



23 FEBRUARY 2020 AD

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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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:** Large print bulletins & Children's activity bags are available at the usher station. 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 still ring, it will extend Pastor Jeff's sermon by 15 minutes this week.

GATHERING

"Not only can God never be fully comprehended, but the ironic truth is that much if not most of what you might come to perceive about God can be encountered only in the very act of following God. The road itself is the teacher." Michael Lindvall

PRELUDE "Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Graham Kendrick arr by Phillip Keveren
Martha Davis

WELCOME Afanwi Kube

CALL TO WORSHIP Afanwi Kube

One: Today we journey to a mountain top sharing a moment of wonderment, a moment of clarification.

All: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

One: Come as we prepare to listen. Come as we get ready to see anew. Come and find renewal. Let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN "Gather Us In" (#401)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Nikki Harves

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Afanwi Kube

One: Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer. Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life, but instead too often produce violence, or hate, or fear.

All: Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life that is abundant and

eternal, life that began at the creation of all things and carried your people throughout all generations.

One: Forgive us, turn us to the right path, and let your love and grace flow over us and the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Afanwi Kube

One: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

All: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

One: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

One: Friends, hear the good news. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen
**A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)...Presbyterian Church USA*

PASSING OF THE PEACE Afanwi Kube

RESPONSE HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (#377, v 1 & 2)

ANTHEM "Praise Adonai" by Paul Baloche

Kids (K-5) are dismissed to go to Sunday school

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Afanwi Kube

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 2: 1-12
Mark 9: 2-9 Afanwi Kube
Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga

SERMON "The Roads We Travel" Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE HYMN "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" (#775)

CALL TO OFFERING Afanwi Kube

OFFERTORY "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" arr Mark Hayes
Martha Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #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 Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga
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 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" (#761)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga

POSTLUDE

Volunteers for today, February 23, 2020:
Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga, Executive Presbyter
Lay Leader: Afanwi Kube
Audio Visual: Eric Scott
Children's Sermon: Nikki Harves
Ushers / Greeters: Duane Sweep

FEBRUARY CAREGIVER - Loretta Hunt
MARCH CAREGIVER - Ruth Ewule

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*

Volunteers for next Sunday, March 1, 2020:
Lay Leader: Duane Sweep
Audio Visual: Eric Scott
Children's Sermon: Merry Close
Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis
Communion: Steve Lewis (Lead), Deon Ford, Loretta Hunt

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.

Pastor Rob will hold “office hours” at the new **Dunn Bros. located 16106 Pilot Knob Rd, Rosemount (by HyVee), 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.

Our **Ash Wednesday worship** is at 7pm this Wednesday, February 26. M & M will meet with the family worship at 7pm. We will not have a family meal at church this week. The remaining Wednesdays in Lent we will share a family meal at 6pm with devotions at 6:30pm.

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 to register or with questions. We do need desserts for M+M for February and March. Sign up in the church kitchen. Thanks!

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 February and March. Please contact Rosellen Fairall (rlfairall@gmail.com) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

Karen Johnson is celebrating her 60th birthday with a "Swinging Sixty Dance Party". She has rented space at Spirit of Life on Sunday, March 1st, 2-5pm, for music, dancing, food and non-alcoholic drinks. She's also having Jeff Carver, trumpeter, perform smooth Jazz, big band and soft pop music. Dress up like 1960 and let's have fun. In lieu of gifts, Karen is requesting donations (canned goods, toiletries, etc) that would be donated to Rosemount Family Resource Center and Breaking Free. RSVP to Karen at KCJLJOHNSON@yahoo.com or text her at 612-210-8600.

We had a great turn-out and wonderful discussion for our first Sunday of the **immigration book study** on February 2; we covered the first two chapters of “The God Who Sees”. Here is the schedule going forward;

you are welcome to join in whenever you can!

- February 23, chapters 7 and 8; Denise facilitating
- March 1, chapters 9 and 10
- March 9, chapter 11, and wrap up discussion

There are questions at the end of the book for each chapter. Before each Sunday, please read the assigned chapters, review the questions for each of those chapters, and take note of any questions that you are particularly interested in discussing.

Many thanks to all who participated in our super bowl SOUPER BOWL! Although your team may not have won, your votes certainly counted and many families will have warm soup on their tables. Stay tuned for the March Minnesota Food Drive coming soon from your community service team.

From Community Service/Mission: March is just around the corner, and Spirit of Life will once again participate in the MN FoodShare March campaign, with all donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products, as well as all financial donations, going to support the food shelf at the Rosemount Family Resource Center. We are going to try something a little different this year, so *don't miss worship on March 1*, when we will introduce the new format.

2020 SYNOD SCHOOL is July 26-31 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA. There are over 60 classes—classes for all ages. Anyone is welcome to attend. A typical day includes worship in the morning and evening with 4 class session available throughout the day. Registration opens on March 2nd. Limited scholarships are available. Visit the website at www.lakesandprairies.org for additional details. Feel free to chat with Loretta Hunt if you have questions.

Throughout the month, we collect our change and then we bring it on the second Sunday of the month to give in the “**Change for change**” **bucket offering**. Some are familiar with this, others may have questions. 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 coins drop in the buckets! Our next collection will be March 8.

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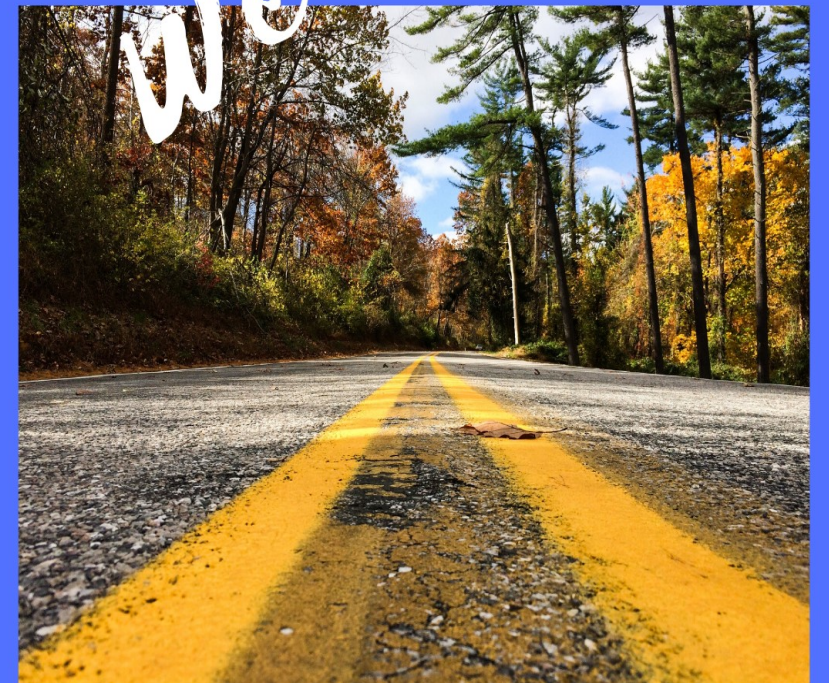
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