



Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

October 5, 2025

9:30 a.m.



with faith

THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED

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

"A Mustard Seed Faith" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Candle-lighting and Chimes**

✧ **Prelude** *When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace (O Waly, Waly)*~ Tippe Musicians

✧ **Welcome and community news**

DI orientation sessions for the upcoming season will be held on:

Sunday, October 26 | 4:00pm-5:30pm

Sunday, November 2 | 4:00pm-5:30pm

Sunday, November 9 | 4:00pm-5:30pm

RSVP's to tippechurch@gmail.com are helpful as we prepare for each date. We are working on adding a Zoom option.

Attendance at just one session is needed.

Tippe Membership Classes “Being Presbyterian”

If you are interested in becoming a member at Tippe, or just curious about the theology and how Presbyterianism developed, please join us after worship (about 11:15 am - 1pm) on 3 Sundays: October 26, November 2, and November 9 .

Questions? Contact Pastor Trish.

HUGS pledge drive begins mid-October – keep your eye out for your invitation in the mail – we hope to receive folks' responses by end of October as we strive to build our 2026 budget

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

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✧ **A Poem as we center ourselves: *Logos*** ~ by Mary Oliver

Why worry about the loaves and fishes?

If you say the right words, the wine expands.

If you say them with love

and the felt ferocity of that love

and the felt necessity of that love,

the fish explode into many.

Imagine him, speaking,

and don't worry about what is reality,

or what is plain, or what is mysterious.

If you were there, it was all those things.

If you can imagine it, it is all those things.

Eat, drink, be happy.

Accept the miracle.

Accept, too, each spoken word

spoken with love.

✧ **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 *Something Big from Something Small***

✧ **Gathering as God's People: World Communion Sunday**

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world. This annual observance encourages Christians worldwide to celebrate Holy Communion as a symbol of their unity in Christ and to acknowledge the diversity of traditions and cultures within the global church. Let us open our hearts to what God has in store for our family of

Faith and open with a prayer:

God of many names, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. Amen

✧ **Gathering Hymn Help Us Accept Each Other, #754 GTG**

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

One: Today we gather to praise God for the steadfast love which helps us walk faithfully.

All: We eagerly rejoice and seek.

One: This is the day to sing a song of thanksgiving;
to tell of God's wondrous deeds!

All: We trust God to redeem us.

One: Our faith leads us to turn to God today and every day,

All: as we celebrate our covenant to be followers of the Christ.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Holy One,

We celebrate today, grateful for the opportunity we have to worship you in word, in song, and through connection at the Table.

What a gift it is to gather with others, to offer our praise and to receive the gifts of bread and cup which bind us together to you and to your beloved Son, whom we claim as Jesus, the Christ.

In this time of worship, fill us with joy as we offer you the best we have: our love, our time, our talents and our finances.

May we tap into our “little child” identity, so our enthusiasm bubbles over as we worship. Amen.

✧ **Special Music We are All God's People** (songsheets)

✧ **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**

Luke 17: 5-10

5 The apostles said to Jesus, ‘Increase our faith!’ 6 Jesus replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

7 ‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? 8 Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Abba and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Sovereign or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to God's own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But

I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that God is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to God. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 “A Mustard Seed Faith”** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- How do my needs for control and security interfere with my faith journey?
- Do I understand my life as a journey of faithfully seeking relationship with the divine?
- How is my faith reflected in my daily life?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn We are One in the Spirit** #300 GTG

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Offertory Hymn *Many are the Lightbeams*, verse 3, #163 NCH

Offertory Blessing

✧ **Prayers of the People**

Community Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

✧ **Hymn One Bread, One Body, #530 GTG**

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

Communion of the People

Welcome

Faith communities around the Earth gather to observe World Communion Sunday. Some call it Holy Communion, others refer to it as the Great Thanksgiving (Eucharist) or Lord's Supper. Some place elements on an altar. In the Protestant tradition, we approach the Table. Every language and tongue, every tribe and nation, every continent and hemisphere represented as the Body of Christ accepts the invitation to unity around a meal prepared by the One who entered a body, the human condition, and the brokenness of the world. Let us join together in the name of Jesus the Christ to commune as one.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, in your sovereign love, you reveal to us how to love one another, how to forgive each other, and how to be in community together. You created us to be in relationship with one another. We ask for your ongoing guidance and grace, that we may recognize when our hearts have hardened and to listen deeply to what is calling us to soften and open our hearts.

Jesus, in your grace, you have made real the ancient stories of God's redemption and deliverance. You healed the sick, released the captives, and invited the outcast. We bear witness to how you are healing, releasing, and inviting us yet today. You call us siblings, sharing your birthright with us. For this we are thankful.

Holy Spirit, in your communion, you bind us to Christ and one another. You create in us hope for the future and strength for today. We pray for the Church around the world knowing that despite denominational, ethnic, language, gender, geographical differences, and even life and death, we are one Body as we share this meal.

The Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain bearer, Life giver,
Source of all that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven;
May the hallowing of your name echo through the Universe!
May the way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
May your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
May your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and may it come on earth.**

**With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts that 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 that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love.
Now and forevermore. Amen.** (New Zealand prayer book)

Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

Here at this Table, all the world will find a welcome. It is time to set down the heavy load of sin and feelings of condemnation. It is time to believe and experience God's covenantal promises.

And it is time to let go of what divides us. This Table is meant to bring us into communion, and we do not get to choose who eats here. Jesus has said that they will come from the east and the west, the north and the south to sit at the Table of God.

Each time we share this meal, we proclaim that though we may deserve God's condemnation, we have received God's grace. We proclaim to ourselves and a world in need that love overcomes anything that threatens to separate us from God or one another.

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Prayer after Communion

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything, we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works. May we be a continual thank-offering to you. In your name we pray, Amen.

Communion liturgy adapted from the work of Rev. Michelle Henrichs, excerpted from her book: *Come to the Table: Communion Liturgies of Invitation to Celebrate and Experience the Love of God* (2020)

✧ **Benediction**

May you be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Holy Spirit.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

May you have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3: 16-19)

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** *You are Holy*~ Tippe Musicians