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Welcome To Worship

July 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.



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

*"Awe & Wonder: The Mystery of Personhood" Rev.
Trish Eckert*

✧Candle-lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude:** Mothering God...Rain Down ~ Tippe Musicians

✧Welcome and community news

Tippe Night Out – join us on Friday, July 26th at 6:30 pm at the Humboldt Beer Garden – they have a limited menu, so you're welcome to bring your own food, as well as games. Let's fellowship together!

Our next (and final) Wednesday outdoor worship service with Prince of Peace will be on **August 21st** here at Tippe on the labyrinth, starting at 5:30 pm for a potluck and fellowship, and a short worship service beginning at 6:30 pm

Save the date: Tippe will be part of a Community outdoor worship service at Humboldt Park on **Sunday, September 8th**, in partnership with the Southeast Clergy Association. Details to come!

✧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**

Just Beyond Yourself By David Whyte, from "The Bell and the Blackbird"

Just beyond
yourself.

It's where
you need
to be.

Half a step
into
self-forgetting
and the rest
restored
by what
you'll meet.

There is a road
always beckoning.

When you see
the two sides
of it
closing together
at that far
horizon
and deep in
the foundations
of your own
heart
at exactly
the same
time,
that's how
you know
it's the road
you have
to follow.

That's how
you know
it's where
you
have
to go.

That's how
you know
you have
to go.

That's
how you know.

Just beyond
yourself,
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✧ **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** ~ *More Than Skin Deep*

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme *Psalms as Living Prayers***

Throughout the summer we've been exploring the practice of prayer through the lens of the Psalms. Father Richard describes prayer in his text, *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*, in which he writes, "Prayer is not primarily saying words or thinking thoughts. It is, rather, a life stance. It's a way of living in the Presence, living in awareness of the Presence, and even of enjoying the Presence."

How might we each develop such a connection with the Divine, in which we live in the Presence, in awareness of the Presence, and even enjoying the Presence?

Although today is a "rerun" from August 21, 2022, in preparation for this week, I again turned to Father Rohr's Center for Action and Contemplation resource and came across another more recent insight of Richard Rohr's regarding prayer: "Going to the deepest level of communication, where back and forth has never stopped. Where I am not the initiator but the transmission wire itself."

We will hear Psalm 139 together this morning, and the psalmist will reveal this deep connection, this recognition of being the "transmission wire" in which there is no separation from the Divine: "O Lord, you have searched me and known me...it was you who formed my inward parts...my frame was not hidden from you

As we continue to explore the psalms, let us listen for the intimate prayers that we hear in them. Let us consider how these words align with our experiences and tap into the joy and pain that is expressed through them.

✧ **Gathering Hymn 29 O God, You Search Me**

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

All: In every detail of this day

let me be fully alive

to the words I speak, and those I hear,

and to the eloquence of the silence where no words are spoken.

Let me be fully alive

to every instant,

to the pulse of God at the heart of all things.

Let us see this day as a gift from God.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Holy One, open us to the wisdom woven throughout your creation. Reveal to us what will most benefit this hurting world for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, founded on the covenant of your love. Amen.

✧ **Special Music** *Panis Angelicus* ~ by Cesar Franck

✧ **Prayer of Intention**

✧ **Bible Wisdom Teaching**

Psalm 139

The Inescapable God

To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night',
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
those who speak of you maliciously,
and lift themselves up against you for evil!
Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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** “Awe & Wonder: The Mystery of Personhood ” Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- When do you sense the presence of God?
- What makes you feel known and seen by the divine?
- Even though we can't “get away” from God, what do you do that sometimes holds God at a distance?
- When you are in conversation with God, do you put into words the painful and difficult thoughts and feelings that arise in you?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn 488 *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry***

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Ever present and all-knowing God,

You know our gifts, our struggles, our pains, and our desires. Equip us and guide us in sharing our resources, through which we intentionally build deeper connections throughout our community. Amen

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

Hymn 527 *Eat This Bread*

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

Communion of the People

Welcome

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of Creation, you brought order from chaos and life from the empty void. You walked in the Garden desiring to be with us. From the beginning, your words to us were, "I am here."

Jesus, Light of the World, you took on the cloak of humanity. Your birth proclaimed, "I am here," meeting us where we are. In love, you search for us when we wander away. In love, you call us saying, "Come, follow me." In love, you fill us with hope as you send us out, saying, "Go and do likewise."

Spirit of Grace, you are the quiet voice within that says, "I am here." You are the peace of Christ always present with us. You are the voice of Christ calling us to serve others. You are the strength of Christ encouraging us to speak God's Word.

Holy Spirit, surround us with your presence and fill us with your hope. Bless and make holy this cup and loaf so that they may be a communion of the body and blood of Christ. In the same way, bless and make holy all those who partake, so that we may also be in communion with Christ and with one another.

✧ **The Lord's Prayer**

ALL: 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.

Words of Invitation and the Breaking of the Bread

This Table proclaims God's Word through all generations, "I am here." Let us gather together at the Table, in the presence of the Divine and in the presence of one another.

Communion of the People

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**

Let us embrace the work and wonder of this day
with fresh commitment.

May we go forward together
in the power of the love of God
in the company of Jesus Christ
and by the leading of the Holy Spirit. 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** *Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God*~Tippe Musicians