



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

August 3, 2025

9:30 a.m.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,
FOR GOD IS GOOD.
GOD'S LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.
PSALM 107:1



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

"Storing up Treasures" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Candle-lighting and Chimes**

✧ **Prelude** *Seed, Scattered and Sown* ~Tippe Musicians

✧ **Welcome and community news**

In the month of July, worshiping at Grace was wonderful, and Tippe is grateful to welcome Grace for worship this month: August 3, 10, 17, and 24. It is a joy to gather together as a beloved community!

A reminder that there will not be worship at Tippe on Sunday, August 31st, as that is Labor Day weekend. Grace will hold worship at 10 am and invites anyone who is in the area to join them on the final Sunday of August.

Please note that the Summer Supper Service for August 20th at Cudahy United Methodist Church has been canceled.

Our August Tippe Night Out is on Thursday, August 28th starting at 5:30 pm at South Shore Terrace & Beer Garden – 2900 S Shore Drive, Milwaukee – we'd love to see folks from both Tippe and Grace there!

The Southeast Clergy Association is collaborating for an ecumenical worship service on Sunday, September 7th at 10 am at Humboldt Park. Please join us!

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!

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✧ **A Poem as we Center Ourselves in this Moment**

Twice Blessed by David Whyte from “The Bell and the Blackbird” (2018 Many Rivers Press)

So that I stopped
there
and looked
into the waters
seeing not only
my reflected face
but the great sky
that framed
my lonely figure
and after a moment
I lifted my hands
and then my eyes
and I allowed myself
to be astonished
by the great
everywhere
calling to me
like an old
and unspoken
invitation,
made new
by the sun
and the spring,
and the cloud
and the light,
like something
both
calling to me
and radiating
from where I stood,
as if I could
understand
everything

I had been given
and everything ever
taken from me,
as if I could be
everything I have ever
learned
and everything
I could ever know,
as if I knew
both the way I had come
and, secretly,
the way
underneath
I was still
promised to go,
brought together,
like this, with the
unyielding ground
and the symmetry
of the moving sky,
caught in still waters.

Someone I have been,
and someone
I am just,
about to become,
something I am
and will be forever,
the sheer generosity
of being loved
through loving:
the miracle reflection
of a twice blessed life.

~ **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

✧ **Time for Young Hearts** *Sometimes Less Is Best*

✧ **Gathering Hymn 28 *For the Beauty of the Earth***

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

Listen, all who are fleeing from the Holy One;
God is calling us; God has called us together.

**O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.**

God is eager to put loving arms around us.
God is waiting to satisfy our hunger and thirst.

**God fills the hungry with good things.
Our thirsting souls are filled to overflowing.**

Set your minds on things that are above.
Put to death your earthly disobedience.

**God leads us to a new identity, to new life.
We seek renewal in the image of our Creator.**

Sharing our Innermost Lives with God

Loving God, in whose arms we have found our identity, come among us to direct our faltering steps in the ways you would have us go. Teach us to walk with Christ through the distractions that beckon us in other directions. Turn our vain striving into meaningful service, our foolish greed to the fulfillment of sharing, our confusion to clarity of vision, that we might truly follow You. Amen.

✧ **Special Music Special Music *You Feed Us*** lyrics and music by Betsy Gonwa LYRICS

REFRAIN:

You feed us from Your very self
You fill us by pouring out Yourself
You love us, in Your presence, we are loved, we are loved.
You feed us from Your very self
You fill us by pouring out Yourself
And through us, Your love flows out through us,
We become . . . (to verse 1, to verse 2, to CODA)

(v1) For five thousand at a feast,
a blind man on the street
a centurion's daughter that you don't even see
For a lame man lowered down,
A bleeding woman reaching out
You are bread and You are wine poured out. (to refrain)

(v2) When we share a loaf
We are not alone
At this table, we're at home.
What the eye can't see

What the mind cannot believe
We experience in com-mu-ni-ty. (to Bridge)

BRIDGE:

Before You, We longed for so much more than food
And though we wished, We worked for nothing more than fish
But now You are our Bread!
We fish for women and men
And our hearts and our souls are fed. (to refrain)

CODA:

. . . Your love. No, it's not by bread alone.
No, it's not by bread alone. You feed us.

✧ **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**

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Many Troubles

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God's steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble
- 3 and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
- 5 hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God delivered them from their distress;
- 7 God led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
- 8 Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love,
for God's wonderful works to humankind.
- 9 For God satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry God fills with good things.
- 43 Let those who are wise give heed to these things,
and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Luke 12: 13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ 14 But Jesus said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ 15 And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ 16 Then Jesus told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” 18 Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” 20 But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards 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 “Storing Up Treasures”** Rev. Trish Eckert

A note about reflection questions, which are queries to consider.

A query is a question or a series of questions used for personal and communal reflection, spiritual growth, and self-examination. Queries serve as prompts for introspection and guidance in living a life that aligns with your faith and your values.

The practice of reflecting on queries allows us to mindfully pause from easy information, and encourages us to process our spiritual experiences more deeply.

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- How do the financial and consumer choices I make in my daily life reflect my spiritual values?
- What criteria do I use to evaluate how much financial security is enough for me?
- How does sharing my resources (possessions, time, money) with those in need contribute to my sense of spiritual well-being and peace?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn 175 *Seek Ye First***

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions. All that we currently possess will someday belong to others. We have the privilege in this life to do good with all that God has entrusted to us. We bring a portion now to be blessed by God in the work of our church, Christ's church, here and in other places.

Offertory Hymn 712

As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought (v 1)

Offertory Blessing

Help us, O God, to give enough of ourselves and our substance every day that we will not be tempted to embrace the idolatry of greed. We here dedicate not just our offerings but all we possess to causes far greater than our own security. Before all our attachments require "larger barns," help us to reflect on how they might better be used by others than stored by us. Thank you for the abundant opportunity to share. Amen.

✧ **Prayers of the People**

Community Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

✧ **Hymn 527 *Eat this Bread***

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

Communion of the People

Welcome

A wise person once told me that there are only two things that will last forever: our relationship with God and our relationships with each other. Here at the table, those two lasting things come together. We meet God here at the table and we gather together with people in all times and places that have, are, and will come to the table. So this now is an investment in the two things that will last. Let us pray.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God who came that we might have a right relationship with you and with others, we thank you for Jesus, the one who shows us the way. We thank you that he did not even withhold his own life in order that we might have that. We thank you for this bread and this cup that symbolize his sacrifice for the sake of those relationships.

Now, as we take the bread and cup, fill us again with your Spirit, that we will have the strength and the courage to invest ourselves in these lasting things, now and as we go into your world. In the name of the Christ who has risen, Amen.

✧ **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

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.

According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took the bread, and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table, and we are invited into that trust and share in the feast prepared for us.

Communion of the People

Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant, shed for you. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Christ, until he comes.

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 Jesus' name. Amen.

Aspects of today's communion liturgy was excerpted from: *Communion Liturgy for Presbytery Celebrations of the Lord's Supper*, adapted from the "Book of Occasional Services," 217-226)

✧ **Benediction**

Place your life in the hands of God.
Go in peace
and may the peace of God always be with you. Amen.

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** *You are Holy* ~Tippe Musicians