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November 13, 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 (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 146 (Billy Boucheu)
(light the candle) (Vera Rae)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes, in presidents, in senators, in governors, in elected officials, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;
The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow.
This is the way of God. We have work to do.
Praise the Lord!

As we light this candle, may we prepare our hearts and minds to be present and experience the transcendence of God. Amen.

Opening Song You're Worthy Of My Praise CCLI #487976

Prayer of Reconciliation (Merry Close)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of the Peace

Song Give Thanks CCLI #20285

Prayer of Illumination (Taize)

Scripture Romans 12: 9-21 (Merry Close)

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; **10** love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. **11** Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. **12** Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. **13** Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15** Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. **16** Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;[b] do not claim to be wiser than you are. **17** Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. **18** If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. **19** Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God,[c] for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." **20** Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." **21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon How Do We Move Forward? (Rev. Rob Smith)

Special Music I Belong by Mildred Rainey & Kathryn Scott CCLI #5064067 (Kandace Locklore, singer)

Call To Offering (Vera Rae Boucheu)

Offertory Order My Steps by Glenn Burleigh (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.

Stewardship Update (Meg Currens)

Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Closing Song Lord, Make Us More Holy #313

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

BIG Thanks to everyone that showed up for fall cleanup - the congregation members, as well as the scouts. Much was accomplished with many hands.

Children's Sunday School goes through December 18th from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the SS room. Kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. Class is suspended on Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), Dec 25. (Christmas weekend) and Jan. 1 (New Year's weekend).

Date	Teacher	Helper
11/13	Karen	Sara
11/20	Sara	Ryan
11/27	No Sunday school/Thanksgiving weekend	
12/04	Ryan	Karen
12/11	Sara	Afanwi
12/18	Prepare for Children's Christmas program	
12/25	No Sunday school/Christmas break	
01/01	No Sunday school/New Year's break	

Adult Class will be suspended this week, November 13th, and wrap up the following Sunday, November 20th, following worship. See Steve Braden with questions.

Meet in the Middle meets Wednesdays. Curriculum is 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. If you're unable to join in person, jump on zoom with this new link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85002502767>.

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. Next class is November 13. Note: we will also plan for a retreat in March or April.

(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION Meet with Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation on 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#.

From Community Service Thanks to all who contributed to the Armful of Love project! Thanks to \$75 collected during Trunk or Treat, we exceeded our goal of \$750, and were able to deliver \$825 in retail and grocery gift cards to 360 Communities! That will help them to brighten the holidays for over 500 families — thanks for your support.

Giving Tree Community Service team will be collecting gift cards for our own Church families to help them with their Christmas holiday expenses. Please donate gift cards for Target, Walmart Aldi, or Cub in amounts of \$25 or more. Please write the \$\$ amount on each gift card. There will be a collection box in the front entryway starting Sunday November 13th through Sunday December 11th. If your family is in need of help with their Christmas expenses, please let Pastor Rob know

The “**Change for change**” **bucket offering** is coming the 3rd Sunday of the month. Some are familiar with this, others may have questions. With the help of our children, we will continue collecting change in our metal bucket giving 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!

The next **GriefShare Program** will be February 2, 2023 through May 4, 2023 (no meeting Maundy Thursday), 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.

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. Word it as you wish it to be submitted, and we will post it for our prayer team.

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