

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

July 25, 2021 ~ Indoor Worship

We look forward to seeing everyone in person as we worship together again. Please use your own electronic devices to follow along. We will have only a limited number of printed copies available for guests at the church. Just a few notes to keep in mind: If you are not vaccinated it is mandatory that you wear a mask; For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: We are not 'them' and 'us',

All: It is only us.

Leader: We are not a chosen few,

All: we are a patchwork, all part of God's family.

Leader: From many places, we gather as one,

All: let us worship God together.

Opening Song: Revelation Song CCLI #4447960

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Holy, holy is He

Sing a new song To Him who sits on

Heaven's mercy seat.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Holy, holy is He

We sing a new song To Him who sits on

Heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy

Is the Lord, God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings

You are my everything

And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color

Flashes of lighting, rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor, strength and glory and power be

To You, the only wise King

Holy, holy, holy

Is the Lord, God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings

You are my everything

And I will adore You

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder

At the mention of Your name

Jesus, Your name is power
Breath and living water
Such a marvelous mystery

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing, praise to the King of Kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You
I will adore You

Prayer of Reconciliation

One: Lord God, you have called us to live in community but we create division.

'Division brick' is laid down

Two: You have asked us to live in love but too often we show hatred.

'Hate brick' is laid down.

Three: You have asked us to see the bigger picture but we ignore others' needs.

'Ignorance brick' is laid down.

One: You will us to be accepting of those who are different but so often we are intolerant.

'Intolerance brick' is laid down.

Two: You wish all your people to live in harmony but all around us we see bitterness.

'Bitterness brick' is laid down.

Three: You came to bring the world peace
but countries and people continue to be at war.

'Conflict brick' is laid down.

One: You showed us the joy of serving others but too often we put ourselves first.

'Selfishness brick' is laid down.

Two: You offer us forgiveness
but we are slow to forgive one another.

'Resentment brick' is laid down.

Three: Loving God,
remind us of your call to help build your kingdom here, one founded on justice and love.

'Wall' is knocked down.

One: Destroy all that separates us from you and from one another and help build us up in your service.
Amen.

Assurance of Grace: (Rev. Rob Smith) In Christ, we are a new creation: everything old has passed away; In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

Passing of Peace: (no song - in person)

Time With Children

Prayer of Illumination

Loving God, Called together as your children,
instill within us a curiosity and wonder that draws us deeper today in your Word. Hearing, may we respond as your church. Amen.

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 11-22 One in Christ

11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Sermon: Being Church: Diversity in Unity (Rev. Rob Smith)

Response: A House United CCLI #7059005

There are many gifts but the same Spirit
There are many hands but the same Lord
There are many works but the same God
who empowers them all
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There are many hands but the same Lord
There are many works but the same God
who empowers them all

We won't be divided We are a house united
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We are many parts but the same Body

We have many songs but one voice
We have many hearts but the same love
uniting them all
We won't be divided We are a house united
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We won't be divided We are a house united
We won't be divided We are a house united
United
Your people are my people
Your church will be my church
Your children are my brothers and my sisters.
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Call To Offering God of Provision, gather these offerings and bless them, so that all may be satisfied, all may have enough to eat, no one is lost and everyone belongs. Work in us as we work for your intentions. Amen.

Offertory The Blessing CCLI #7147007
The Lord bless you And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

The Lord bless you And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn HisFace toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And Your family and your children
And their children, and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you

All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, He is with you

He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, 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.

Closing Song: There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do CCLI #7141227

In just one word, You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word, the darkness has to retreat
Just one touch, I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch, my eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh, praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do.

Just one word, You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word and You revive every dream
Just one touch, I feel the power of heaven
Just one touch, my eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh, praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do
There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh, praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do.

I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus

Let faith arise, let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus
I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise, let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus
I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise, let all agree
There's no power like His power

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh, praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our Jesus can't do
Oh, there's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh, praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Charge and Benediction (Psalm 51:1,11)

Announcements

Just a few notes to keep in mind now that we are worshipping together in person again: If you are not vaccinated it is mandatory that you wear a mask. For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

News from Christian Education Committee:

The next picnic is Sunday, August 15, is church picnic following worship, in the church's backyard. Hot dogs and chips are provided. There will be games for the kids and time for fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday School classes will begin September 19th from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

M&M will begin on October 6 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. A meal will be served at 6 p.m. We are looking into the possibility of having part of the program on zoom for those kids who cannot attend.

Garden Update from Community Service

The donation garden is producing very well this year! We are running about 4 times the amount of donations of fresh produce this year compared to this time last year, and have just surpassed our first 100 pounds total! As you can imagine, all that fresh produce takes time to harvest, and this is an opportunity for anyone who wants to help with the process. Sundays following worship, you are invited to come out to the garden and help our committee harvest the bounty! It will be delivered on Mondays to the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Any questions can be directed to Denise Lewis.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite you to join us in making prayer shawls for members of our community who are in need of comfort. All are welcome regardless of knitting, crocheting, or sewing abilities. Join us in community and we will find a job for you! If you are unable to join us in person, we are happy to accept your knitted,

crocheted, tied, or sewn shawls or handmade blankets. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rose McMurray at 612-710-8327.

Volunteers Needed:

...We need one person each Sunday to serve as a Greeter and one person each Sunday to serve as an Usher for Sunday worship indoors this summer. **We need two volunteers for Sunday, August 1st, and** each Sunday of the remainder of the summer. Please let Becky Brandt know what dates you are available to help and she will build a calendar. Call/text Becky at (218)779-0427 or email her at thebrandtfam@gmail.com.