our prayer."**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer
Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain bearer, Life giver,
Source of all that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is heaven;
May the hallowing of your name echo through the Universe!
May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! May your heavenly will be done by all created beings! May your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and may it come on earth.

With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts that we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love.
Now and forevermore. Amen. (*New Zealand prayer book*)

✧**Charge & Benediction**
Go into the world with peace and joy,
delighting in the diversity and blessings
that God has lavished upon each one.
Celebrate the good news of the love of God with all people
and offer peace and blessing to each one.
Go in peace. Amen.

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

✧**Benediction Response *Seven-Fold Alleluia***

✧**Postlude** *Act Justly*