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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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W E L C O M E to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church!

If this is your first time here we want to say a special thank you for worshipping with us today. Whether you’re visiting, seeking a new spiritual direction in your life, or simply looking for a church home, we pray that *SPIRIT OF LIFE* might be the place for you to grow. Living a life of faith is no easy matter—until we try living life without faith. We’re glad you worshiped here today and want you to know that your presence is always welcome! **NOTE:** Large print bulletins & Children’s activity bags are available at the usher station. We also offer nursery upstairs during worship and Sunday school.

***Thank you for silencing/turning off your electronic devices**
during rehearsals and worship. Should your phone still ring, it will extend
Pastor Rob’s sermon by 15 minutes this week.

GATHERING

PRELUDE “Kum-Ba-Yah” (arr. by Paul Clark) **Jazz Band**

WELCOME **Rev. Rob Smith**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Becky Brandt**

One: From the rising of the sun to its going down

All: God calls his people.

One: From the mountaintop

All: God’s light, the perfection of beauty, shines out.

One: Today we remember the light that illuminated Jesus.

All: We celebrate his mountain top transfiguration.

One: Jesus the light of the world,

All: Jesus the light of love,

One: Jesus the light of delight,

All: Jesus the light that turns doubter into follower.

OPENING SONG “Mountain T.O.P. Song” (CCLI #2272160)

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Holly Bueno**

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION **Becky Brandt**

One: God we worship your majesty in the beauty of sanctuaries, in the ordinariness of community centers, behind closed doors and in open spaces. Wherever your people gather you are there transfiguring every moment, providing fresh revelation, enlivening the journey.

All: God forgive us when we are so consumed by minutiae that we fail to

see you in all your splendor. And forgive us when we look for you in lofty places when you are crouched down with the lowly. Forgive us and free us to see you afresh in every time and place, sitting beside us in our rest and walking with us on the journey. Transfiguring Lord, transfigure our lives here in worship and in our everyday. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **Rev. Rob Smith**

PASSING OF THE PEACE **Rev. Rob Smith**

RESPONSE SONG “Shine Jesus Shine” (CCLI #30426)

ANTHEM “He’s Got the Whole World” (arr. by Paul Clark) **Jazz Band**

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **Becky Brandt**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 16: 24– 17: 8** **Becky Brandt**

SERMON **Rev. Rob Smith**
“Braving the Wilderness: Strong Back, Soft Front, Wild Heart”

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE “The Summons (Will You Come and Follow Me)” (CCLI #1040329)

CALL TO OFFERING **Becky Brandt**

OFFERTORY **Jazz Band**
“Let Us Break Bread Together” (arr. by Andy Clark)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” #591

WELCOME TO THE TABLE **Rev. Rob Smith**

GREAT PRAYER OF 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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (Served intinction)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

CLOSING SONG “Do Lord” **Jazz Band**
(arr. By Paul Clark / CCLI # 2155261)
(1st time jazz band / 2nd time congregation sing with jazz band)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION **Rev. Rob Smith**

POSTLUDE “Do Lord” (arr. By Paul Clark) **Jazz Band**

Volunteers for today, March 3, 2019:

Lay Leader: Becky Brandt

Children’s Sermon: Holly Bueno

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis (Lead), Ruth Ewule,
Matthew and Jeannine Zahn, Osasuyi and Josephine Amadasun & family,
Ray and Alice Gracek, Kevin and Beth Fenske, Brian and Sara Gracek,
Chris Sachs, Leslie Hohmann

Communion: Steve Lewis (Lead), Deon Ford, Holly Bueno

We give a huge thank you to our Jazz Band today!

Alto Sax: Karen Johnson, Adam Labiosa, Aleah Vincent

Tenor Sax: Deon Ford, Peter Zacher

Baritone Sax: Jill Baker

Trumpet: Austin Bodin, Ryan McClure, Cole Smith

Trombone: Umar Rehman, Alison Steger

Bass Guitar: Cedric Werner

Drums: Ian Kenny

Flute: Haley Harves

Piano: Martha Davis

Volunteers for next Sunday, March 10, 2019:

Daylight Savings Sunday—spring forward!

Lay Leader: Bob Shepard

Children’s Sermon: Vickie Fischer

Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis (Lead), Ruth Ewule,
Matthew and Jeannine Zahn, Osasuyi and Josephine Amadasun & family,
Ray and Alice Gracek, Kevin and Beth Fenske, Brian and Sara Gracek,
Chris Sachs, Leslie Hohmann

Pianist: Martha Davis

March Caregiver - Ruth Ewule

SpiritCare Prayer Team:

1.507.263.5975 or 952.423.2212-Office

*“First, I tell you to pray for all people,
asking God for what they need and being thankful to Him.
This is good, and it pleases God our Savior.”
1 Timothy 2:1, 3*

Announcements ...

Please be sure to submit your announcement to the church office so we may include them in the printed bulletin. All announcements received at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org by noon Wednesday will be included in the Sunday bulletin. Those received later than, will be included the following Sunday. ~Thank you.

Our **nursery** (2nd floor) is open during worship for children ages 1-6 years.

Pancake breakfast this morning at 8am. Today, March 3, is **“Fat Sunday” jazz band worship!** Suggested offering: \$5 to \$10. All proceeds from the Pancake breakfast will directly support our adult chaperones going on our summer youth mission trip.

Spirit of Life Youth Choir meets every other Sunday. Next rehearsal is today, March 3, 2019 from 11:10 am to 12:00pm. All Middle and High School Youths are welcome to join us any time. For more information, Please contact Alvine Laure Ekame at alvinelaure_cm@yahoo.fr.

Deacons will meet Monday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Regular “office hours” are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on Tuesdays, 10am-12noon.** If you need to talk regarding life issues, church, or other things, please feel free to drop by or set up an appointment to meet with him.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the weekly study on Wednesdays, 10-11:30am, with Pastor Rob leading. Our current study is covering the book of Genesis. Anyone can join at any time. Class meets at the new Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes located just down the road at 5400 157th St. W., Apple Valley (South on Pilot Knob and turn left onto 157th St W. Orchard Path to the right after the traffic circle.)

Our **Ash Wednesday worship** is at 7pm this Wednesday, March 6. M & M will meet with the family worship at 7pm. We will not have a family meal at church this week. The remaining Wednesdays in Lent we will share a meal at 6pm and devotions at 6:30pm.

Meet In The Middle is in full swing! Kids can be dropped off at 4:30pm. At 6pm, parents can then join their kids for dinner provided by the church. From 4:30-6, kids will be: playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing to the residents of Orchard Path Presbyterian Homes, Bible lessons and more!! No need to register ahead. Please contact Nikki Harves with any questions at nikkiharves@gmail.com. Note: No M&M at 4:30pm on March 6th due to Ash Wednesday – we will meet with the family for 7pm worship (no family meal). No M&M on March 27th due to Spring Break.

Spirit of Life drama club will meet on **Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.** We will be acting the Crucifixion on Maundy Thursday and the Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. All are welcome. Together we will make it in

Jesus's Name. If you have questions, please reach out to Gladys Mbonifor at (505) 204-5166 or gmbonifor3@yahoo.com.

Choir rehearsals are Sundays at 8:45am. All welcome. (No choir rehearsal today, March 3.)

Throughout the month, we collect our change and then we bring it, on the second Sunday of the month, to give in the **“Change for change” bucket offering.** Some are familiar with this, others may have questions. With the help of our children, we continue collecting change in our metal buckets on a monthly basis. 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! Our next bucket offering is March 10.

Please sign up to be Cookie hostess for Sunday fellowship. Go to www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cadab2da5ff2-spirit . We need cookie hostesses for March. Thank you!

We also need people to sign up and provide desserts for M&M. There is a sign up sheet on the back table.

From Community Service: The MN FoodShare March Campaign is kicking off, and you have the opportunity to participate in this annual event, in support of the Rosemount Family Resource Center! There are 5 Sundays in March, and you can challenge yourself to bring in a bag with at least one item from each of the “frequently needed” items list every Sunday (the lists are available in a basket on our food shelf by the front door). OR, you can write out a check, made out to Spirit of Life with “MN FoodShare” on the memo line — RFRC can purchase more with your dollars than you can! We will provide the total financial contribution to RFRC when the March Campaign is concluded. Contact Denise Lewis if you have any questions: dlewis9476@comcast.net, or 651-686-9476.

Please mark your calendars: KIDS CAMP will be August 19-23!

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Per Capita for 2019 is \$35.70

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