Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

August 9, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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

"Just 'Cause It's a Story, Don't Mean It Ain't True"

Rev. Zo Trembley

✧Welcoming Music

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧ Prelude "Help Us Accept Each Other" -- Fred Kaan, Doreen Potter
Tippe Musicians
"Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us
teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace."

✧Welcome and community news
Merger Updates:

- 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 Ourselves
Praise the Sovereign God, and pray in God's name (Psalm 105:1)

✧ Call to Worship (*from* Psalm 105:1-3)

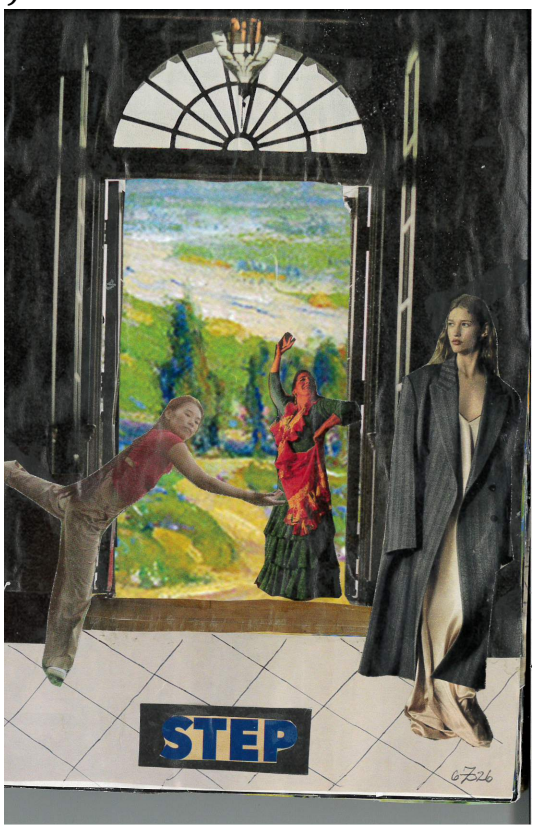
Left: Praise our Sovereign God
Right: And pray in God's name!
L: Tell everyone
R: What God has done.
L: Sing praises to our God!
R: Tell about God's miracles.
L: Celebrate and worship God's holy name.
R: We celebrate and worship with all our hearts.

✧Gathering Hymn "The Steadfast Love of our God" (*from Psalm 105)*

The stead-fast love of our God nev-er ceas-es
God's mer-cies never come to an end.
They are new ev-ery morn-ing, new ev-ery morn-ing,
great is your faith-ful-ness, O God,
great is your faith-ful-ness.

✧ Prayer of Confession
Leader: Gracious God, your love never ends.
All: But our love is limited and conditional.
Leader: Your mercies are boundless
All: But we measure out our compassion in ounces and our kindness in spoonfuls.
Leader: You bless us with new life and fresh chances every morning.
All: But we fall into the same old lifeless patterns we have always followed.
Leader: By your Grace remake us into new creatures.
All: By your faithful love, this morning, make us new. Amen.

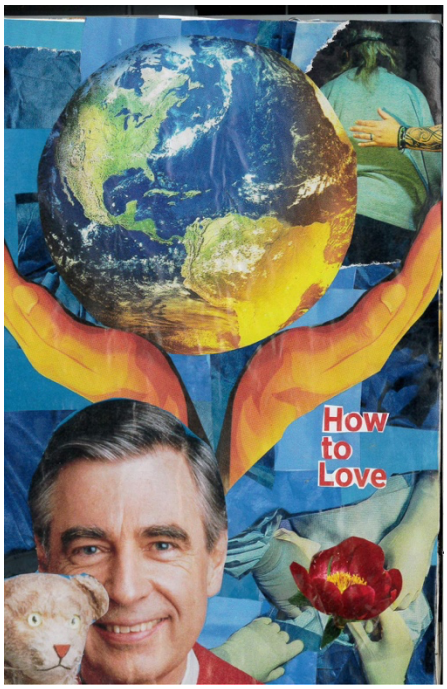
(Time for Private Reflection)



✧Words of Assurance
Dear Friends, hear the Good News. God loves us. God accepts us where we are, and loves us enough to help us become the people God intends us to be. Leave the old ways behind. Step into God's marvelous light, and love, and life. In Christ we are forgiven. Be made new! Amen.

✧Celebrating our Forgiveness: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

✧ The Joy of Passing the Peace
Leader: May the peace that passes all understanding be with you
All: And also with you. Thanks be to God. Amen



✧ **Prayer of Intention**
Leader: Holy Spirit may we hear your gracious Word for us today.
All: May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love . . .
Leader: As we open our ears, minds, and hearts . . .
All: To the transforming message you hold in store for each of us. Amen.

✧ **Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures:** Genesis 37:1-4;12-28

✧ **Hymn: "I've Got Peace like a River"**

I've got peace like a riv- er; I've got peace like a river . . . in my soul.
. . . joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a fountain . . .
. . . faith like an anch-or; I've got faith like an anchor . . .
. . .love like an o-cean; I've got love like an ocean . . .

✧**Lesson from the Gospels:** Matthew 14:22-33

✧**Time for Young Hearts**: "Hope Floats" *(Matthew 14: 29)*

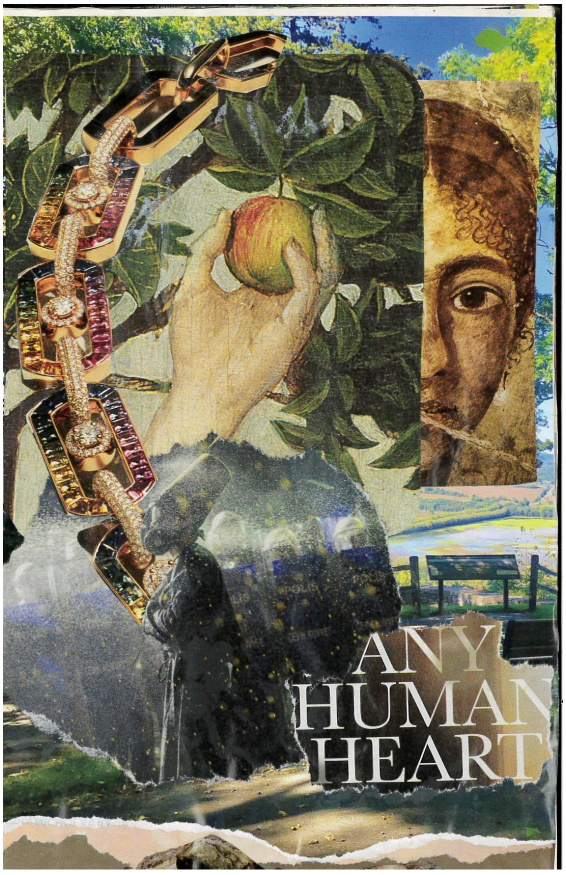
✧ **Message:** *"Just 'Cause It's a Story, Don't Mean It Ain't True"*
(Text: Genesis 37:14, "Come back and let me know")
-- Rev. Zo Trembley

✧ **Prayer for Illumination** (*from* Psalm 19:14)
Leader: May the words of my mouth,
All: And the meditations of our hearts,
be pleasing in your sight, O God,
our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

✧ **Time for Silent Reflection . . . Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Offering Invitation:**

Leader: Loving God, fill us to overflowing with your spirit.
All: Make our hearts joyful and generous.
Leader: Help us breathe in the breath of new life,
All: That we might rise, shine, and float on the hope of new life.
Amen.



✧ **Offertory Hymn: "Christ Be with Me"**

Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,
Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me.

✧ **Offertory Blessing**

Leader: We bring you but your own,
All: Whatever gift we bring.
Leader: All that we have is yours alone,
All: You give us everything.

✧ **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise God 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 . . .)

Leader: God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

✧ **Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Parent *(Mother/Father/Amma/Abba/Maker/Creator)*
who is in heaven *(within us/among us/in all Creation/ at the heart of the Universe)*
Your kingdom *(kin-dom/reign/realm/rule) come; your will be done*
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread (*bread for today/bread for tomorrow)*
Forgive us our trespasses *(wrongs/debts/sins/missing the mark)*
as we forgive those who trespass against us (*wrong us/ sin against us/ are our debtors).*
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom *(kin-dom/ reign/ realm/rule)* the power and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.

✧ **Closing Hymn: "Calm to the Waves"**

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je-sus whis-pers, "Peace be still."
Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness hear Christ's voice.

✧**Benediction**

Leader: Christ be with you, within you, behind you, before you, and beside you.

All: Christ to win me, to comfort and restore me.

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

All: Amen.

✧ **Postlude** (*Please, be seated for the Postlude)* "How Firm a Foundation" -- John Rippon; American Folk Tune *Tippe Musicians*

"When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow".

✧**Farewell Music** *Enjoy Refreshments and Conversation*