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September 4, 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 (Martha Davis)

Welcome Song (Gladys Mbonifor)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Loretta Hunt)

Opening Song He Came Down #137

Prayer of Reconciliation (Rebecca Brown Shepard)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Prayer of Illumination (Bob Shepard)

Scripture (Bob Shepard) Ecclesiastes 1: 3-9

What do people gain from all the toil
at which they toil under the sun?

4 A generation goes, and a generation comes,
but the earth remains forever.

5 The sun rises, and the sun goes down
and hurries to the place where it rises.

6 The wind blows to the south
and goes around to the north;
round and round goes the wind,
and on its circuits the wind returns.

7 All streams run to the sea,
but the sea is not full;
to the place where the streams flow,
there they continue to flow.

8 All things[a] are wearisome,
more than one can express;
the eye is not satisfied with seeing
or the ear filled with hearing.
9 What has been is what will be,
and what has been done is what will be done;
there is nothing new under the sun.

Children's Sermon (Oghomwen Amadasun)

Sermon (Rebecca Brown Shepard and Rev. Rob Smith) Rhythm:
One Way, Or Another

Call To Offering (Bob Shepard)

Offertory (Gladys Mbonifor)

Communion: Welcome to the Table (Rev. Rob Smith)

Communion Song (Gladys Mbonifor)

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving / 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.

Holy Communion (Pastor Rob and Loretta Hunt)

Communion Prayer

Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Closing Song Every Time I Feel the Spirit #66

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

C & C after C – Please sign up to participate in providing cookies for C & C after C (Coffee and Conversations after Church). Please see Ruth Ewule if you have questions.

(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION will take the holiday off tomorrow (September 5th) and resume a week from tomorrow on September 12th. Meet with Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation Mondays, from 9:20 am to 11:00 am. 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>. One tap mobile +13126266799, 286584190# +19292056099, 286584190#

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 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.

Back to Church Kick Off Sunday:

Children's Sunday School Kick-off: Join us Sunday, September 11, 2022 for our Children's Sunday School Kick-off! We'll meet the teachers and get acquainted. Cupcakes and lemonade will be served following the worship service.

Children's Sunday School will start Sept. 18 and go through Dec. 18th from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the SS room. Curriculum is Spill the Beans, theme is Colors of the Covenant. There will be one class with a teacher and a helper. We will have a laptop in class so that kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. We won't have classes on Oct. 23 (MEA weekend), Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec 25. (Christmas weekend) or Jan. 1 (New Year's weekend).

Adult Class Steve Braden will lead a six-session class based on the PBS Frontline series God in America starting Sept. 18. The class will meet following worship and will be available online via Zoom. The

videos (YouTube) and a study guide (PBS) are available for free online. See Steve with questions.

M&M will begin Wednesday, October 5th, and go for 7 weeks. Curriculum will be Holy Moly. Time together will begin at 4:30 and include snacks, group guitar lessons for older kids /playing for younger kids, singing, Holy Moly video and lesson, and conclude with dinner for kids, youth and adults 6:00- 6:30 dinner. Monetary donations for dinner appreciated.

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church beginning October 9th. It will be held every 2 years. Talk with Pastor Rob to get your 7th & 8th graders enrolled.

10th Annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk, October 2, at St. James Lutheran Church, 3650 Williams Drive, Burnsville. There will be live music and a multi-church bake sale starting at 1:00 pm; walk begins at 2:00 pm. Details at the CROP Walk display at the back of the sanctuary, or in the Tuesday email. Questions? Talk to Denise Lewis.

From Community Service: GARDEN UPDATE: After the Wednesday harvest, this week 188 pounds were delivered, bringing the total for August to a whopping 563 pounds, and total for the year so far is 711 pounds – with more to come! Many thanks to the garden helpers: Karen Johnson, Loretta Hunt, Chris Sachs, Gladys Mbonifor, Marge Braden, and Denise Lewis. This ministry wouldn't happen without people showing up to do the work.

The **Justice Works** borrowing bookshelf is up and running, so check it out.

If you have a **prayer request** you wish to share with our Spirit Care Prayer Team, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at ccsachs123@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. 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!”

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