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August 14, 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.
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**Prelude** (Martha Davis)

**Welcome** (Rev. Bill Chadwick)

**Call to Worship:** (Matthew 5: 1-10) (Kelly Polson read) (Billy Boucheu will light the candle)

One: As we light the candle, please quietly prepare yourself to be fully aware of the presence of God.

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn,

**All: for they will be comforted.**

One: Blessed are the meek,

**All: for they will inherit the earth.**

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**All: for they will be filled.**

One: Blessed are the merciful,

**All: for they will receive mercy.**

One: Blessed are the pure in heart,

**All: for they will see God.**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,

**All: for they will be called children of God.**

One: Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

**All: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One: Let us worship God

**Opening Song:** The Name of the Lord CCLI #265239

**Prayer of Reconciliation:** (Kelly Polson)

**Assurance of Grace** (Rev. Bill Chadwick)

One: Friends, we are forgiven. Know that we are forgiven, Because that's who God is...the Great Forgiver. Friends, we are loved. Not because we are so gosh-darn lovable all the time,

But because that's who God is...the Great Lover. Live in the lightness and freedom of that love, now and always!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you now, **(And also with you)**...let us take a moment and share the peace of Christ with one another.

### **Passing of the Peace**

**Song:** #753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

**Prayer of Illumination** (Billy Boucheu)

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:5, 38-39 (Billy Boucheu)

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth... You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also...

**Children's sermon:** (Rev. Bill Chadwick)

**Sermon:** "Who the Heck Wants to Be Meek?" (Rev. Bill Chadwick)

**Song** #172 Blest Are They

**Call To Offering** (Matthew 6: 19-20) (Billy Boucheu)

**Offertory** God's Love Never Changes by Dick & Melodie Tunney (Kandace Locklore, singer)

### **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:** #765 May the God of Hope Go With You

**Announcements:** (Rev. Bill Chadwick)

**Charge and Benediction:** (Rev. Bill Chadwick)

**Postlude:** (Martha Davis)

## **Announcements**

REMINDER: We want to make Sunday, August 21, a special service to mark the end of Pastor Rob's sabbatical; please get your "hearts and hands" mailed in or turned in to the office THIS WEEK!! Many thanks to those who have already contributed their projects — a lot of creativity is being used in support of Pastor Rob and Lisa!

Also, if you would like to participate in the family candle procession to open the service, please bring your candles in on Sunday, August 14. Once the candles are lit to open the service on August 21, they will burn for the duration of the service.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR South of the River CROP Hunger Walk t-shirt! Orders, with payment, are due August 14. Order forms are on the table

in the back of the sanctuary.

The last “Sabbath” book study class will be Sunday August 14, immediately following worship; we will cover the last section, CONSECRATION, pages 195 - 213.

**Coffee and Conversations will be taking a summer break until Pastor Rob returns.**

We are collecting **supplies for Highland Elementary** on Sunday August 7, August 14, August 21, and August 28. There will be a box on the table in the entry at church. Supplies needed are:

Expo washable, chisel point dry erase markers - purple, blue, green and black, One dozen of each color. (Only Expo brand because other kinds don't erase fully.) Fifty folders with pockets in different colors, four dozen glue sticks in packages of 10-12, twenty medium size bottles of white school glue, one dozen boxes of crayons with 24 crayons in a box.

Anything you can contribute will be appreciated. We did this last year and the coordinator was so happy we will be helping again this year.

**GriefShare Program** Starting Thursday, September 8, 6:30 pm at Spirit of Life Church, Apple Valley. 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.

It's Back! Some are familiar with “**Change for change**” bucket offering, others may have questions. With the help of our children, we will continue collecting change in our metal buckets but going forward we'll give on a monthly basis. Throughout the month, collect your change and bring it on the third Sunday! This is a great teaching tool to help us show each other and the younger generation how fun it is to give when we hear the change drop in the buckets!

From Community Service: if you have been curious about how the donation vegetable garden is doing, on Monday August 8, we harvested and delivered 75 pounds of produce — lots of tomatoes! Our total for the year, so far, is 272 pounds, with lots of heavy produce still to come! Many thanks to the regular garden helpers: Loretta Hunt, Marge Braden, Karen and Joanne Johnson, Chris Sachs, and Denise Lewis.

The session of elders of Spirit of Life is hosting our regular community **PICNICS** this year while Rob has sabbatical. The final picnic date is **August 28<sup>th</sup>** and the time will be approximately 11:15am (immediately after worship) with games in the backyard for kids and food and fellowship for all.

We now have a drop box on the wall in the office for any church money that

needs to get to our treasurer. We also have envelopes above the drop box with labels you can fill out when leaving money so that Meg or Barb know what the money is for and who it is from. If you are depositing cash please count the amount of cash and put that information on the envelope too.

Watch for something new coming from the Justice Works Committee! Look for a bookshelf in the back of the sanctuary, filled with books on topics related to immigration and racial justice. These books are available for you to borrow, with a sign-out sheet to list your name, contact information, and the book you are borrowing. The purpose of this book-borrowing opportunity is to open up a chance for discussion about sensitive topics. As one of our committee members has stated, "we don't have these conversations". All of these books have been read by one or more of the members of our committee, and their names are listed on a card inside each book; use this card as your bookmark, and if you would like to have a conversation about what you are reading, you are encouraged to reach out to one or more of the people who have already read the book. Contact information is in the church directory. If you would like to be included in future conversations, add your name to the card to potentially be contacted by a future reader; return the book to the borrowing shelf with the card inside. The books range from "easy" reading, including children's books, all the way to "very challenging", either because of graphic descriptions of violence, difficult concepts, or academic writing style. Books include fiction as well as non-fiction, and cover a wide range of topics. Take a look at the offerings on the borrowing bookshelf! If you have any questions, either Joanne Boyd or Denise Lewis can answer them.

If you have a **prayer request** you wish to share with our Spirit Care Prayer Team, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at [csachs123@gmail.com](mailto:csachs123@gmail.com). Word it as you wish it to be submitted, and we will post it for our prayer team.

"Our Little Free Pantry continues to be of great service to our hungry neighbors. An anonymous note of appreciation was left this week. We would appreciate donations to keep our cupboard full. Preferred items at this time include jars of spaghetti sauce, any pasta, bags of plain white rice, any canned vegetables or fruits, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, Spam, dry milk. These items and any other non-perishables can be placed in the driveway pantry or left in the cabinet inside the front door to the church. Members of the Community Service committee will refill items when needed and thank you very much for your support and donations. We can make a difference in preventing hunger in our neighborhood!"

#### **2021 Per Capita is \$36.50**

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