



15 MARCH 2020 AD

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

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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:** 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 Rob’s sermon by 15 minutes this week.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” with “He Leadeth Me” by William Bradbury arr by Cindy Berry **Martha Davis**

WELCOME **Rev. Rob Smith**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Marge Lewis**
One:

All (Response): A child of God, equal in God's sight and loved.

One: We are heading for the kingdom: a place where new visions are made, linked arm in arm with the people of God, the young and the old, the poor and the rich, the able and the infirm, walking together on a level plane.

All: So let us lay aside our worldly ways and wants and turn to God who will supply all our needs to reach our destination.

OPENING SONGS Medley “Come And Find The Quiet Center” (ccli # 5263693, v 1), “Lord, Prepare Me” (#701), “I Surrender All” (ccli # 23189, v 1, 2, 4)

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Karen Johnson**

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION **Marge Lewis**
All: Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom.

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One: God of generosity and openness, we come as workers in your kingdom harvest to sing our praises, to share our joys, to relieve our burdens, to listen for your word and to share in communion with each other.

All: We come recognizing all that you have done for us, in the openness of a world of choice where we are able to shape our future and the future of our communities and world through the decisions we make on our own,

and together as a people. We praise you for the freedom that brings us, and today we recognize that freedom with thankful hearts.

One: We praise you for the part you seek us to play, for the ministries into which you invite us, for the situations that allow us to share good news through deed and word, and for the encouragement your Spirit brings as we grow in faith, in understanding and in our ability to serve.

All: With such freedom and opportunity comes responsibility and temptation. Like any good workers, we are called to work together for the sake of the bigger goal, but like some workers, we can be tempted to work solely for our own benefit, not counting the cost of our decisions as they impact on others or on society as a whole.

All: Forgive us when we fail to live up to your expectations. Forgive us when we deny other servants their place and trap ourselves in small-mindedness. Forgive us when we fail to recognize that your kingdom is not the same as the kingdoms of the world, that your reign is of a different order.

All: May we recognize once more the worth we have in your eyes, that we are valued beyond any worldly value, and in return know your true worth as the King of all kings, the Lord of lords, and the Prince of peace. Amen.

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MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **Rev. Rob Smith**

PASSING OF THE PEACE **Rev. Rob Smith**

RESPONSE HYMN “Change My Heart, O God” (#695)

ANTHEM “Give Me Jesus” by Tom Fettke **Choir**

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

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **Marge Lewis**

SCRIPTURE Mark 12: 1-12 **Marge Lewis**

SERMON “WHAT: What Do You Think You Own?” **Rev. Rob Smith**

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE SONG “Above All” (ccli #2672885)

CALL TO OFFERING **Marge Lewis**

OFFERTORY “My Worth Is Not In What I Own” by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, & Graham Kendrick **Martha Davis & Karen Johnson**

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

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 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (#700)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION **Rev. Rob Smith**

POSTLUDE

Volunteers for today, March 15, 2020:

Lay Leader: Marge Lewis

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children’s Sermon: Karen Johnson

Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis

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 22, 2020:

Lay Leader: Marge Lewis

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children’s Sermon: Rachel Elliott

Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis

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

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

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.

From Community Service/Mission: **SCORE ALERT!!!** The MN FoodShare March Madness first half of play is in the books, and here is how the score stands, with analysis to follow:

First Place: 226 points, Leadership team (\$60, 23 pounds)

Second Place: 90 points, Christian Ed team (\$50, 20 pounds)

Third Place: 122 points, HUB/Community Service Team (\$0, 61 pounds)

Fourth Place: 50 points, Worship & Music Team (\$0, 25 pounds)

Leadership and Christian Ed are clearly neck in neck, with a balanced game plan of 3 point shots and pounds of items donated for the food shelf. HUB/Community Service had an outstanding collection of non-perishable items, but totally missing on the 3 point play. Our potential Cinderella team of Worship & Music doesn't seem to realize the dance has started without them, so they better up their game quickly, or risk being left even further in the dust.

The second half ends March 15 after worship. If you want to strategically take advantage of the 3 point play, make your checks payable to Spirit of Life, with MN FoodShare in the memo line, and use one of the specially designated envelopes to identify your preferred team; place your envelope in the collection plate. If you don't follow this procedure, your team won't get the credit. Questions? Contact Denise Lewis.

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.

Reminder of the wine tasting opportunity on May 1, 6-8pm. There are 8 spots left -sign up in entryway at church. Cost is \$25 each. Benefits the youth mission trip! Checks payable to Spirit of Life.

The **April Women's book club** selection is: The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/dp/151380412X/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_U_PovzEb5QD3SPN). If you missed the recent immigration study that discussed this book, join us in April. We will meet on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at the home of Karen Johnson (Note: change of location!!) Learn more at https://www.amazon.com/dp/151380412X/ref=cm_sw_em_r_mt_dp_U_PovzEb5QD3SPN

Have you considered becoming a **Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church member**? Pastor Rob is having a class for those exploring new membership on Sunday, April 5, following worship. This will be a great opportunity to begin learning what it means to be a member at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*. Please RSVP to Pastor Rob by emailing pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org.

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 to register or with questions.

2020 SYNOD SCHOOL is July 26-31 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA. There are over 60 classes—classes for all ages. Synod School is also for families. There are planned programs for infants, children and youth. 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 is Sunday, April 12.

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

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