# Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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# Welcome To Worship

August 2, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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

*"Graciousness and Mercy" Rev. Trish Eckert*

**✧Candle-lighting and Chimes**

**✧Prelude** *As the Deer*

**✧Welcome and community news**
**Merger Updates:**

- A Subcommittee of the Joint Session held a Personnel meeting on Thursday, July 30th at Tippe to begin discussions regarding staffing needs and future plans for our new church
- The next Joint Session will take place on Thursday, August 13th at 4 pm at Grace

**Kairos Collective Dinner Worship** is held the second Wednesday of every month from **6:30-8:30 pm at Blue's Egg** 317 N 76th St Milwaukee – the next one will take place on **August 12th** – gatherings focus on exploring faith and building relationships. All are welcome! (Kairos faith community is led by Rev. Mark Fraley and supported by the Presbytery, Grace Presbyterian Church, and others).

**✧Readying Ourselves for Worship**
***Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!***
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**✧ Centering Words** ~ a poem by Carrie Newcomer – "Becoming"

Water becomes rain,
And then becomes stream,
Which then becomes river,
Becomes ocean,
Becomes mist,
Becomes fog,
Becomes rain,
Which slides down the rocks,
And is taken into the ground,
And then taken up by the plants,
Animals and birds and people.
It becomes the sweat of the brow,
And the tears slipping down,
Upon a shirt that has been slept in.
Evaporating into air,
It remains invisible for a while. Then,
After a time,
It becomes dew which burns off
As the liquid sun rises,
Becoming mist,
Becoming cloud,
Becoming rain.
Nothing is ever really gone,
It only transforms.

**✧ Call to Worship**
Come, all who are thirsty, come to the water.
**Come, all who are hungry, come and be fed.**
Why spend your life on what does not satisfy?
**Here is bread enough, and grace besides.**
Let us worship the God who fills the empty hand.
**Let us worship the God who feeds the multitude.**

**✧Gathering Hymn 423 *Great Is Your Faithfulness*** (*New Century* hymnal)

**✧ Prayer of Confession**
Gracious God, we have looked for bread in places that leave us empty. We have wrestled for lesser blessings and let go of the ones that matter too soon. We have kept our hands closed when you asked us to open them. Forgive us, and feed us again. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

**✧Words of Assurance**
The Holy One is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Holy One upholds all who are falling,
and none of us is forgotten.
In Christ, you are fed. In Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

**~ 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

**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**
**Isaiah 55: 1-5**
Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.
Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Sovereign your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for God has glorified you.

**Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21**
The Sovereign is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Sovereign is good to all,
and God's compassion is over all that God has made.

God upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
The Sovereign is just in all God's ways
and kind in all God's doings.
God is near to all who call on God,
to all who call on God in truth.
The Sovereign fulfills the desire of all who fear God;
and also hears their cry and saves them.
God watches over all who love God,
but all the wicked, God will destroy.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Sovereign,
and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.

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** *Eat What is Good*

✧ **Special Music** *O My Children* by Sara Thomsen

✧ **Message: "Graciousness and Mercy"** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧**Reflection Questions**
- For what does my heart thirst?
- When has my life been transformed by love? How has my life been different as a result of that experience?
- Whom might God be calling me to love more?

**✧ Silent Reflection**

**✧Sharing our Wisdom**

**✧Hymn *River of Glory*** *(see songsheets)*

**✧ Offering Invitation**
We are invited to share what we have. May we open our eyes to behold God in the people we serve and the work we share. Let our giving become praise in motion, a testimony that we seek God's presence not only in stillness, but in faithful steps forward.

**✧Offertory Hymn 308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*** (v 2)

**✧Prayer of Dedication**
Loving God, you meet us in the empty places of our lives and fill us with grace. You nourish us with compassion and walk beside us in times of need. May these gifts be used to feed and sustain others, that all may experience your redeeming Spirit. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

**✧ Prayers of the People**
*"Lord, in your mercy,"* **"Hear our prayer."**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**✧Hymn 520 *Taste and See*** (refrain only)

**✧Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread**
**Communion of the People**

Welcome
Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and sit at table in the realm of God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
God is with us!
**We are not alone!**
Lift up your hearts.
**We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love,
you are beyond complete knowledge,
above perfect description.
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer;
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,
you are creative and self-giving,
generously moving.
In all the near and distant corners of the universe.
nothing exists that does not find its source in you.

Even when we turn away from you, you are with us;
your presence never fails us,
your gifts of hope and new life transform us.

We praise you for Jesus Christ,
eternal as your love, our bond to one another.
We rejoice with all your people of every time and place,
and with angels and archangels,
to proclaim the glory of your name.

It is Jesus, God incarnate, the Risen Christ,
who joins us together as a community of broken but hopeful believers:
loving what he loved
living what he taught, and
striving to be his faithful servants
in our time and place.
In this meal we remember Jesus, his promises,
and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did.

**The Lord's Prayer**
**Our Father/Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**
**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;**
**and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**
**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion
Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Benediction**
Go, fed by grace that costs you nothing and asks everything.
Go, blessed, even if you leave a little changed.
And may God sit with you at night and walk with you into the day. Amen.

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

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

**Postlude** *We Receive from Your Fullness*