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March 20, 2022 Worship

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ Beginning this Sunday, March 20, we will be singing in person together for the first time in two years. (This last week is the two year anniversary from when we went fully online). So sing boldly!
- ◆ Second, the session made the decision to keep masking for worship, and masks optional for all other activities in the church building.

Welcome/Announcements: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship: (Billy Boucheu)

Taize: O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

One: The psalmist writes: “I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.”

All: Hear us, Lord, as we gather this day recognizing our desire to serve and our success in serving sometimes lie far apart.

One: “Wondrously show your steadfast love O Savior of those who seek refuge...”

All: We seek in as your church to come closer to you, in humility and frailty, that you sustain us with strength and compassion.

Let us worship God.

Taize: O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call, answer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.

Opening Song: Open Our Eyes, Lord CCLI# 2298355

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

Prayer of Reconciliation: (Oghomwen Amadasun)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination (Billy Boucheu)

Scripture: John 18: 12-27 (Oghomwen Amadasun)

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, 'I am not.' Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and

about his teaching. Jesus answered, 'I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.' When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, 'Is that how you answer the high priest?' Jesus answered, 'If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?' Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?' He denied it and said, 'I am not.' One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, 'Did I not see you in the garden with him?' Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

Children's sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

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Call To Offering (Billy Boucheu)

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.

Offertory Peace by Ed Cash (Mary Brause, vocalist)

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: I'm So Glad

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
Singing Glory! Hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.
Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.
Satan had me bound: Jesus set me free.
Singing Glory! Hallelujah!
Jesus set me free.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
Singing Glory! Hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
Singing Glory! Hallelujah!
Jesus lifted me.

Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Announcements

News from the Christian Education Committee:

Children's Sunday School classes meet 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

There will be a PreK - 2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade 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. March teachers are as follows: no Sunday school today, March 20, Sara Gracek for March 27.

All are invited to the new Adult Sunday school class:

“Embracing Emergence Christianity” starting today, March 20, following worship. In her book “The Great Emergence,” Phyllis Tickle argues that Christianity is currently undergoing a massive upheaval as part of a regular pattern that occurs every 500 years. She calls it a “rummage sale,” in which old ideas are rejected, new ones emerge, and Christianity is revitalized. Starting March 20, Steve Braden will lead a 6-session study based on videos of Tickle explaining this process. You can participate in person or via Zoom.

M&M meets Wednesdays

- 4:30 to 6 pm for K-5th grade
- 6:30 to 7:30 pm for 6th through high school
- Meal for all ages at 6 pm

Join us through Zoom at Meet in the Middle Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6124529465>

GriefShare Program Thursdays at 6:30 pm, at Spirit of Life Church

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their

daily life routines.

Too often people, including Christians, tend to bury their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Please contact Bob Shepard or Jacqui Hicks for more information or to sign up.

From Community Service: We will again be participating in the MN FoodShare March Campaign, collecting **non-perishable** food items each Sunday in March. All donations will go to the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Monetary donations are also encouraged; make your check out to Spirit of Life, with MN FoodShare on the memo line. Donations accepted at Sunday worship, and Wednesdays during M in M. The theme is "Building and Nourishing Community", so here's our "building" schedule:

March 6: Foundation (proteins): canned meats and fish, canned or bagged beans, peanut butter, nuts, canned chili or stew, etc

March 13: Framing it in (carbohydrates): bagged or boxed rice, pastas, boxed potato sides, pasta or rice-based side dishes, mac and cheese, biscuit mix, pancake mix, etc

March 20: Walls (fruits and vegetables): canned fruits and vegetables, and side dish items, jams and jellies; paper products, cleaning supplies

March 27: Finishing Touches: cake mixes, flour, sugar, healthy snacks, condiments, spices; personal care items, etc

Come join the Community Service team in 2022!!!

Community Service team is looking for new members. We meet every other month on the first Monday at 4:30 pm (currently as a Zoom call). We plan activities for the church to participate in such as stocking the Little Free Pantry, donating to Soup-er Bowl Sunday, March Food Share Month donations, working in the Community Garden, working in the Church Flower beds, donating to the school supply drive, helping with Crop Hunger walk, and donating to the Giving Tree in November and

December. Please consider joining us. Our next meeting will be May 2nd. Our next activities will be working in the garden and flower beds this summer. Please contact Karen Johnson, chair, at 612-210-8600.

The Christian Ed Committee will be sponsoring an **Easter egg hunt** for our kids on Palm Sunday, April 10. We would appreciate donations of plastic eggs and/or treats that will fit inside. Please leave your donations in the basket under the table in the front entryway by April 3. Thanks for being part of this fun activity!

From Community Service: During the winter months, the donations to the **Little Free Food Pantry** (located at the entrance of the driveway) need to be modified to tolerate the extreme cold temperatures we can see here. Please review the attached list of items for what to consider donating; ideal items are dried and in bags, like dried beans, rice, oatmeal, cereal, etc. And, remember the motto of the Little Free Food Pantry movement: *Take what you need, leave what you can*. Click [Winter Advisory List.pdf](#) for list.

Membership Class: Pastor Rob is leading the New Member class that meets at 11:15am on Sundays, May 1 and 8, here at the church. The class will be offered in person (but available online for those unable to attend in person). We'll be receiving the new members in worship on Sunday, May 15. Please RSVP to the church office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org so we may be prepared for you to participate!

(9th graders and above) **Confirmation Class** to be offered. If you were part of the confirmation class that was halted due to the pandemic, Pastor Rob is offering a make-up session for you. We will have a 4-session confirmation class following worship (at 11am) on March 27, April 3, April 10 and April 24. This will be offered in person (also available via zoom for those unable to attend in person). Confirmands will be received in worship on Sunday, May 15. Please RSVP to the office at spirit@spiritoflifea.org so Pastor Rob may be prepared for everyone attending.

NOTE: Confirmation will be offered again this fall for all students who never started confirmation. This will be offered in the regular format of 8 weeks over the school year.

Pastor Rob and his family will be spending time together over Spring break this week (Monday, March 21 - Thursday, March 24). He will be available for emergencies by phone call.

Meet with Pastor Rob for Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Come as you are. This is a gathering online but it is open for you to pop in and out any time during the two hour time frame so feel free to drop in and say hello. *Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>

Spirit of Life is working to be sustainable through **recycling**. By introducing more recycling collocated at the location of most trash cans, we can significantly reduce the amount of waste being sent to the landfill while showcasing that reducing waste can be easy. Help us to celebrate sustainability while enjoying the event. Clean plastics, tin/metal and paper should go into the recycling bins and everything else should go into the trash. Thank you! Please see Pastor Rob, any Elder or member of the staff with questions.

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. We need two volunteers for each week. 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. Thank you!

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