Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

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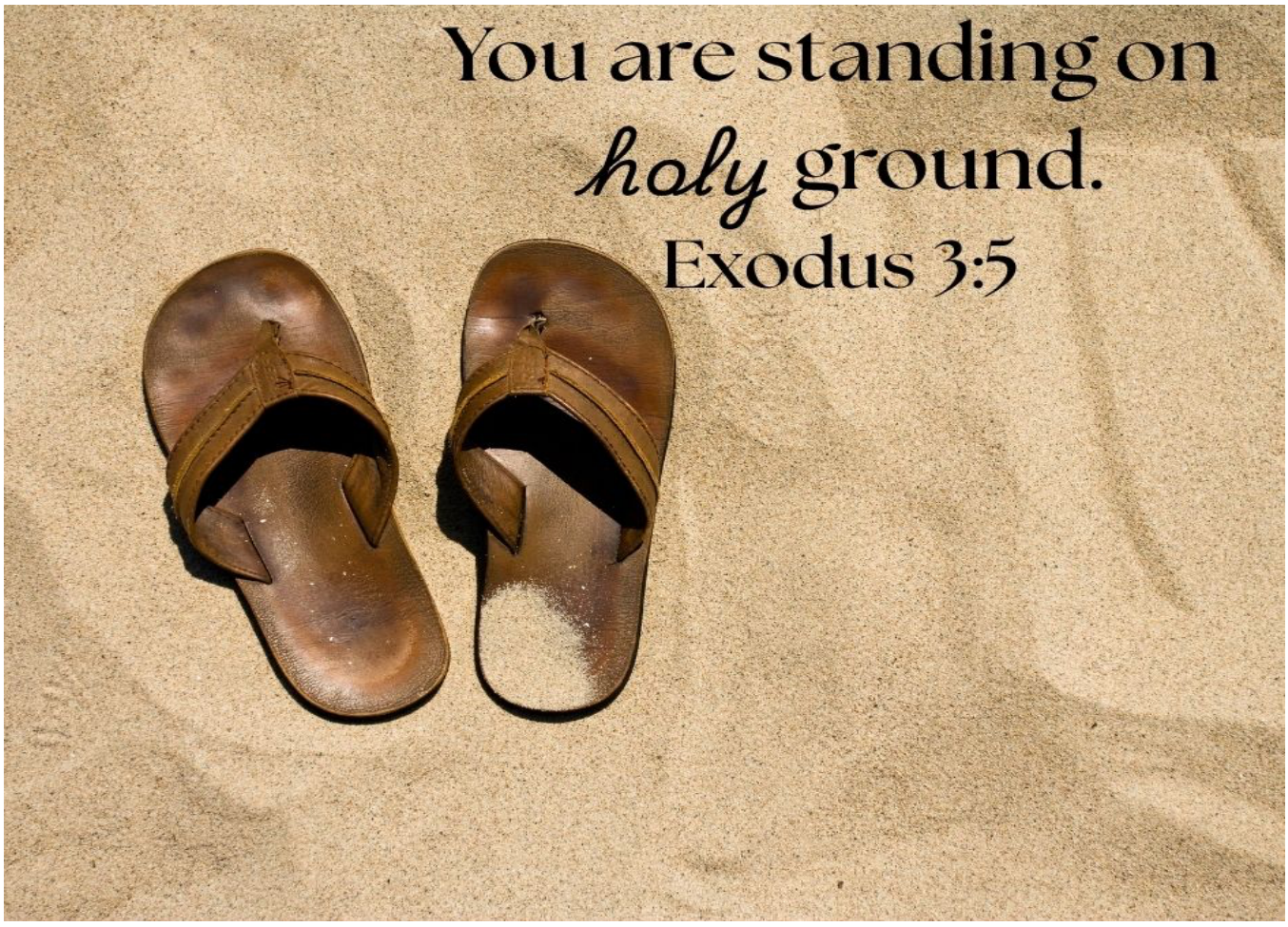

Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"Here on Holy Ground" Rev. Trish Eckert

*Please stand as you are able

✧Welcoming music

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧Prelude *Tu Fidelidad*

✧Welcome and community news
Tuesday, September 9th from 6:30-8 pm Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee is hosting an Interfaith Discussion at Redeemer Lutheran Church (1905 W Wisconsin Ave.) The discussion will focus on the challenges that people of faith face in our country. The event is free, but you should register at: Interfaith Discussion

Tuesday, September 22nd is the next Joint Session meeting for both Grace and Tippe Session members, meeting at Tippecanoe at 4 pm

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** *The Opening of Eyes* ~ by David Whyte
That day I saw beneath dark clouds,
the passing light over the water
and I heard the voice of the world speak out,
I knew then, as I had before,
life is no passing memory of what has been
nor the remaining pages in a great book
waiting to be read.

It is the opening of eyes long closed.
It is the vision of far off things
seen for the silence they hold.
It is the heart after years
of secret conversing,
speaking out loud in the clear air.

It is Moses in the desert
fallen to his knees before the lit bush.
It is the man throwing away his shoes
as if to enter heaven
and finding himself astonished,
opened at last,
fallen in love with solid ground.

✧ **Call to Worship**
We are standing on holy ground.
All those who have gone before us
have witnessed to the love of God.
We are challenged to be people of loving service.
God, open our hearts and spirits
to accept the call to serve you by helping others.

✧**Gathering Hymn *Holy Ground* ***
LYRICS
This is holy ground. We're standing on holy ground
For God is present, and where God is is holy
This is holy ground. We're standing on holy ground
For God is present and where God is is holy

These are holy hands. God's given us holy hands
God works through these hands and so these hands are holy
These are holy hands. God's given us holy hands
God works through these hands and so these hands are holy
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Refrain
We are standing on ho-ly ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Je-sus now.
We are stand-ing in God's presence on ho-ly ground.

These are holy lips. God's given us holy lips
God speaks through these lips and so these lips are holy
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✧ Call to Confession
It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

(Silent Reflection)

✧Prayer of Confession
God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.
We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.
But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.
Perhaps You see us simply as human – as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding.
In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished.
Keep on loving us, and helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

✧Words of Assurance
Friends, hear this Good News:
the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love.
Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
Alleluia! Amen.

✧Celebrating our Forgiveness #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* *
(sing one time through)

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le – lu – jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal–le – lu – jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal–le – lu – jah!
Hal – le - lu – jah!
Hal – le - lu – jah!

~ 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
Exodus 3: 1-15
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of God appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When God saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." God said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then God said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am." God said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I Am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Romans 12: 9-21
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve God. Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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** *Pay Attention*

✧ **Special Music 52 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land**

✧ **Message: "Here on Holy Ground"** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧**Reflection Questions**

- Do I remember that it is the spirit of my service that makes love visible?
- Do I live as if I were aware of God's presence in my life?
- When have I had a sense of being nudged or led by God? What happened when I did/did not pay attention and respond to the "burning bush" that appeared in my life?

✧ **Silent Reflection**

✧**Sharing our Wisdom**

✧Hymn 69 *I the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)*

✧ Offering Invitation
Moses must have felt small and powerless in the face of God's instructions to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt. Yet God moved Moses to courage and great things because Moses trusted God with his life. When we share what we have and trust God with our lives, great things will happen, here in our church and far beyond these walls. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

✧Offertory Hymn 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* (v2)

✧Prayer of Dedication
Holy One, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. As you met Moses in the fire that did not consume, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing, and hope to your world. Amen.

✧Doxology #607 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" *
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
Our Parent, who is among us, blessed be your Creation.
May your reign be a reality here on earth.
May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.
Let us share our bread with those who hunger.
Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.
Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.
For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.
Amen.
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✧**Charge & Benediction***
Go boldly into the world in the confidence that God goes with you, guiding your steps in paths of peace and healing. Bring the good news of God's love to all you meet. Go in peace. Amen

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

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

✧**Postlude** *Freedom is Coming*