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Welcome To Worship

June 30, 2024

9:30 a.m.



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

"Abundant Awe" Rev. Trish Eckert

✧Candle lighting and Chimes

✧**Prelude** Let All Things Now Living (Ashgrove)

✧Welcome and community news

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.

Our next **Summer Supper Service** takes place at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (4419 S Howell Ave) on Wednesday, **July 17th** Join us for supper starting at 5:30 pm – bring a chair and a dish to pass. Worship will begin at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

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 to Center Ourselves in this Moment

"Mindful" by Mary Oliver

Every day
I see or hear
something
that more or less
kills me
with delight,
that leaves me
like a needle
in the haystack
of light.

It was what I was born for –
to look, to listen,
to lose myself
inside this soft world –
to instruct myself
over and over
in joy,
and acclamation.
Nor am I talking
about the exceptional,

the fearful, the dreadful,
the very extravagant –
but of the ordinary,
the common, the very drab,
the daily presentations.
Oh, good scholar,
I say to myself,
how can you help
but grow wise
with such teachings
as these –
the untrimmable light
of the world,
the ocean's shine,
the prayers that are made
out of grass?

✧ **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** “God is the Gardener”

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

Over these past weeks we've been exploring the practice of prayer through the lens of the psalms. The theologian Walter Brueggemann describes the psalms within the framework of orientation, disorientation, and new orientation. We first contemplated a psalm that spoke of communal lamentation (disorientation) and last week we reflected on an orientation psalm filled with gratitude for the daily rhythms that provide us ballast and enable us to center ourselves. This week we pray Psalm 65, a psalm of new orientation, a psalm that names awe and wonder, gratitude, and maybe even confusion or overwhelm in the midst of transition. The writer, Anne Lamott, would describe this as a “wow” prayer.

Just as Brueggemann places the psalms into three categories, Lamott places prayer into three categories: “Help, Thanks, and Wow.” She tells us the “... great prayer, Wow, is often offered with a gasp, a sharp intake of breath, when we can't think of another way to capture the sight of shocking beauty or destruction, of a sudden unbidden insight or an unexpected flash of grace. ‘Wow’ means we are not dulled to wonder. We click into being fully present when we're stunned into that gasp, by the sight of a birth, or images of the World Trade Center towers falling, or the experience of being in a fjord, at dawn, for the first time. ‘Wow’ is about having one's mind blown by the mesmerizing or the miraculous; the veins in a leaf, birdsong, volcanoes.”

As we spend time with 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** God of the Sparrow, No. 22

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

All: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.

Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through the risen Christ. Amen

✧ **Sharing our Innermost Lives with God**

Loving God, guide us as we navigate the many changes and transitions that continue to unfold around us. Reveal to us how to walk the journey and ignite within us gratitude, even when we are overwhelmed or worried. Awaken in us the ability to see your grace and empower us to be grace-filled with one another. Amen.

✧ **Special Music** To Bless the Earth, (Psalm 65) No. 38

✧ **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 65

Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty To the leader. A Psalm of David. A Song.

1 Praise is due to you,

O God, in Zion;

and to you shall vows be performed,

2 O you who answer prayer!

To you all flesh shall come.

3 When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,

you forgive our transgressions.

4 Happy are those whom you choose and bring near

to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,

your holy temple.

5 By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,

O God of our salvation;

you are the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas.

6 By your strength you established the mountains;

you are girded with might.

7 You silence the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples.

8 Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it,
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

10 You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,

13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

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** "Abundant Awe", Rev. Trish Eckert

✧ **Reflection Questions**

- When have you been grateful for change and transition?
- What about times when instead, you have been overwhelmed?
- Do you sometimes wish you could give back the "gift" you have received?
- What have you learned about yourself in the wake of upheaval in your life?

✧ **Short period of silent reflection**

✧ **Sharing Our Wisdom**

✧ **Hymn** God, You Spin the Whirling Planets, No, 23

✧ **Our gifts of support**

Whatever challenges we face, O God,
we have also known your many blessings—
threshing floors full of grain,
vats overflowing with wine and oil.
Accept these gifts as tokens of our thankfulness,
that they may be used to prophesy in your spirit
and to share your bounty with those in need. Amen.

✧ **Community Prayers & the Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe.**

**Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.**

**Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.**

**In you is truth, meaning, glory and power,
while worlds come and go.
Amen.**

✧ **Benediction**

Blessed is the path on which you travel.
Blessed is the body that carries you upon it.
Blessed is your heart that has heard the call.
Blessed is your mind that discerns the way.
Blessed is the gift that you will receive by going.
Truly blessed is the gift that you will become on the journey.
May you go forth in peace.

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** All Creatures of our Ruler, God