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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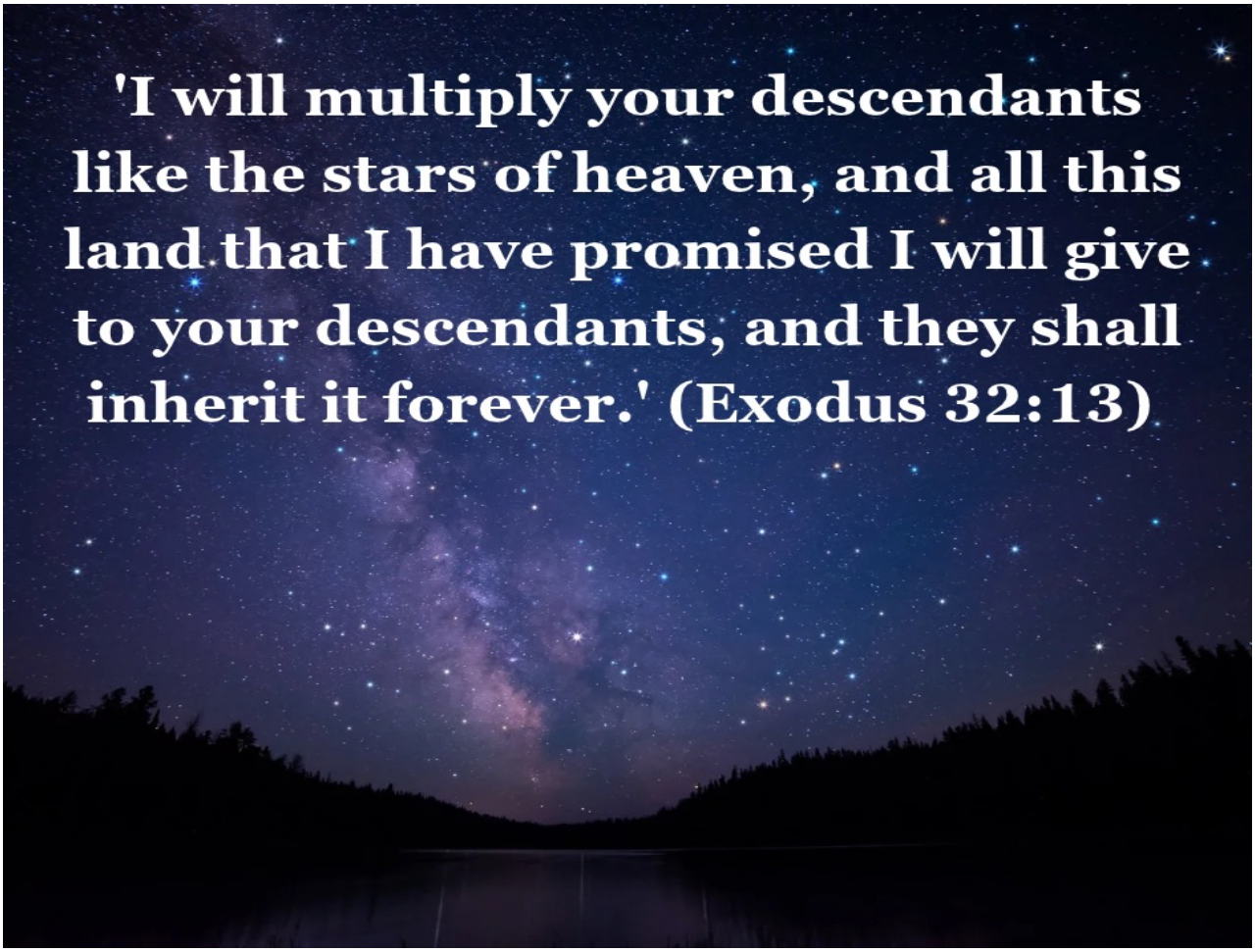

Welcome to this time of being with God and each other.

"Moving from Idolatry to Devotion" Rev. Trish Eckert

*Please stand as you are able

Welcoming music

Candle-lighting and Chimes

Prelude *There is a Longing in Our Hearts* ~text and music by Anne Quigley*wasteland, spread a verdant heath! In a land of tumult, cultivate God's peace!*

Welcome & Announcements
Divine Intervention Laundry Day is today 1-3 pm. The next scheduled laundry day is October 25th and we're still looking for one volunteer. Let Pastor Trish know if you're interested in volunteering for a future Sunday afternoon or if you would like to donate toward laundry supplies and/or provide quarters.
Monday, October 12th is the next **Joint Session** meeting for both Grace and Tippe Session members, meeting at Grace at 4:30 pm.
Sunday worship schedule for this fall, to accommodate special services and Pastor Trish's travel schedule.
Please add these remaining dates to your calendar:

- **October 18 (next Sunday)** – Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Pastor Ted will preach.
- **November 15** – Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Pastor Ted will preach.

Readying Ourselves for Worship
Surely God is in this place, Holy Ground!
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Centering Words

O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, we come to you as your many children, to ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own.

Heal us of this history. Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community. Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage.

Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family. Call us to kinship. Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace, through Jesus Christ, the One who came that all people might live in dignity. Amen.

~Excerpted from liturgy prepared by the Church of the Apostles, a mission of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia

Call to Worship
We gather as God's beloved children –
However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.
We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –
So this becomes a place where all are welcome.
We have come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with each other –
Let us worship God.

Gathering Hymn 21 *Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

Prayer of Confession
God of mercy, we confess that we grow restless in the waiting. We trade your presence for idols of our own making:
control, comfort, and the security we can see.
We hear your invitation and find reasons to stay away.
Forgive our wandering hearts, mend what is divided among us, and welcome us back to your table. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

Words of Assurance
Friends, believe the good news: in Christ you are forgiven, restored, and deeply loved. Amen.

Celebrating our Forgiveness #591 *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le – lu – jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal–le – lu – jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal–le – lu – jah!
Hal – le - lu – jah!
Hal – le - lu – jah!

***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
Exodus 32: 1-14
When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before

us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So, all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron.
He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to God." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

God said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

God said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that God brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And God changed God's mind about the disaster that God planned to bring on God's people.

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 *Loving God Instead of Gold*

Special Music *Lord Have Mercy* ~ Music and lyrics by Steve Merkel

Jesus I've forgotten
The words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart
Have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow
The paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief
Renew the fire again

Chorus:
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy on me

I have built an altar
Where I've worshipped things of man
I have taken journeys
That have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning
To Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again **- Chorus**

I have longed to know You
And all Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness
Ever flowing without end
So I bow my heart before You
In the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night **- Chorus**

Message: "Moving from Idolatry to Devotion" Rev. Trish Eckert

Reflection Questions

- Do I live as if I were aware of God's presence at all times/ How is my faith reflected in my daily life?
- What has restored my faith after my faith has been shattered?
- How is my faith community embodying and revealing God's presence in the world?

Queries excerpted from "Practicing Peace: A Devotional Walk Through the Quaker Tradition" by Catherine Whitmire

Silent Reflection

Sharing our Wisdom

Hymn 435 *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Offering Invitation

God is the giver of all good things,
the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts
that together make the Body of Christ whole.
In gratitude for all we have received,
we offer our lives back to God —
we share our time, our talents, our treasure
and in so doing, we say "yes" to God's invitation
to join in Her Kin(g)dom building work here on earth.

Offertory Hymn 711 *Lord of All Good* (verse 1)

Prayer of Dedication
May not only our gifts, but our lives, be the grace and hope which bring healing to the broken, as well as food and nourishment to all who hunger and thirst for justice and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Doxology 607 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**
Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Christ 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
Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers
as dear to us as our own needs.
Loving our neighbors as ourselves,
we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions
on behalf of the church and the world.

After each petition:
One: *"God, in your mercy,"* **All: "Hear our prayer."**

Pastoral 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 the 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.
~ From 'Human Rites' by Ward & Wild

***Charge & Benediction**
God go before you to guide you.
God go behind you to protect you.
God go beneath you to support you.
God go beside you to befriend you.
Be not afraid.
And let the blessing of Almighty God:
Majesty, Mercy, and Mystery
Descend on you, settle in around you
And make its home in you.
Be not afraid.
Go in peace.

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

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

Postlude *We've Come This Far by Faith* ~African American Spiritual, music and lyrics by Albert A. Goodman