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May 15, 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!
- ◆ Masks optional for all activities in the church building.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Ryan Currens)

Let us turn away from the noise,
the confusion and the relentless pressures of the world
to acknowledge God's presence with us know God's love for us.

We come to worship because we love God.
We come to worship because we want to love God more.
We come with open hearts receiving and sharing this love.
Let us worship God

Opening Song Come, Now is the Time to Worship CCLI #2430948

Prayer of Reconciliation Song: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination (Ryan Currens)

One: Help us be thankful for one another:

All: for all who are like us and all who are different.

One: Help us us make room for one another:

All: for all who are like us and all who are different.

One: Help us begin with respect for one another:

All: for all who are like us and all who are different.

One: Help us to share love for one another:

All: for all who are like us and all who are different.

Amen.

Scripture Philippians 1: 1-18 (Ryan Currens)

Children's sermon (Karen Johnson)

Sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering (Ryan Currens)

Offertory Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace by Mary McDonald
(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.

Reception of New Members

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Blessing of New Members

Welcome to Our New Members

Receive New Members

Closing Song I'm Gonna Live So God Can Us Me

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Kate Peyton)

Announcements

At the April 11, 2022 session meeting, Session made the decision to go masks optional for all activities in the church building, including worship!

Attention Members: We will have an abbreviated Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on today, May 15. This special congregational meeting is for the purpose of electing Vickie Fischer as deacon. That will be the only business conducted so it will be brief.

News from the Christian Education Committee:

Today, May 15th during the morning worship service we will recognize Sunday School and M&M kids, youth, teachers, and leaders!

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. Teachers: May 15 – Karen, May 22 – Ryan

From Community Service: We had a beautiful day on Saturday for the outdoor clean-up, and also a great turn out of helpers! Many thanks to the crew from Spirit of Life, including Loretta Hunt, Karen and Jerry Johnson, Marge and Steve Braden, Charlie McMurray, Ryan Currens, with Charlie, Johnny, and Jimmy, Rory Swenson, and Denise Lewis. The Bradens and Rose McMurray even provided us with some treats! We also had an excellent turn out of Boy Scouts and some of their parents, which allowed us to get even more done than we had planned. Spirits were high, as we joined together in community to do this work on a beautiful spring day. So, again, many, many thanks to all who helped!

Spring has sprung! The **Community Service team is looking for help** in weeding our many flower gardens. If you would like to spend some quiet time outside, please contact Chris Sachs or sign up on the clipboard in the back of the church. We will establish a schedule with volunteers signing up for a week when they can do it at their convenience. Thanks!

If you are looking for ways to help the people of Ukraine, here are a couple of effective organizations that are working to bring relief:

- Church World Service, which sponsors CROP Walks, also works in the areas of disaster relief and refugee resettlement and is actively responding in the Ukraine crisis. You can read about their efforts and donate here <https://cwsglobal.org/appeals/ukraine-crisis-response-fund/>
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is also actively involved, and you can read about their response here <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

Rob and Lisa Smith invite everyone to join them as they **celebrate Luke** and the next part of his journey. Luke's Graduation party is June 11th, 3:00-7:00pm at 709 Country Place, Burnsville, MN.

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.

The session of elders of Spirit of Life is hosting our regular community **picnics** this year while Rob has sabbatical. We ask those able to bring a side or dessert to share and the session will provide a main course. Dates will be June 26th, July 31st, and August 28th and the time will be approximately 11:15am (immediately after worship) with games in the backyard for kids and food and fellowship for all.

At the session meeting on 5-9-2022 we approved a change to future **name tags** and by opt-in/voluntary for existing tags the change being to add pronouns to name tags. See the signup sheet at the back. For design, basically like we already have with something like:

Ryan Currens

My pronouns are: He/Him/His

Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:20 am to 11:00 am. This is a great opportunity to meet with others. Come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person. It is open for you to pop in and out any time 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>

From Community Service: Our LITTLE FREE PANTRY has been of great use to our neighbors and is in need of frequent replenishment! We can now resume contributing canned items as well as other non perishables. Donations may be left in the little pantry or in the cabinet inside the church entry. Many thanks for your wonderful support of our pantry and neighbors!

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