Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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Welcome To Worship

July 26, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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

"Finding Treasure" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧Prelude *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

✧Welcome and community news

Living Faith with Pardeep Singh Kaleka, Clinical Director at Mental Health America-Wisconsin, a senior anti-hate advocate and co-author of "The Gift of Our Wounds," will be speaking at **Grace Presbyterian** 2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave on **Tuesday, July 28th from 7-8:30 pm**. All are welcome.

Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue takes place next on **Wednesday, July 29th at 6 pm** at Deer Creek Senior Village 3601 S 147th St, New Berlin – learn about the beliefs and traditions of others as you engage in facilitated conversations over dinner. You must register to attend.

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. (Kairos faith community is led by Rev. Mark Fraley).

Let's take a few minutes to ensure we've completed the **Worship Survey**

✧Readying Ourselves for Worship
Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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✧ Centering Words ~ a poem by Terri Kirby Erickson "What Matters"

What other people think of you,
what they say, are burdens
no one should carry. Lift a spoon,

a cup, things that fit in your hand.
Carry on a conversation,
pick up a baby. Listen to the wind

when it whispers, nothing else.
There is no one watching you,
no one straining to hear what

you say. The present has arrived
and you are in it. Your heart
is pumping. Your breath moves

in and out of your lungs without
anyone's help or permission.
Let go of everything else. Let

your life, handed to you through
no effort of your own, but all
the proof you need. You are loved.

✧ Call to Worship
Come and worship God with your whole heart.
We come as mustard seeds of faith.
Come and worship God with your whole being.
We come as leaven for the world.
Come and worship God with your whole mind.
We come as treasures and pearls of great price,
enriching the world with our witness.
Come and worship God with your whole lives.

✧Gathering Hymn 28 *For the Beauty of the Earth* (*New Century* hymnal)

✧ Prayer of Confession
Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love. Let us pray, first in silence.

(Silent Reflection)

Holy One, hear our prayer.
We come before you in need of healing:
The healing of our bodies and souls,
The healing of our relationships,
The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.
We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,
Not even the restoration of the whole world.
We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,
So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be,
As Christ calls us. 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. Amen.

✧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
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 (Translation from David Bentley Hart: "The New Testament: a Translation – 2nd edition)
He set another parable before them, saying, "The Kingdom of the heavens is like mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field, which is indeed the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows it is larger than garden-herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches." He told them another parable: "The Kingdom of the heavens is like yeast, which a woman took and mixed into three measures of flour, until all of it was leavened."

"The Kingdom of the heavens is like a treasure that had been hidden in a field, which a man found and hid, and from his joy he goes and sells the things he owns and purchases that field. Again, the Kingdom of the heavens is like a merchant looking for lovely pearls; and, finding one extremely valuable pearl, he, went away and sold all the things he owned and purchased it. Again, the Kingdom of the heavens is like a large dragnet cast into the sea and gathering in things of every kind: and when it was filled they drew it up onto the strand and, sitting down, collected the good things in vessels, but threw the rancid things away. Thus it will be at the consummation of the age: The angels will go forth and will separate the wicked out from the midst of the just, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth there. Did you understand all of these things?" They say to him, "Yes." Then he said to them, "Hence every scribe who has been made a disciple to the Kingdom of the heavens is like a man who is master of a house, who brings forth things new and old from his treasury."

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 *Something Big from Something Small*

✧ **Special Music *Have You Ever Seen a Mustard Seed?***
Based on Matthew: 13:31-32

Verse 1
Have you ever seen a mustard seed,
A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong?
Jesus told the story of the mustard seed,
A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong.

Chorus
From very small seed
Grows a very big tree.
God's Kingdom grows through you and me
With our hearts,
With our hands,
From a mustard seed into a tree,
From a mustard seed into a tree.

Verse 2
The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed,
A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong.
God puts it in ground and we help it grow,
A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong

Verse 3
Our love for God is like a mustard seed,
A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong.
Our love must grow just like the mustard seed,
A tiny, tiny seed that grows big and strong.

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✧ **Message: "Finding Treasure"** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧**Reflection Questions**

- Am I faithfully serving God by seeking justice and showing loving kindness to all, I meet?
- Do I remember that it is the spirit of my service that makes love visible?
- How does my community support me in becoming the person God hopes I will become? How might we continue to grow in community together?

✧ **Silent Reflection**

✧Sharing our Wisdom

✧Hymn 540 *Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed* (*New Century* hymnal)

✧Congregational Meeting

✧ Offering Invitation
Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and with hope that as we invest ourselves and the gifts we have received, we will see the realm of heaven grow and flourish in this world, we bring our offerings for God's work among us in this time and place.

✧Offertory Hymn 710 *We Lift Our Voices* (*Glory to God* hymnal)

✧Prayer of Dedication
We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. As from even the smallest of seeds, your realm grows, bless our tithes, gifts and offerings, and bless us that we might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy.
Amen.

✧ Prayers of the People
"Lord, in your mercy," **"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 forth with joy, celebrating all the many ways for us to serve God.
Give us courage, hope, peace and love
that we might bear these gifts to others. Go in peace. Amen.

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

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

✧ **Postlude** *You are Salt for the Earth, O People (Bring Forth the Kingdom)*