Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church

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

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Welcome To Worship

Sepetember 20, 2026
9:30 a.m.

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

"Grumbling" Rev. Trish Eckert

*Please stand as you are able

✧Welcoming music

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧Prelude *Come to Tend God's Garden* by John Dalles ~Tippe Musicians
Come to tend God's garden, seeds of hope to sow, Planting seeds of justice, watching mercy grow!
In an arid wasteland, spread a verdant heath! In a land of tumult, cultivate God's peace!

✧Welcome and community news
Tuesday, September 22nd is the next **Joint Session** meeting for both Grace and Tippe Session members, meeting at Tippecanoe at 4 pm.

Wednesday, September 30th 6 pm Amazing Faiths Dinner Dialogue at First Baptist Church of West Allis (1576 S 78th St, West Allis 53214) – registration is required.

Friday, October 1st beginning at **5:30 pm**, **join us at the labyrinth** as we gather around the fire pit and enjoy a snack potluck. Arrive when you're able! Tippe will provide the s'mores supplies. Bring a snack to share and chair or blanket to sit on.

Sunday worship schedule for this fall, to accommodate special services and Pastor Trish's travel schedule.
Please add these remaining dates to your calendar:

- **September 27** – Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Rev. Mark Fraley will preach.
- **October 4** – World Communion Sunday, Tippe worship at Grace at 10 am. Pastor Trish will preach, Pastor Ted is out of town.
- **October 18** – 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** *Nothing is Ordinary* ~ by Christy Berghoef

It was just an ordinary morning.

I carried the compost
from the kitchen
and stepped out the back door.

The earth was still drowsy with sleep.

Crossing the yard
toward the compost pile, the light
caught in the trees and stopped me.

Breath arrested in my throat.

For a moment
the whole world seemed to soften, to
tenderize.

The branches, luminous.
The air, sacred.
The ordinary, sublime.

I stood there
with my hands full of yesterday's scraps,
breathless before
the grandeur of morning.

It was as if the earth were saying,

Look.

Nothing is ordinary.

✧ **Call to Worship**
Come at dawn!
Come at noon!
Come late in the day!
Come to the vineyard,
where the last and the first
harvest God's good fruit together.
Call on the name of God and give thanks.
Make known God's deeds among the people.
Sing and tell of God's wonderful works.
Let those who seek God rejoice in their hearts.
Let us worship God.

✧**Gathering Hymn 664 *Morning Has Broken****

✧ **Prayer of Confession**
God of fruitful labor,
work sometimes brings out the worst in us.
At home, at school, in the workplace,
even in our relationship with you,
we too easily question what others do and get,
instead of taking care of our own business.
Take away our bitterness.
Teach us the art of the careful complaint.
Give us grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

✧Words of Assurance
Hear the good news:
what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing.
God hears our complaints, but also our prayers.
God will not forget us. In Christ's name, we are forgiven. 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!

~ 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

✧ 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 16: 2-15
The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then God said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning, you shall see the glory of God, because God has heard your complaining against God. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against God.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: ‘Draw near to God, for God has heard your complaining.’ ” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. God spoke to Moses, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’ ”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that God has given you to eat.

Matthew 20: 1-16
“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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** *All of God’s Love*

✧ **Special Music** ***Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer***

Guide me, O my great Re-deem-er, pil-grim through this bar-ren land;
I am weak, but you are might-y, hold me with your power-ful hand.
Bread of heav-en, feed me till I want no more . . . .

O-pen now the crys-tal foun-tain, where the heal-in wa-ters flow.
Let the fire and cloud-y pil-lar lead me all my jour-ney through.
Strong de- liv-erer, ever be my strength and shield . . .

When I reach the Riv-er-Jor-dan, bid my anx-ious fears sub-side.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on heav-en's side.
Songs of praises I will every sing to you . . .

✧ **Message: "Grumbling"** Rev. Trish Eckert

✧**Reflection Questions**

- Do I make understanding God a prerequisite for trusting God?
- Do I look for and recognize that of God in all people?
- What helps me trust God and others, knowing that trust offers no guarantees or safety?

✧ **Silent Reflection**

✧**Sharing our Wisdom**

✧**Hymn 372** ***O for a World***

✧ **Offering Invitation**
Whatever our struggles, whatever our miracles,
whatever our burdens, whatever our fruitful labor,
we are thankful for the blessings from God
and from God's good creation.
As signs of that gratitude,
let us offer now our gifts.

✧**Offertory Hymn 750** ***Goodness is Stronger than Evil***

✧**Prayer of Dedication**
God of abundance,
receive these gifts
with thanks from your people, we pray.
May they and we
help your love and grace
flow like rivers in deserts of need. 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
God of grace and mercy,
whether we are lifelong laborers,
or new arrivals in your vineyard,
we know you value us just as we are.
Hear now the prayers of thanks and concern
that we now speak aloud
or raise silently from our hearts.

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

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer
Good caring presence within us, around us, and above us;
Hold us in a sense of mystery and wonder.

Let the fullness of your goodness be within us and around us.
Let all the world know your ways of caring and generosity.
May we find we have all we need
to meet each day without undue anxiety.
Overlook our many blunders,
and help us to release everyone from their blunders.
May we know we are accepted.
Strengthen us that we will reach out to the best, always with the faith to rise above the ugly realities of our existence.
And we celebrate the gifts you have given us:
the rich realm of life's possibilities,
the power to do good and the triumphs of good,
and the moments when we have seen
the glory and wonder of everything.
You are life's richness. You are life's power.
You are life's ultimate meaning.
Always. And for everyone. And for ever more. Amen.
~ F. Macnab

✧**Charge & Benediction***
Stand firm in the spirit;
strive side by side;
and live in a manner worthy
of the gospel of Christ.
Go in peace. Amen.

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

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

✧**Postlude** *My Life Flows on in Endless Song ~ Tippe Musicians*
I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am Christ's -- how can I keep from singing?