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23<sup>RD</sup> 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 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.

**\*We would like to draw your attention to an important housekeeping note:** Should your phone ring during rehearsals or worship, you will be asked to shovel snow for the month of December!

GATHERING

PRELUDE Chris Wolf

WELCOME Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP Oghomwen Amadasun

One: Mr. Rogers shared, “There’s something unique about being a member of a family that really needs you in order to function well. One of the deepest longings a person can have is to feel needed and essential.”

**All: But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, by God’s own choosing. If all were a single member, separate from one another, where would the body be? As it is, we are many members, each unique, each essential, yet meant to belong together as one body. (1 Cor 12: 18-20)**

One: Mr. Rogers also said, “I believe at the center of the universe there dwells a loving spirit who longs for all that’s best in all of creation, a spirit who knows the great potential of each planet as well as each person, and little by little will love us into being more than we ever dreamed possible. That loving spirit would rather die than give up on any one of us.”

**All: A spirit that sees the best in each one of us, loving us into being more than we can imagine. This is the Spirit of Life. Let us worship God.**

OPENING HYMN “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (#398)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rachel Elliott

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Oghomwen Amadasun

One: Fred Rogers once said, “When we hear the word that we are not lovable, we are not hearing the Word of God. No matter how unlovely, impure or weak or false we may feel ourselves to be, all through the ages God has still called us lovable.” Jesus’ message, according to Fred, is “Be who

you are. We’ll grow from there.” Let us pray together:

**All: Loving God, take all the broken bits of our lives  
Our broken promises; our broken friendships; our differences of opinion;  
Our different backgrounds, and shapes and sizes,  
And arrange them together,  
Fitting them into each other to make something beautiful  
Like an artist makes a stained glass window.  
Make a design—your design—  
Even when all we can see are the broken bits.**

~Anonymous, from *The Classic Treasury of Children’s Prayers* (1999), p. 133

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN “Jesus Loves Me” (#188)

ANTHEM “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” by Ken Medema SOLPC Choir

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Oghomwen Amadasun

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 5: 1-7; 11: 1-5 Oghomwen Amadasun  
Matthew 6: 21 Rev. Rob Smith

SERMON “Won’t You Be My Neighbor: We’ll Grow From There” Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” (#757, v1, 4)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Steve Lewis

TESTIMONY Oghomwen Amadasun

CALL TO OFFERING Oghomwen Amadasun

OFFERTORY Chris Wolf

PRAYER OF DEDICATION “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (Doxology)” #606  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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 thy 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.**

SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING HYMN “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (#700, v 1-3)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Rob Smith

POSTLUDE Chris Wolf

Volunteers for today, November 17, 2019,

Lay Leader: Oghomwen Amadasun

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children’s sermon: Rachel Elliott

Ushers/Greeters: Deon Ford

Guest Pianist: Chris Wolf

NOVEMBER CAREGIVER - Patience Mbonifor

*SpiritCare Prayer Team:*

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*“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*

Next Sunday, November 24, 2019,  
at the Rosemount Marcus movie theater,  
15280 Carrousel Way, Rosemount

Lay Leaders: Pastor Rob Smith and Steve Lewis

Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks

Ushers/Greeters: Deon Ford

2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.

**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.

SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Rob Smith Email: pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org

Parish Lay Pastor: Loretta Hunt

Clerk of Session: Denise Lewis

Music Director: Martha Davis

Nursery Caregiver: Trista Hansen

Office Administrator: Shari Shaw

OFFICE

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS  
FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL ROB @ 952.807.4413



Announcements ...

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

Our stewardship campaign theme this year is "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Each week in November, we will discuss being a neighbor. To conclude our Stewardship campaign, we'll share in worship at the Marcus Rosemount movie theater, 15280 Carrousel Way, Rosemount, MN 55068, on Sunday, November 24. We'll meet at the theater and begin at 10am as usual, then have a few preliminaries before watching the movie "Won't You Be My Neighbor?".

Children's K - 5th grade will be dismissed shortly after worship begins and have **Sunday school class** during worship (except on Communion Sunday). Kids 6th grade and older will meet for Sunday school following worship.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Pastor Rob's "office hours"** are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on **Mondays, 9-11am**. 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 invited to join Pastor Rob for the **midweek Bible study**. The study is on Ephesians, focusing on faith community. We meet **Wednesdays, 10am**, at *Spirit of Life*. See Pastor Rob with questions.

**Meet in the Middle (M+M)** happens on Wednesdays. From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for dinner at 6pm (provided by the church but free will offering received). Please contact Nikki at [nikkiharves@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiharves@gmail.com) to register or with questions.

**Do you have the heart of a cookie hostess?** We do have an opportunity for you to pursue hospitality during Sunday fellowship hour. Indeed, hospitality is a vital part of the life of Spirit of Life and fellowship hour is the time when people can socialize, get to know newcomers, catch up with friends. Besides bringing cookies, the hostess should also assist with setup, pouring lemonade and water, and cleanup afterwards. Guidelines for being a cookie host/hostess are on the fridge in the church kitchen. We need cookie hostesses for worship in December. Please contact Rosellen Fairall ([rlfairall@gmail.com](mailto:rlfairall@gmail.com)) or Loretta Hunt ([huntgeo@msn.com](mailto:huntgeo@msn.com)) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

If you signed up to purchase a gift for **Armful of Love**, please return the gift to the church by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The gift should be wrapped and labeled with the name of the recipient. Thanks! Questions—please see Wendy Barta.

**From the Music Director:**  
Our updated music rehearsal schedule is as follows:  
Sun, Nov 17: 8:30-9:40am choir  
Wed, Nov 20: 7-8pm women's choir / 8-8:39pm bell  
Sun, Nov 24: 9:00-9:05am women's choir / 9:05-9:40am choir  
Wed, Nov 27: 6pm choir rehearsal / Ecumenical Worship at 7pm

**For those who would like to join in singing for the advent and Christmas season**, plan to come to rehearsal on Sunday, December 1, at 8:30am! And again, a few people have said they can't commit to the choir because it's too much time. We will take you when you can come - it is an open invitation! If you can't commit to every week - welcome to the club!!! Please participate when you can come. We will have fun and learn some new things and I look forward to sharing some of the cool things that I have learned/experienced in my life with choral music. ~ Thanks, Martha

Mark your calendar and plan to be here at *Spirit of Life* for the **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 27**. Anyone interested in singing in the community choir is asked to be here at 6:00pm for rehearsal. Worship begins at 7:00 pm.

**Women's book club will meet on Thursday, December 5 at 7pm** at Lisa Smith's

home. We will be discussing the book "Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unearning and Relearning God" by Sarah Bessey. Check this out at Amazon.com: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/1501155466/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_em\\_api\\_i\\_azeWDbSCYH30D](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1501155466/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_i_azeWDbSCYH30D) All are welcome! Please join us!

Many thanks to all who participated in our kick-off immigration event, where stories were shared about generational immigration experiences. It was a rich and varied exchange, including voices from immigrants of Dutch, German, Italian, Scandinavian, Japanese, Nigerian, and Cameroonian descent as well as rural and pioneer experiences, and the intersection of immigrant settlement and Native American reservations. Thank you again to all who attended to listen, and to all who shared their stories! We all learned from it! **SAVE THE DATE:** our next immigration event will be Sunday, December 8, following worship. We will be hosting a panel discussion with three or four guest speakers who are experts in the field of immigration. More details to follow!

Be sure to pick up your updated church directory at the back of the sanctuary!

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AND  
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Building Use this week:			
Sun, Nov 17	8:30am	choir	sanctuary
	10:00am	Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	11:15am	youth Sunday school	upper level
	1/3/5pm	piano recitals	sanctuary
Mon, Nov 18	6:00pm	Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
	1:00pm	staff mtg	conf rm
Tues, Nov 19	6:00pm	Emerald Pt bd mtg	conf rm
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop 292	sanctuary
Wed, Nov 20	7:00pm	Troop Committee mtg	dove rm
	10:00am	Ephesians Bible study	conf rm
	4:30pm	M&M	sanctuary/conf rm
	6:00pm	family meal	sanctuary/kitchen
	7:00 pm	choir	sanctuary
	7:45pm	women's choir	sanctuary
Sat, Nov 23	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen

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