



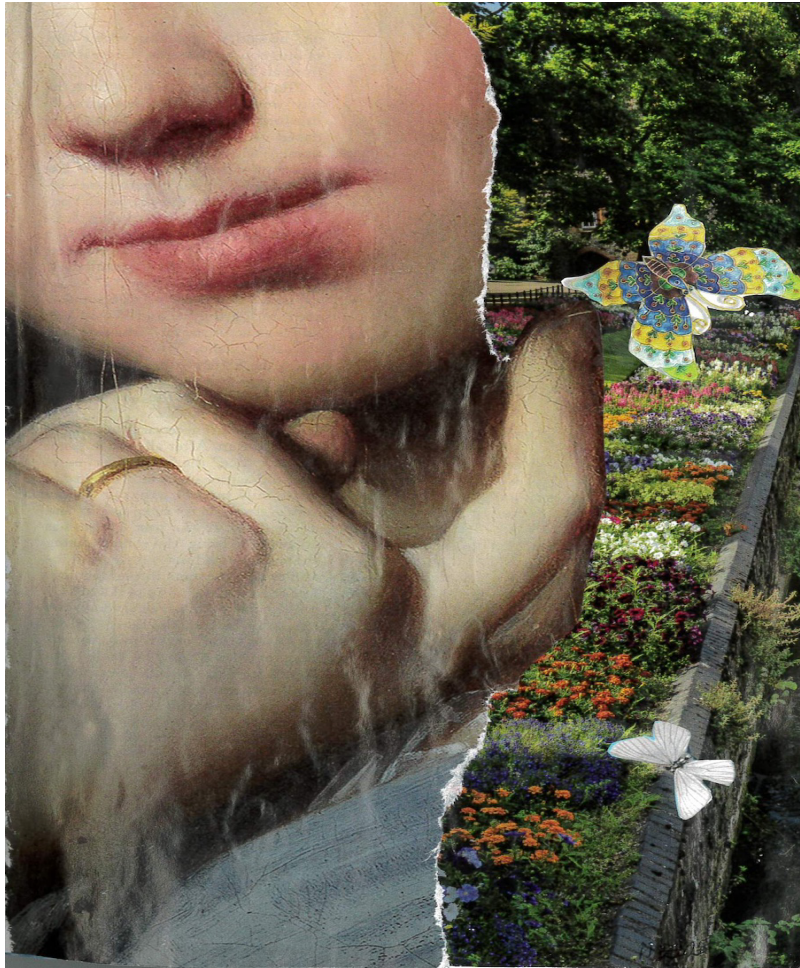
Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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Welcome To Worship

February 22, 2026
9:30 a.m.



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

"Lent- Live; Learn; Love," Rev. Zo Trembley

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** *Speak Lord* by Gary Ault~Tippe Musicians

✧Welcome and community news

Contemplative Outreach of Southeast Wisconsin is hosting ***One Day of Prayer, Reflection, Conversation and Community***

March 7, 2026 - Saturday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm at First Fruits 890 Elm Grove Rd. in Elm Grove, WI 53122 Building 2, Lower Level with elevator access. Gathering includes breakfast, snacks, coffee, tea and lunch. Cost is free-will-offering with a suggested amount of \$15. The flyer (on the bulletin board) includes the registration link, and is also included here (if you access the bulletin online): [Register Here](#)

Merger Subgroup Meeting: The **Subcommittee for Christian Education** (Adult and Children's Ed) will be **held at Grace Presbyterian on Sunday, March 15th at 11:30 am**. We ask that those who feel drawn to this aspect of church life attend the meeting as we continue to move through the subgroup discussions that help shape our process.



✧Readying Ourselves for Worship

Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧ **Call to Worship and Gathering Hymn**

(from Psalm 32 and “How Firm a Foundation”)

One: Happy at those whose sin is forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.

**All: Happy are those whom God does not accuse of wrong doing,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*How firm a foun-da-tion for you has been laid,
by God in the Word, in the sac-ri-fice paid!
What more can God say than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

While I kept silence my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the summer heat.**

*“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis-mayed,
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
I’ll strength-en you, help you, and cause you to stand
upheld by my gra-cious, om-ni-po-tent hand.”*

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to God,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

*“When through the deep wa-ters I call you to go,
the riv-ers of woe shall not o-ver you flow;
For I will be with you, your trou-bles to bless,
de-liv-er-ing you from your deep-est distress.*

“I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”

**Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

*“When through fi-ery tri-als your path-way shall lie,
my grace all-suf-fi-cient- shall be your sup-ply;
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de-signed
your soul to make pure just as gold is refined.”*

✧ **Becoming Present to God and Each Other**

~ **The Joy of Passing the Peace** ~

One: May the peace that surpasses all understanding be with you

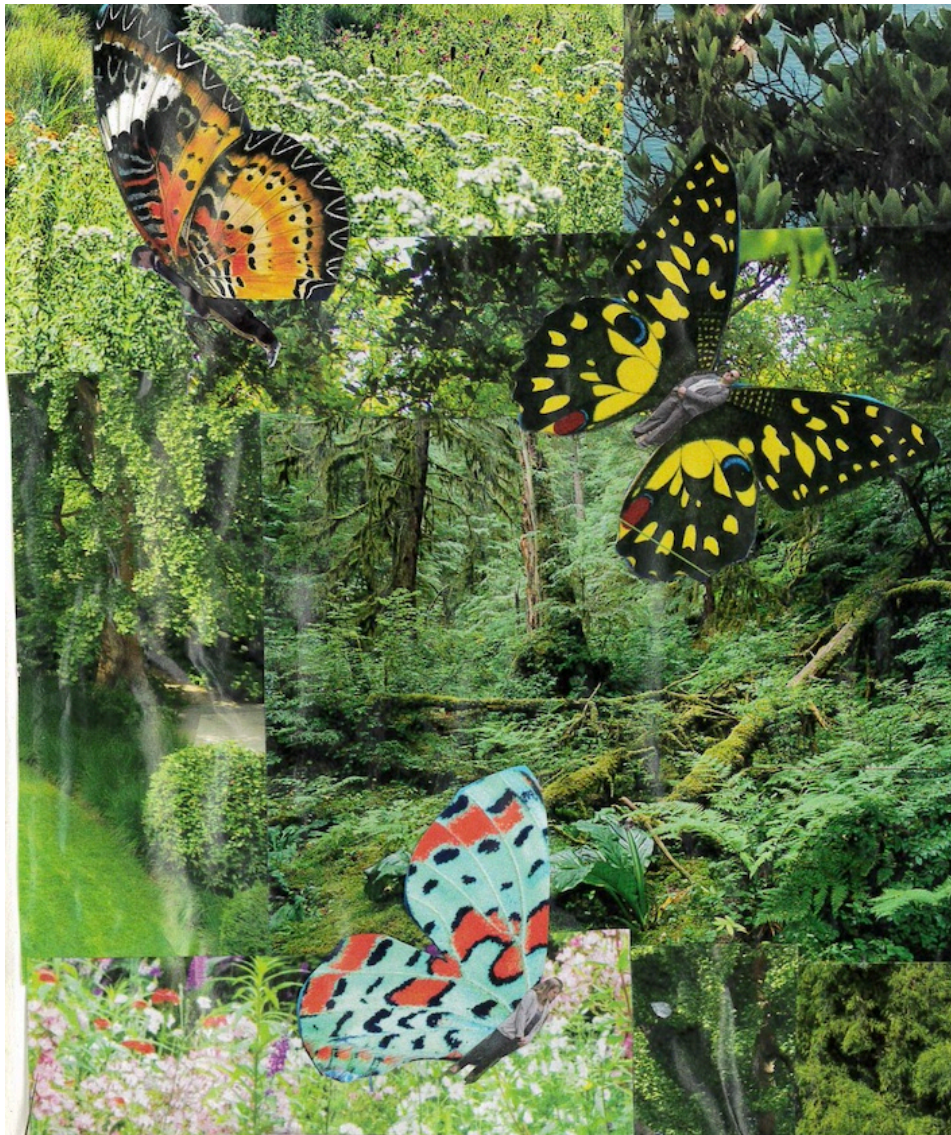
All: **And also with you**

One: Thanks be to God

✧ **Time for Young Hearts** “A True Story”

Love, love, love, the Good News in a word is love.

Love each other and yourself, for God is love.



✧Sharing our Innermost Lives with God

A Prayer of Confession

One: Great and Gracious God, we have trusted hard, heartless stones . . . **All: Instead, feed us on the Living Bread to fill us with hope, authenticity, and love.**

We have broken our hearts grabbing at what cannot truly satisfy us. We have choked ourselves trying to feed our hungers.

It seems too hard to swallow that you could nourish and sustain us by your love.

We are too afraid to trust your love, so we wrap ourselves in false security. We choose independence over interdependence.

We choose isolation over solidarity and life in community.

“If you love us,” we say. “Prove it!” We put ourselves in harm’s way, stepping out onto the empty air; blaming God when we crash to earth.

We test, instead of trust.

We lord it over others; judging them for not meeting our expectations and insisting they do our will.

We end up playing god.

Fill us with your love and grace to know and live the truth.

Forgive us; hold us in your sight. Change us into the people you would have us be. Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Love, love, love, the Good News in a word is love,
Love each other and yourself for God is love.*

✧Prayer of Intention

One: Holy Spirit, may we hear your gracious Word for us today.

All: May we grow in wisdom, strength, and love as we open our ears, minds, and hearts to the transforming message you have in store for each of us. Amen.

✧Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures: Genesis 2:15-17. 3:1-7

✧Special Music *You Feed Us*, #8 Tippe Song Booklet



✧ **Lesson from the Gospels:** Matthew 4:1-11

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. Amen.

✧ **Prayer for Illumination** (*from Psalm 19:14*):

One: May the words of my mouth,

All: And the meditations of our hearts be pleasing to you, O God, our rock and our salvation. Amen.

✧ **Message** “Lent—Live; Learn; Love,” *Rev. Zo Trembley*

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

✧ **Offertory Sentence** *from 1John 3: 18, TEV*)

One: Beloved, our love should not be just words and talk;

All: It must be true love, which shows itself in action.

✧ **Offertory Hymn We Praise You O God, #420 NCH**

✧ **Prayer of Dedication**

One: For the Bread you give to nourish body, mind, and spirit,

All: We thank you.

For your constant and trustworthy love,

We praise you.

For the wonders of this world, and for the love within, among, and
all around us

We glorify you.

For all the gifts you have given us; from full hearts we say,

We thank you; we praise you; we glorify you. Amen

✧ **Prayers of the People**

Community Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (Mother/Parent/ Amma/Abba/Maker/Creator),

who is in heaven (in us on earth/ in all creation/

at the heart of the Universe)

hallowed (holy, honored) be your name.

Your kingdom (reign, rule, realm) come; your will be done on earth,

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses (wrongs, sins, debts), 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 (reign, rule, realm), the power, and the glory.

For ever and ever. Amen.

✧ **Closing Hymn Freeing Jesus, #4, Tippe Song Booklet**

✧ **Benediction**

One: God offers us Living Bread.

All: May we feed ourselves and the world on that loaf broken for us.

God supports and upholds us.

May we rely on God's strength to walk forth in faith and trust.

God has provided us a Garden of wonders and delights.

May we live in awe and gratitude for God's earth, God's love,

and the gift of each other. Amen.

✧ **Postlude *Before We Fly* ~Tippe Musicians**

A Responsive Reading

from Progressive Christianity.org (of which Tippe is a member)

By calling ourselves progressive Christians, we mean we are Christians who . . .

Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the sacred and the oneness and unity of all life.

We affirm that . . .

The teachings of Jesus provide but one of many ways to experience the sacredness and oneness of life, and that we can draw from diverse sources of wisdom in our spiritual journey;

We seek . . .

Community that is inclusive of ALL people, including, but not limited to:

- Traditionalist * Christians and questioning skeptics,
- Believers and agnostics,
- Women and men,
- Those of all sexual orientations and gender identities,
- Those of all classes and abilities;

We know . . .

That the way we behave toward one another is the fullest expression of what we believe;

We find . . .

Grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes;

We strive . . .

For peace and justice among all people;

We strive. . .

To protect and restore the integrity of our earth;

We commit . . .

To a path of life- long learning, compassion, and self-giving love.**

*[in original: * conventional; **selfless]*