

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

One: As we gather to worship God this day may God's word help us to grow.

All: May Christ's love humble us

One: May the Spirit speak in ways that challenge us in new ways.
Let us worship God.

Opening Song: Mission team

Act Justly Love Mercy Walk Humbly (ccli 7168697)

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance of Grace: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of Peace:

Instrumental: (Kelly Polson)

Time With Children:

Prayer of Illumination:

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:1-16 and 31-32

Ephesians 4: 1-16

4I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all

humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Ephesians 4: 31-32

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Sermon: (Bob Shepard) Being Church: One Body - 363 Days of Daze

Response: (Kelly Polson)

Call To Offering (Ephesians 4:28)

Offertory : Mission team Offering Song
O Come To The Altar ccli 7051511

Doxology: purple hymnal #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.

Closing Song: (Kelly Polson)

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

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.

Prayer Service for Ruth Shepard: We have been asked if there would be an opportunity to pay last respects for Ruthi Shepard. Some of you know that there will be a Celebration of Life ceremony for her and interment of ashes on August 14 in Paw Paw, Michigan the town where she grew up. Because she has so many friends here and because covid prevented us from holding an in person service, the family has asked if we could hold a short prayer service for her the evening of **Tuesday, August 10 at 7:00 to 7:30 pm** at *Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church*. August 10 is the one year anniversary of her passing. It is intended that it will be a short and simple service. If you cannot attend perhaps a prayer of thankfulness for the part she may have played in your life.

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. Please note the time changes to 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. The parents can enjoy coffee and visiting before church while the children are in class. We will bring

the children back to the sanctuary for the Children's sermon at 10:15 and then the children can sit with their parents during the rest of the service. There will be a PreK - 2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade class. **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 have had two weeks in a row of delivering over 50 pounds, and our total delivered is now up to 255 pounds! 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 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.

GriefShare: Many of us have suffered the loss of a loved one, someone dear to our hearts who has been an important part in our lives. The grief that we encounter can be overwhelming at times and causes us to reach out for help. Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church is initiating a 13 session Christ centered program produced by a network of thousands of grief recovery groups meeting around the world. The group will meet weekly on Thursday evenings at 6:16. With GriefShare you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where grieving people find healing and hope.

We will begin the series on Thursday evening September 9 at 6:16 to 8:16 pm in person in the Sanctuary of Spirit of Life Church. We will skip the week of Thanksgiving and then restart the weekly Thursday series on December 2. This will be the second series that we have offered with past participants recommending that the program be repeated. Please contact Bob Shepard at shepardspairie@gmail.com or Jaqui Hicks at jahutchinson23@gmail.com or the church office if you have questions or if you or someone you know would like to participate.