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Welcome To Worship

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9:30 a.m.



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

"Praise for the Everyday: Awakening to Beauty" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Prelude** *Lauda Anima* ~ Tippe Musicians

✧ **Welcome and community news**

Our first **Tippe Night Out** of the summer will be at Botanas II Mexican Restaurant 1421 E Howard Ave, at 6:30 pm on Friday, June 28th. We will gather for dinner out together on the last Friday of the month throughout the summer.

A reminder that we won't have Sunday morning worship on July 7th due to the 4th of July holiday weekend. Grace Presbyterian always welcomes you to join them when we are taking a "Tippe Break" – their worship is at 10 am at 2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave.

Milkmen Baseball Game July 27 Tippe is invited to join Prince of Peace Lutheran and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (West Allis) for an outing! All are welcome to see the Milwaukee Milkmen take on the Kane County Cougars on Saturday, July 27 at 6pm. A \$27 ticket gets you: Reserved seat (accessible seating available) Sandwich, chips & drink, and a gift of either a hat or drawstring bag! Sign up by Sunday, July 7 with payment.

✧ **Readying Ourselves for Worship**

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✧ **A Poem/Reading/Blessing as we Center Ourselves in this Moment**

"On Thy Wondrous Works I Will Meditate (Psalm 145)" by Mary Oliver

1.

All day up and down the shore the
fine points of the waves keep on
tapping whatever is there: scatter of broken
clams, empty jingles, old
oyster shells thick and castellated that held
once the pale jewel of their bodies, such sweet
tongue and juice. And who do you
think you are sauntering along
five feet up in the air, the ocean a blue fire
around your ankles, the sun
on your face on your shoulders its golden mouth whispering
(so it seems) you! you! you!

8.

Every morning I want to kneel down on the golden
cloth of the sand and say
some kind of musical thanks for
the world that is happening again—another day—
from the shawl of wind coming out of the
west to the firm green

flesh of the melon lately sliced open and
eaten, its chill and ample body
flavored with mercy. I want
to be worthy—of what? Glory? Yes, unimaginable glory.
O Lord of melons, of mercy, though I am
not ready, nor worthy, I am climbing toward you.

✧ **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

✧ **Gathering as God's People: Our Theme**

Through the remainder of the summer, we are exploring the practice of prayer through the lens of the Psalms. Psalms are songs, poems, living prayers. I came across the phrase, “living prayers,” from the writings of Richard Rohr, who describes the practice of contemplation as a living prayer.

Rohr explains that contemplative prayer is really a different form of consciousness – it's not really “saying” prayers. He says, “it's living in constant unitive union with God and everything around you so that whatever you do is a prayer - you rewire the mind so that everything you do is connected in loving union with the moment, with whatever is right in front of you.” He defines contemplation as a long, loving look at the “Real.” He writes, “When you look at something long enough and love it, and let it be reality for you, you're at the first door of contemplation. You don't judge it or analyze it – instead, you witness to what is unfolding and see – truly see – God's creation. We are to delight in it – to appreciate it – to soak it in. Rohr says that once you have that “mind” THEN you'll know how to pray.

There is no question that such a practice...takes practice. It's hard to maintain contemplation 24 hours a day so it is something you work on throughout your life, striving to rewire your thinking. When we develop and deepen our contemplative practices, we are better equipped to love ourselves, one another, and God. Our relationships are richer, our connections are deeper, our compassion and empathy grow.

The psalms are powerful prayers that give us language to enter into more authentic dialog with the divine. Last week I mentioned the work of the Walter Brueggemann who points to three forms of psalms: those of orientation, disorientation and new orientation. I found it intriguing that the writer, Anne Lamott talks about the three essential forms of prayer: “Help, Thanks, Wow!” I think this lines up beautifully with the concepts of Disorientation (“Help!”) Orientation (“Thanks!”) and New Orientation (“Wow!”)

As we listen to the psalms in the coming weeks, 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 14** For the Beauty of the Earth

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

By James Burko

L: May the peace of God surround you

R: Like the trees of the forest

L: May the peace of God warm you all over

R: Like the sun in the sky

L: May the peace of God swell and roll over you

R: Like a wave in the sea

L: May the peace of God fill you

R: Like the cool wind

L: May the peace of God be with you

R: And also with you.

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Holy One, we struggle to remain awake to the joys and beauty of the world around us when all is quiet. Help us to stay alert and intentional. Guide us as we embrace the sweet moments and mindfully take in the opportunities for contentment and insight. Reveal to us the ways we can share the joy and peace made available to us as we spread your love to those who need it most. Amen.

✧ **Time for Young Hearts** “Imperfect Perfection”

✧ **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 145

*The Greatness and the Goodness of God
Praise. Of David.*

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is God, and greatly to be praised;
this greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

God is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
God is good to all,
and compassion is over all that has been made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O God,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

God is faithful in all words,
and gracious in all deeds.
God upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.
God is just in all God's ways,
and kind in all God's doings.
God is near to all who call on ,
to all who call on God in truth.
God fulfils the desire of all who fear God;
hearing their cry, and saving them.
God watches over all who love God,
but all the wicked God will destroy.

My mouth will speak the praise of God,
and all flesh will bless God's holy name for ever and ever.

✧ **Message** “*Praise for the Everyday: Awakening to Beauty*” Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- What do you know for sure?
- What feels constant and true to you?
- What enables you to feel secure and allows you to notice the beauty and joy around you?
- How might you remain awake to the gifts surrounding you when the calm tends to lull you to sleep?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Our gifts of support** *Special offertory for America’s Black Holocaust Museum*

✧ **Hymn**

I’ve Got Peace Like a River

Lyrics: I’ve got ...peace like a river in my soul

I’ve got... joy like a river in my soul

I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord’s Prayer

ALL: Our Father-Mother, who lives in and beyond all of creation, may your name be made holy. May your commonwealth thrive, may your justice be done, may your loving compassion reign in every season. Give us today the bread we need; and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors; in every trial strengthen us, in the midst of evil deliver us. For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn: 203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Installation of Officer

Congregational Scripture Reading

1 Cor 12: 4-7, 27

*One: There are varieties of gifts,
But it is the same Spirit who gives them*

**All: There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**

*One: God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.*

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**

*One: Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.*

Prayer

Constitutional Questions

Questions for the Congregation

(Pastor): Do we, the members of the church, accept Judy as an elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

The people respond: **We do.**

(Pastor): Do we agree to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

The people respond: **We do.**

Prayer and Laying on of Hands

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Charge

Presentation of Symbols of Ministry

Hymn 754 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

✧ **Benediction**

On each threshold, wisdom; at every doorway, love; through every entry, grace; with each beginning, peace. 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, Open My Heart* ~ Tippe Musicians