



23 JUNE 2019
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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W E L C O M E 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 alife 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 to sing a solo during the offering.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Almighty King” arr Cindy Berry

WELCOME Jeff Mortimer

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 26: 1-8, The Message) Loretta Hunt
One: Clear my name, GOD; I’ve kept an honest shop. I’ve thrown in my lot with you, GOD, and I’m not budging.
All: Examine me, GOD, from head to foot, order your battery of tests. Make sure I’m fit inside and out.
One: So I never lose sight of your love, But keep in step with you, never missing a beat.
All: I don’t hang out with tricksters, I don’t pal around with thugs; I hate that pack of gangsters, I don’t deal with double-dealers.
One: I scrub my hands with purest soap, then join hands with the others in the great circle, dancing around your altar, GOD, Singing God-songs at the top of my lungs, telling God-stories.
All: GOD, I love living with you; your house glows with your glory. Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN MEDLEY “Good is God! Hallelujah!”
“God is So Good” (hymn #658, v 1 & 3)
“Know That God is Good” (hymn #659, v 1 & 2)
“Halle, Halle Hallelujah!” (hymn #591, refrain, v 1, refrain)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Chris Sachs

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Loretta Hunt
One: Merciful God, We confess that we have not always lived up to the example set by Your Son, Jesus Christ. In Your mercy, hear our prayer.
All: We confess how difficult it is to truly love our neighbor; to care as deeply for their well-being as for our own, to delight in their good fortune without feeling envious. Forgive us. Teach us to wholeheartedly love one another.

One: We confess how often we act out of our own self-interest; putting our needs and desires ahead of the needs of others, hoarding our resources rather than sharing them freely. Forgive us. Teach us to live with generosity and compassion.
All: We confess how easy it is to do what we know is wrong: to rationalize our bad decisions and behaviors, to make excuses for our hurtful words and actions. Forgive us. Teach us to turn away from what is wrong and pursue what is right.
One: We confess that we find it very difficult to love our enemies: to pray for their well-being, to act in their best interests, to leave thoughts of vengeance behind. Forgive us. Teach us to love even those who hurt or offend us.
All: You call us to turn away from the behaviours and attitudes of the world around us; and to be renewed and transformed by Your grace at work in our lives. Through Your Holy Spirit, continue the work that You have begun in us, so that our words and deeds may bring honor and glory to You. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Jeff Mortimer

PASSING OF THE PEACE Jeff Mortimer

RESPONSE “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning”
As the winner of a Hymn Selection Certificate from the Valentine Cabaret, Don Roeske has picked this hymn. Rev. Dwight Moody wrote the hymn, based on something that really happened back in the 1800s. A ship was approaching the harbor of Cleveland, Ohio, in a storm. Two lights should have been burning at the harbor mouth, but the lower light was out. The captain missed the channel, the ship struck upon many rocks, and many lives were lost. Rev. Moody preached: "Brothers, the Master will take care of the great lighthouse! Let us keep the lower lights burning!" Here are the words:

1. Brightly beams our Father's mercy From his lighthouse evermore;
But to us he gives the keeping Of the lights along the shore.

Refrain:
Let the lower lights be burning, Send a gleam across the wave;
Some poor fainting, struggling seaman You may rescue, you may save.

2. Dark the night of sin has settled, Loud and angry billows roar;
Eager eyes are watching, longing, For the lights along the shore.

Refrain

3. Trim your feeble lamp, my brother; Some poor seaman, tempest-tossed,
Trying now to make the harbor, In the darkness may be lost.

Refrain

ANTHEM “Goodness of God” by Jenn Johnson, Martha Davis soloist

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Loretta Hunt

SCRIPTURE Romans 12: 9-21 Loretta Hunt

SERMON Jeff Mortimer

RESPONDING

RESPONSE HYMN “Goodness is Stronger than Evil” (#750)

CALL TO OFFERING Loretta Hunt

OFFERTORY “Be Still, My Soul” by Jean Sibelius Martha Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” #606

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
One:
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 HYMN “Let All Things Now Living” (#37)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Jeff Mortimer

POSTLUDE Martha Davis

Announcements ...

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 by noon Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Those received later than, will be included the following Sunday. ~Thank you.

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

Our Youth and Leaders are on their return trip from **Mountain T.O.P.** in Cumberland Pines, Tennessee. Let’s keep them in our prayers as they drive back to MN.

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 **assist in the garden** on Sundays following worship, either harvesting produce or helping with weeding. A good excuse to wear your gardening clothes!

Please sign up to be Cookie hostess for Sunday fellowship. We need cookie hostesses for July and August. Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cadab2da5ff2-spirit . Thank you!

Save the date and plan to attend the **All Church Wednesday night potluck**, June 26, 6-7pm. Please bring our own meat to grill and a dish to share. Also please bring your calendar and we’ll talk about when to schedule the next Wednesday night potluck, too!

Does your child play piano? Does your child play drums, guitar, or any other instruments? And as an adult, do you play (piano, drums, guitar, or any other instruments)? Or is this something you haven’t played in years (but perhaps would like to pick it up again)? Our music director would like to hear from you! Martha is looking for those who have untapped talent so please let her know. You’ll find her at the piano Sundays for worship.

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.

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

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Volunteers for today, June 23, 2019:

Preaching: Jeff Mortimer

Lay Leader: Loretta Hunt

Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks

Children’s Sermon: Chris Sachs

Pianist: Martha Davis

Ushers/Greeters: Alvine Siaka Ekame (Lead), Marie Siaka, Rachel & Mike Elliott, Wynn Johnson, Jann Henkes, Paul Swaim, Trevor Swaim, Joanne Boyd, Afanwi Kube, Brant & Monique Lander

Next Sunday is June 30, 2019, Mission Trip Worship

JUNE CAREGIVER - Patience Mbonifor

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

Building Use this week:

Sun, June 23	9:15am	singers rehearse	sanctuary
	10:00am	Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
Mon, June 24	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts/Den 3	sanctuary/conf rm
	6:00 pm	Diamond Path Place Assoc mtg	dove rm
Tues, June 25	1:00 pm	staff meeting	conf rm
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop 292	sanctuary
	6:30pm	Troop Committee mtg	conf rm
	6:30 pm	Emerald Pt Twnh Assoc mtg	dove rm
Wed, June 26	6:00 pm	All church potluck & devotions	sanctuary/patio
	7:00 pm	Kids Camp planning mtg	conf rm
Sat, June 29	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen

SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

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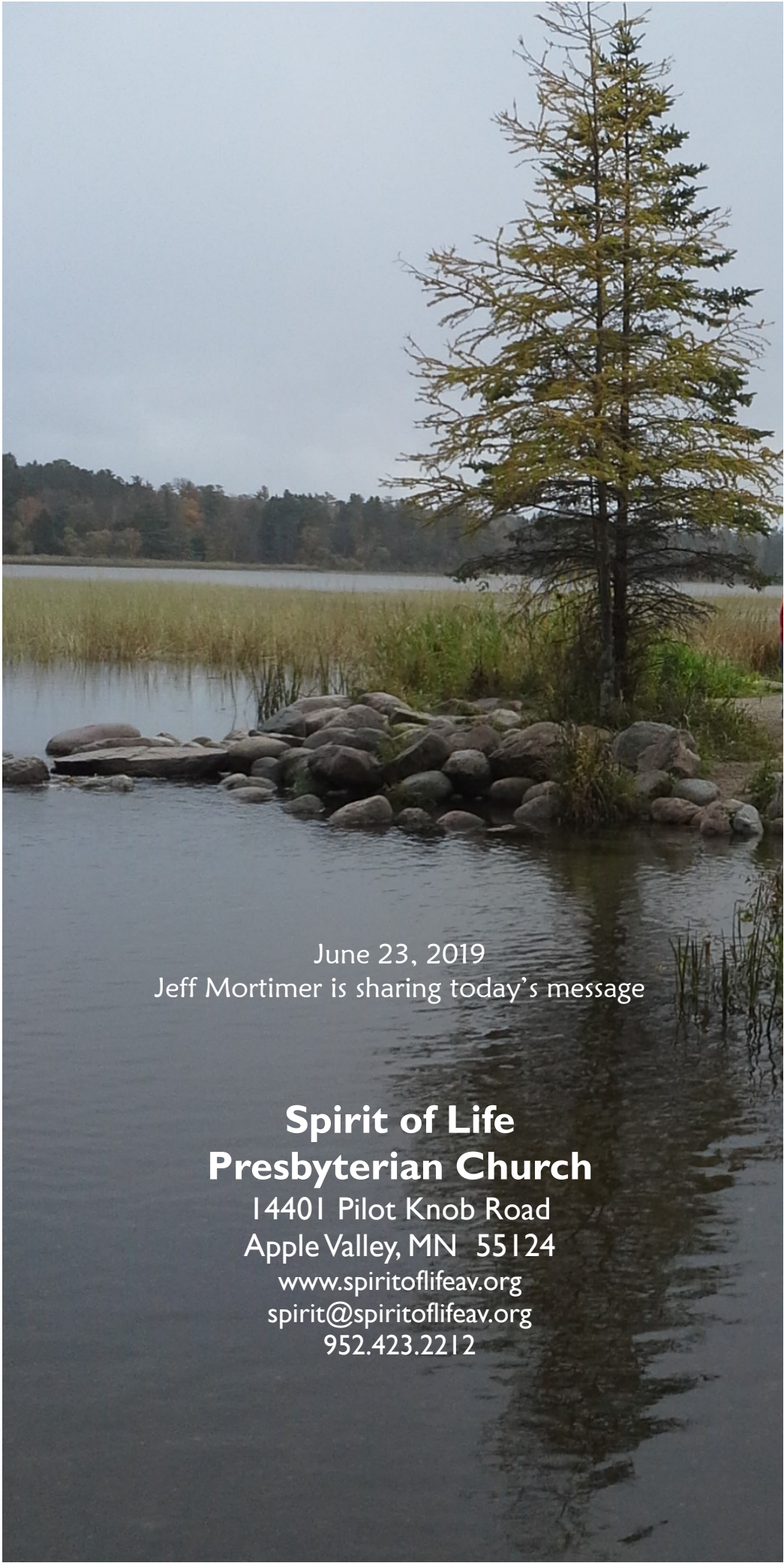
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OFFICE

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

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Jeff Mortimer is sharing today’s message

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