

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church
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March 27, 2022 Worship

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ We are singing in person together again! So come, and sing boldly!
 - ◆ The session made the decision to keep masking for worship, and masks optional for all other activities in the church building.
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Welcome/Announcements: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship: Rosellen Fairall (in person)

“What is truth?”

Pilate asks staring at Jesus.

Jesus was silent.

Pilate again asks more firmly,

“What *is* truth?”

Jesus doesn't blink.

Or speak.

In his silence, Jesus answers the question.

The way, the truth, and the life.

In his life, and he will soon answer this again on Easter morning.

The truth is a person,
named Jesus who promised
we encounter him in others.

In the hungry.

In the sick.

In the lonely.

In the imprisoned.

In the thirsty.

In the outcasts.

What is truth?
The Truth is in them.

Opening Song: All the Poor and Powerless CCLI # 5881130
All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

And all will sing out hallelujah
And we will cry out hallelujah
(repeat)

All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothin' left
Will know that You are holy

CHORUS
Shout it
Go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
This is our God
(REPEAT)

Prayer of Reconciliation: Kelly Polson (online)

Assurance of Grace

Prayer of Illumination (Rosellen Fairall)

Scripture: John 18: 28-40 (Kelly Polson -online)
Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, 'What accusation do you bring against this man?' They answered, 'If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you.' Pilate said to them, 'Take him yourselves and judge him

according to your law.’ The Jews replied, ‘We are not permitted to put anyone to death.’ (This was to fulfil what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’ Pilate asked him, ‘What is truth?’

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, ‘I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’ They shouted in reply, ‘Not this man, but Barabbas!’ Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Children’s sermon:

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Rosellen Fairall)

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
praise Christ, all creatures here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise triune God whom we adore. Amen

Offertory Gather at the Mercy Tree by Susan and Lee Dengler
(Spirit of Life Choir)

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: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CCLI # 22829

Chorus:

Lord listen to Your children praying
Lord send Your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to Your children praying
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace

Something's gonna happen
Like the world has never known
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
A door's gonna swing open
And the walls come a-tumbling down
When the people of the Lord get down to pray (chorus)

He's gonna take over
He's gonna take control
When the people of the Lord get down to pray
He's gonna move the mountain
He's gonna make the waters roll
When the people of the Lord get down to pray (chorus)

You're gonna know it
When the Lord stretches out His hand
And the people of the Lord get down to pray
There's gonna be a brand new song
Of vict'ry in this land
When the people of the Lord get down to pray (chorus)

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: Sara Gracek for March 27.

All are invited to the new Adult Sunday school class:

“Embracing Emergence Christianity”, 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. Steve Braden is leading this 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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