



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

June 1, 2025

9:30 a.m.

***"Becoming
One"***



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

"Becoming One" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** “*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*” ~ Tippe Musicians

✧Welcome and community news

Tippe is invited to Grace Presbyterian for a picnic on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th** immediately after Tippe's worship service (11:30 am - 1 pm). Brats, cake and drinks will be provided. We're encouraged to bring desserts or salads.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – 4419 S Howell - invites everyone to **Pride Worship** on Thursday, **June 12th at 6:30 pm** for an affirming celebration of our LGBTQIA siblings!

Tippe is hosting the first **Summer Supper Service** of the season on Wednesday, **June 18th at 5:30 pm** – bring a chair and a dish to pass – we'll gather around the labyrinth! (Prince of Peace will host July 16 and Cudahy United Methodist will host August 20 – more info to come).

Save the date for our first **Tippe Night Out** of the season on **Thursday, June 26th** (time and location to be determined).

✧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

Why I Wake Early ~ Mary Oliver (from her book of the same name, published in 2004 by Beacon Press)

Hello, sun in my face.
Hello, you who make the morning
and spread it over the fields
and into the faces of the tulips
and the nodding morning glories,
and into the windows of, even, the
miserable and crotchety–

best preacher that ever was,
dear star, that just happens
to be where you are in the universe
to keep us from ever-darkness,
to ease us with warm touching,
to hold us in the great hands of light–
good morning, good morning, good
morning.

Watch, now, how I start the day
in happiness, in kindness.

✧Becoming Present to God and Each Other - Our Check-in

~ **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 *All in One***

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Becoming One**

As we come to the final weeks of Eastertide (and prepare for Pentecost next Sunday) our texts this week awaken us to our interdependence with creation and our need for one another. Today as we prepare for communion, we celebrate the unity of the body of Christ. Throughout these Easter weeks, we've turned our attention to the countless ways that God is renewing life, love, and connection for the benefit of what is and will be. Woven into the foundation of our existence is the understanding that each of us is a child of God. Regardless of all that is swirling around us in the realms of government, media, and politics, we are invited, always, to focus our attention on the love and connection that is available to us and the opportunity to reach out toward others and share that love and connection. May it be so.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 470 "*There Is a Longing in Our Hearts, O God*"**

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

Let us gather in God's grace to worship together.

Rejoice in God and let all heaven and earth behold God's glory.

God is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

We bring our prayers and praise;

we lift our voices in celebration.

Come, all who hunger, all who thirst;

Be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

We bring joys and sorrows, fullness and needs.

We come with successes and failures; we come seeking.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

We come seeking a presence that shakes foundations and helps us build new ones. We come with all our wounds, asking for healing. We come, remembering our baptism and wanting to claim the difference that makes in our lives. We come through the shadowy clouds of our unbelief, seeking the brightness of your glory, O God. We want a faith to sustain us through times of trial and testing. Be powerfully present with us, gracious Spirit. Amen.

✧ **Special Music "*Steal Away*" ~ Tippe Musicians**

✧ **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 97

- 1 God is our Sovereign! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around God;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.
- 3 Fire goes before God,
and consumes God's adversaries on every side.
- 4 God's lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the Sovereign,
before the Sovereign of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;
and all the peoples behold God's glory.
- 7 All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before Yahweh.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
- 9 For you, O Sovereign, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

- 10 The Sovereign loves those who hate evil;
God guards the lives of God's faithful;
Yahweh rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Sovereign, O you righteous,
and give thanks to God's holy name!

John 17: 20-26

20 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Abba, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Abba, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where

I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 'Righteous Abba, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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 "Becoming One"** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- Do I understand my life as a journey of faithfully seeking Truth?
- Do I look for and recognize that of God in all people?
- Am I faithfully serving God by seeking justice and showing loving kindness to all I meet?

Queries excerpted from Catherine Whitmire's book: *Plain Living: A Quaker Path to Simplicity* (2001, Sorin Books)

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn 288, "Spirit of the Living God"**

✧ **Our gifts of support**

We are called to be light to the world. Let us share our talents and treasures in grateful praise.

Offertory Hymn 708, "God, We Honor You"

Offertory Blessing

Generous God, all that we are and all that we have comes from you. Take these gifts and these people and make them blessings for your people in this community and beyond. Amen.

✧ **Prayers of the People**
Community Prayers
Pastoral Prayer

✧ **Hymn 288, "Spirit of the Living God"**

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

Communion of the People

Welcome

We have the joy of once again gathering at the Table to celebrate the Lord's Supper together. After hearing Jesus pray for his disciples, we are reminded of the message of faith available to all of us, beyond the original connection and numinous grace the disciples experienced of their direct encounter with Christ. We hear the invitation that we are one in the Spirit. We are gifted with a completeness of sacred experience and communion among believers across the generations. All are welcome to this celebration.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,
eternal God, our creator.

You have given us life and second birth in your Spirit.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people.

You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and raised up the church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power.

From worlds apart, you gathered us together.

When we go astray, you welcome us home.

Always, your love has been steadfast.

Therefore, we praise you with all the faithful of every time and place.

Holy God,

In love with you and in compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved.

He formed a community, promising to be with his disciples wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world.

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we too are sent out to continue in this hope and healing.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy redemption in Jesus Christ.

Accept our praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and juice, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.
Amen.

In the joy of unity, together we pray this interpretation of the Lord's Prayer:

✧**The Lord's Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Beloved,

our Father and Mother,

in whom is heaven,

hallowed be your name,

followed be your royal way,

done be your will and rule,

throughout the whole creation.

With the bread we need for today,

feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another,

forgive us.

In times of temptation and test,

strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure,

spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil,

free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

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 John, just before Jesus prayed for his disciples, they came to understand he was speaking plainly and that he knew all things and came from God. Their eyes and ears and hearts were opened in that moment; recognizing and trusting Jesus.

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

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

Go, walk bravely, and live into your calling.
Go, sing loudly, and tell the world of God's love.
Go, shine brightly, and make visible the kin-dom of God here and now.

May God's grace rain upon you, may Jesus' love enfold you, may the Spirit's peace renew you, now and forever. 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** "*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*" ~ Tippe Musicians