



14 APRIL 2019

## PALM SUNDAY

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### WELCOME to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church!

If this is your first time here we want to say a special thank you for worshipping with us today. Whether you're visiting, seeking a new spiritual direction in your life, or simply looking for a church home, we pray that *SPIRIT OF LIFE* might be the place for you to grow. Living a life of faith is no easy matter—until we try living life without faith. We're glad you worshiped here today and want you to know that your presence is always welcome! **NOTE:** Hymnals, large print bulletins & children's activity bags are available at the usher station, or you may ask an usher. We also offer nursery upstairs during worship and Sunday school.

**\*Thank you for silencing/turning off your electronic devices** during rehearsals and worship. Should your phone still ring, you will be invited to come to the front sing a solo during the offering.

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna with All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

arr. by Anna Laura Page

Martha Davis

### PROCESSION OF PALMS

### WELCOME

Rev. Rob Smith

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Scott Harves

**SONG** "Psalm 118" by James L H Brumm (purple hymnal #46)

Hail and Hosanna! Blest is he who comes

In God's own name to make our world God's home.

One: Hosanna! Hosanna!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Hosanna in the highest heaven!

**All: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Praise you, Lord.

**All: Praise your holy name.**

**Song:** "Psalm 118" by James L H Brumm

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In God's own name to make our world God's home.

**OPENING HYMN** "He Has Made Me Glad" by Leona Von Brethorst

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Chris Sachs

"Change for Change" offering

### PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Scott Harves

One: Enter, Lord Jesus! We welcome you into our midst, here on this Palm Sunday morning, just as the people of Jerusalem welcomed you way back when in bible times! You come to us as Christ the King, triumphant over darkness and hate! You come to us as Christ the King victorious over pride and injustice! You come to us as Christ the King, humble, on the back of a donkey. Teach us your ways, Lord, that we too might conquer that which makes us less than pure. In our songs of praise, in our meditative thought, in our reading of scripture, help us to walk in humility and service. Assist us to proclaim your glory. Enable us to follow your example in our city, town and village streets; and in the interactions we have with each other.

**All: We confess that we are all too quick to shout: "Hosanna! Hosanna!" How easy it is to be carried by the crowd. And we confess that if we were present in those bible times, rather than in our present day, we too would likely, all too soon, change our cries to "Crucify! Crucify!" Have mercy, Lord. Forgive us, Lord. And guide us in your paths. In our prayers renew us and transform us, we ask! Enter our hearts, our minds, our souls today, that your kingdom might come amongst us. Hosanna! Hosanna! Amen..**

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Rev. Rob Smith

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Rob Smith

**RESPONSE HYMN** "God is So Good" (purple #658)

**ANTHEM** "Ain't No Rock Gonna' Shout For Me" arr. by Lloyd Larson Choir

## HEARING

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Scott Harves

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21: 1-17

Scott Harves

### SERMON

"Crosswise: Grand Theft Donkey"

Rev. Rob Smith

## RESPONDING

**RESPONSE** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" by Jennette Threlfall (purple #197)

### CALL TO OFFERING

Scott Harves

### OFFERTORY

"Lift High the Cross" arr. by Cindy Berry

Martha Davis

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #591

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our**

daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

**CLOSING SONG** "Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)" (ccli #4662491)

### CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Rev. Rob Smith

### POSTLUDE

Martha Davis

## Volunteers for today, Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019:

**Lay Leader:** Scott Harves

**Audio Visual:** Alfred Hicks

**Children's Sermon:** Chris Sachs

**Ushers / Greeters:** Duane Sweep (Lead), Nicole Fischer and Ed Marciniak, Vickie and Bill Fischer, Rosellen Fairall, Matt and Mary Hope, Trisa Scott, Sarah Tavaréz, and Walt Ullrich

**Pianist:** Martha Davis

## Volunteers for next Sunday, Easter, April 21, 2019:

**Lay Leader:** Becky Brandt

**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott

**Children's Sermon:** Rev. Rob Smith

**Ushers / Greeters:** Duane Sweep (Lead), Nicole Fischer and Ed Marciniak, Vickie and Bill Fischer, Rosellen Fairall, Matt and Mary Hope, Trisa Scott, Sarah Tavaréz, and Walt Ullrich

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Please be sure to submit your announcement to the church office so we may include them in the printed bulletin. All announcements received at [spirit@spiritoflifeav.org](mailto:spirit@spiritoflifeav.org) by noon Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Those received later than, will be included the following Sunday. ~Thank you.

Please mark your calendars: KIDS CAMP will be August 19-23!

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### SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

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### OFFICE

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

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# A n n o u n c e m e n t s ...

## Our special services here at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church* during the Easter Season

Today, **Palm** Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the distribution of palms. An Easter Egg Hunt for children will follow the service.

**Maundy Thursday, April 18**, will feature the retelling of the story of Jesus' Last Supper with a potluck meal beginning at 6 p.m. Communion will be served as part of the meal. The Spirit of Life Youth Drama Club will act out the Crucifixion. The Drama Club is directed by Gladys Mbonifor.

Finally, on **Easter Sunday, April 21**, at the 10 a.m. worship service, along with two anthems by the Adult Choir, the Youth Drama Club will act out the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Communion also will be served.

During the Lenten Season the church has held **Wednesday evening devotional gatherings**, starting with a "kid-friendly" meal at 6 p.m. and devotions commencing about 6:20 p.m. A different church group has been hosting each of the suppers. The final one will be on April 10.

Our **nursery** (2nd floor) is open during worship for children ages 1-6 years.

Today we will collect our "**Change for Change**" offering. Throughout the month, we collect our change and then we bring it, on the second Sunday of the month, to give in the bucket offering. With the help of our children, we continue collecting change in our metal buckets on a monthly basis. This is a great teaching tool to help us show each other and the younger generation how fun it is to give when we hear the change drop in the buckets!

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Regular "office hours" are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on Tuesdays, 10am-12noon.** If you need to talk regarding life issues, church, or other things, please feel free to drop by or set up an appointment to meet with him.

**Everyone is welcome to join us for the weekly study on Wednesdays, 10-11:30am**, with Pastor Rob leading. Our current study is covering the book of Genesis. Anyone can join at any time. Class meets at the new Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes located just down the road at 5400 157th St. W., Apple Valley (South on Pilot Knob and turn left onto 157th St W. Orchard Path to the right after the traffic circle.)

**Meet In The Middle** is in full swing! Kids can be dropped off at 4:30pm. At 6pm, parents can then join their kids for dinner provided by the church. From 4:30-6, kids will be: playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing to the residents of Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes, Bible lessons and more!! Please contact Nikki Harves with any questions at [nikkiharves@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiharves@gmail.com).

**Choir rehearsals** are Sundays at 8:45am. All welcome.

**Spirit of Life drama club** will meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**. If you have questions, please reach out to Gladys Mbonifor at (505) 204-5166 or [gmbonifor3@yahoo.com](mailto:gmbonifor3@yahoo.com).

Please sign up to be Cookie hostess for Sunday fellowship. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cadab2da5ff2-spirit> . We need cookie hostesses for May and June. Thank you!

NOTE Schedule change: Be sure to talk with Alvine regarding when the next **Spirit of Life Youth Choir** rehearsal will be. All Middle and High School Youths are welcome to join us any time. For more information, please contact Alvine Laure Ekame at [alvinelaure\\_cm@yahoo.fr](mailto:alvinelaure_cm@yahoo.fr).

**May Women's book club**: For the month of May we will be reading "Waking up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving. We will meet on Thursday May 30, 2019 at Lisa Smith's home. Here is a link to buy the book.

[https://www.amazon.com/Waking-White-Finding-Myself-Story/dp/0991331303/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?keywords=waking+up+white&qid=1554429888&s=gateway&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/Waking-White-Finding-Myself-Story/dp/0991331303/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=waking+up+white&qid=1554429888&s=gateway&sr=8-1)

The Community Service/Mission Committee **thanks** all of you who supported our 2019 MN FoodShare March Campaign with donations of food or money! We were able to provide the Rosemount Family Resource Center (part of 360 Communities food shelf network) with 123 pounds of non-perishable food items, and a check for \$250.10, which extends our giving by a factor of 10. Thank you for being part of a generous and nurturing congregation!

With some of our memorial funds, we have purchased 10 of the new purple "Glory to God" Presbyterian Hymnals. They are on the shelves at the usher stand. If anyone would like to use one, feel free to bring one to your seat and then return it to the shelf following worship.

**April Caregiver - Ruth Shepard**

***SpiritCare Prayer Team: 1.507.263.5975*** or 952.423.2212-Office

*"First, I tell you to pray for all people, asking God for what they need and being thankful to Him. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior."*  
*1 Timothy 2:1, 3*

## OUR SYMPATHY AND LOVE TO...

**Mike and Rachel Elliott and family-** *Rachel Elliott's Father* passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 6. Prayers for comfort, peace and understanding that God is with Rachel and Mike and their family through this difficult time.

**Joanne Boyd and family-** *Joanne's Brother, Henry Kober*, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, March 7, after having been diagnosed a week ago with acute Leukemia. Prayers for comfort, peace and understanding that God is with Joanne and the family through this difficult time.

**Martha Davis and family-** *Martha's Father, James Edward Schlaeppi*, passed away the morning of Wednesday, March 13. Prayers for comfort and peace that God is with Martha and the family through this difficult time.

**Buchholz family-** *Larry Buchholz's sister-in-law, Clara Buchholz*, passed away Thursday, April 4. Prayers for comfort, peace and God's enduring love to Jim, *Larry's brother*, their children and grandchildren, *Larry and Pat*, and the extended family as they grieve the loss of Jim's wife, *Clara*.

*Crosswise:*

*Grand Theft Donkey*

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Rev. Rob Smith

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