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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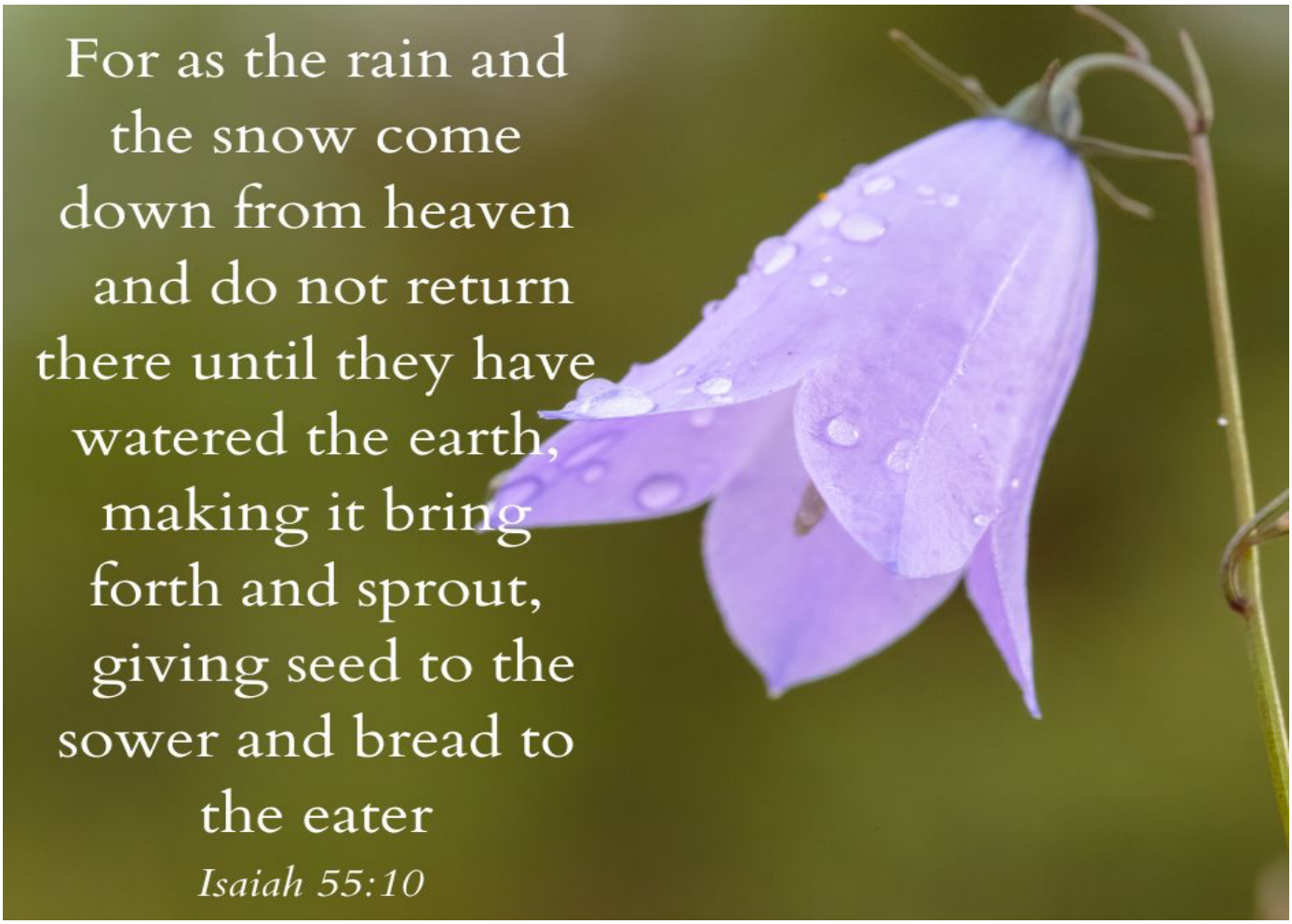

Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"All Flourishing is Mutual" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ~Tippe Musicians

✧Welcome and community news
The next **DI Laundry** mission opportunity is this afternoon, Sunday, July 12 from 1-3 pm. Join us and see what it's all about!

Our next **Congregational** Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, July 26** and will take place during Sunday morning worship in Tippe's sanctuary. We look forward to discussing how the merging process with Grace Presbyterian continues to unfold.

We are gathering feedback regarding our joint worship services that Grace and Tippe experienced together from April 19 through the month of June. Please complete and return the **Joint Worship Services Survey by Sunday, July 26**. Printed copies are available in the sanctuary and we also emailed the survey out this week.

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship
Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧ Centering Words
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.
I am severely afflicted; give me life, O God, according to your word.
Accept my offerings of praise, O God, and teach me your ordinances.
I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.
Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Let us be mindful that God's word is the lamp we need in the darkness, the guidance we need on wayward paths, and the hope we need when death and despair come calling.

✧Call to Worship
Come, whether weary or rejoicing.
All are welcome here.
Come, whether at peace or in the midst of a struggle.
All are welcome here.
Come, whether growing or wilting.
All are welcome here.

God of new beginnings and ancient stories,
help us see ourselves in your stories,
in your promises, and in your garden.

Light our way with your word today,
and guide us with your Spirit of love. Amen.

✧**Gathering Hymn 108** ***Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old*** (New Century Hymnal)

I-sa-iah the proph-et has writ-ten of
old how God's new cre-a-tion shall come.
In-stead of the thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow;
the wolf shall lie down with the lamb, the lamb,
the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.

The moun-tains and hills shall break in-to song,
the peo-ples be led forth in peace;
The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God
as the wa-ters cover the sea, the sea,
as the wa-ters cover the sea.

Yet na-tions still prey on the meek of the world,
and con-flict turns par-ent from child.
Your peo-ple de-spoil all the sweetness of earth;
the briar and thorn tree grow wild, grow wild,
the briar and thorn tree grow wild.

God, bring to fru-i-tion your will for the earth,
that no one shall hurt or de-stroy,
That wis-dom and jus-tice shall reign in the land
and your peo-ple shall go forth in joy, in joy,
your peo-ple shall go forth in joy.

✧**Prayer of Confession**
Holy God, we want to be your perfect children.
But like Jacob and Esau before us,
we are far from perfect.
In our yearning, we're as likely to settle for second best
or to reach for things that seem so right
but ultimately draw us further away from you.
Help us choose the better portion.
Give us the courage to grow as disciples in your word,
even when it seems hard.
And when the thorns and weeds begin choking us,
resuscitate us with your grace,
revive us with your love,
and reclaim us as your children,
imperfect though we may be.
In grateful hope, we pray. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Words of Assurance
The Spirit of Christ is strong enough
for even the weariest of spirits.
Rest in Christ's Spirit, and you will find comfort.
Trust in Christ's Spirit, and growth will begin anew.

✧**Time for Young Hearts** *The Sower*

✧ **Special Music** *To a Wild* Rose (By Edward MacDowell) played by Zo Trembly

✧**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 Teachings**
Isaiah 55:10-13
10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
12 For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to God for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the

sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 If you have ears, hear!"

18 "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 "All Flourishing is Mutual"** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧**Hymn 318** ***Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*** (New Century Hymnal)

Al-might-y God, your Word is cast like seed in-to the ground,
Now let the dew of heaven de-scend and righ-teous fruits a-bound.

Let not the sly sa-tan-ic foe this holy seed re-move,
But give it root in ev-ery heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's de-ceit-ful cares the ris-ing plant de-stroy,
But let it yield a hun-dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.

So when the pre-cious seed is sown, your quick-ening grace be-stow,
That all whose souls the truth re-ceive its sav-ing power may know.

✧**Welcoming into Membership ~ Public Profession of Faith**
Welcoming Zo Trembly into the Tippe community of faith

~ Presentation

~ Profession of faith
All:
I believe in God the Creator,
the heart of love and creative energy, at the center of the Universe;

the source of all life, in whom we – and all Creation –
live and move and have our being.

I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's Holy One,
our Divine Guide, Model, and Savior,
who saves us by showing us how to live
in relationship with God and one another.
I believe Jesus was inspired and indwelt by the Holy Spirit; born of Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

I believe Jesus fully recognized and experienced the human condition,
just as we do, and so, he died just as we do.
On the third day Christ was resurrected,
a miracle of belief amidst the disciples.
In faith, the Christ is raised to life in our hearts and minds,
glorified to a position of equality with the Creator God.
The life, actions, and witness of Jesus
are the measure to which we hold ourselves,
and against whose life and love our lives and loving are judged.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, that inspires, indwells and enlivens
each person within the universal community of all those
who attest to a Living and Loving God.
I believe in the assurance of new beginnings
whenever we miss the mark of God's intention for us and our lives.
I believe in a God who is ever and always making all things new,
in a mysterious unfolding process of new life and new being
for all Creation. Amen.
(Written by Rev. Zo Trembly)

~ Laying on of hands

~ Welcome
All: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you
to share with us in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in Christ.

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

✧Our gifts of support
God demands nothing of us, but instead invites us to inhabit the infinite ocean of grace poured out through our savior, Jesus Christ. It is this generosity that gives us life, and it is in our own acts of generosity that we join in this larger life. So let us give joyfully, thanking God for the wonders of Christ's love.

✧ **Offertory Hymn 714 *God of the Fertile Fields*** (Glory to God Hymnal)

✧Offertory Blessing
Creator God, you have created us for your purposes
and blessed us to accomplish your promises.
May the gifts and lives we offer to you
serve your purposes and your promises,
and may we be instruments of peace and love
in your world each day. Amen.

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

✧Hymn 346 *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken* (New Century Hymnal)
Bread of the world, in mer-cy bro-ken, Wine of the soul in mer-cy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sor-row bro-ken, look on the tears by sin-ners shed,
And be your feast to us the to-ken that in your grace our lives are fed.

✧Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread PG 75
Communion of the People
Welcome
Each time we baptize a new believer or receive the profession of faith of one baptized in infancy, we remember our own baptism and celebrate anew. Baptism not only changes the person who is baptized. Because we are one in Christ and in our baptism, each of us is changed as we welcome another into the Body of Christ. Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans that together we are members of the Body of Christ, and individually, we belong to one another. This word *belonging* comes from the same Greek root of "abiding or remaining." Just as we abide in Christ, in our Baptism, we abide in one another. This Greek word for *belonging* is also used to describe part of a melody.

In our reading from Isaiah this morning, we heard:
For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The imagery of song, of melody, provides a beautiful metaphor, as we come to awareness that our life is part of a shared melody. We are not notes singing our own song. In Baptism, we join in the melody already being sung, creating endless variations

on the theme of God's sovereign love, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Membership in a congregation reflects this new reality. And so today, we celebrate that God is adding yet another a new note to our song, making it even more beautiful and full.

In response to these great truths of our faith, let us give our thanks to God.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion
Faithful and loving God, we rest in the truth that you are always with us. You strengthen our relationship in you as we share in the Bread of Life, You show your love for us as we share the Cup of Salvation. In grateful response, we accept the responsibility of being called by your name as we seek to carry this Good News into the world. Amen.

✧**Benediction**
As children of God's promises,
let us bring God's promised love the world.
As recipients of Christ's peace,
let us bring Christ's peace to the world.
Blessed by the Holy Spirit,
let us bless everyone we meet.

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

✧**Benediction Response** Seven-Fold Alleluia

✧**Postlude** *Lead on Eternal Sovereign*

Communion liturgy adapted from the work of Rev. Michelle Henrichs and her book, “Come to the Table: Communion Liturgies of Invitation to Celebrate and Experience the Love of God”