



# 06 OCTOBER 2019

## 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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:** Hymnals, large print bulletins & children’s activity bags are available at the usher station, or you may ask an usher. We also offer nursery upstairs during worship and Sunday school.

**\*We would like to draw your attention to an important housekeeping note:**  
Should your phone ring during rehearsals or worship, you will be asked to be in charge of snow removal!

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** “Praise the Lord” (from Cameroon)

**WELCOME** Rev. Rob Smith

**CALL TO WORSHIP SONG** “I Will Call Upon the Lord” Led by children  
(first time children/ second time all)

**OPENING HYMN** “We Are Marching in the Light of God, Siyahamba” (#853)  
(from South Africa)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN** Merry Close

**PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION** Scott Harves

One: God of the Banquet, God who welcomes us to the table, we come.  
**All: We come as we are: out of time, out of sorts, out of reason, yet seeking time to be, reasons to be and most of all to be calm in your presence, ready to listen, and know, and follow and obey.**

One: Holy God, you gave us guidance. In all of history your guidance has been there: muddled and devalued by words like command and order, when what you seek of us is desire, love, compassion, hope.

**All: Forgive us when our lives are so focused on the commandments and the rules while missing the point of compassion and love.**

One: Forgive us when the word becomes more than the Word, when our determination to adhere to the word contradicts your Spirit of joy and hope.

**All: Show us, gently, humbly, lightly, softly how to follow, how to be guided into obedience and teach us acceptance of your love, your forgiveness and your compassion.**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** Rev. Rob Smith

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

**RESPONSE HYMN** “Let’s Sing Unto the Lord (Cantemos al Señor)” (#669)  
(from Mexico)

**ANTHEM** “Hamba Nathi” (from South Africa)

## HEARING

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION** Scott Harves

**SCRIPTURE** Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9 Scott Harves

**SERMON** “Elements of Obedience” Rev. Rob Smith

## RESPONDING

**SERMON RESPONSE HYMN** “Hakuna Mungu”

**CALL TO OFFERING** Scott Harves

**OFFERTORY** “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading (Njoo Kwetu, Roho Mwema)”  
(from Tanzania)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** “Praise to God the Father” (#605) (from Ghana)

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

**COMMUNION SONG** “Come, Now O Prince of Peace” (from South Korea)

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

One: (Alvine Ekame)(French) Notre pere qui est au cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifie  
**All: (English) Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
One: (Martha Davis) (German) Dein Reich komme; dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auf Erden.

**All: Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

One: Quyen Le (Vietnamese) “KÍNH LAY CHÚA ĐÃ CHO CON LÚÔNG THỨC HẰNG NGÀY VÀ THA THỨ MỌI TỘI LỖI CỦA CHÚNG CON.

**All: Give us this day thy daily bread, and forgive us our debts. As we forgive our debtors.**

One: (DeVean Tchakam) (Spanish) Y no nos lleven a la tentación, mas líbranos del mal.

**All: “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”**

One: (Monique Lander) (Dutch) "Want van U is het koninkrijk, en de kracht, en de heerlijkheid, tot in eeuwigheid."

**All: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## SENDING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

**CLOSING HYMN** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” (#526) (from Jamaica)

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION** Rev. Rob Smith

**POSTLUDE** Martha Davis

## Volunteers for today, October 6, 2019, World Communion Sunday:

**Lay Leader:** Scott Harves

**Audio Visual:** Alfred Hicks

**Children’s sermon:** Merry Close

**Ushers/Greeters:** Deon Ford,

**Communion:** Deon Ford, Duane Sweep, Denise Lewis, Alvine Laure Ekame, Eric Scott, Holly Bueno, Walt Ullrich

**OCTOBER CAREGIVER - Chris Sachs**

*SpiritCare Prayer Team:*

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*“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*

## Volunteers for next Sunday, October 13, 2019,

**Lay Leader:** Bob Shepard

**Audio Visual:** Eric Scott

**Children’s sermon:** Vickie Fischer

**Ushers/Greeters:** Deon Ford

**2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.**

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AND  
Twitter (SpiritOfLife@SpiritOfLifeAV)

**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.

### SPIRIT OF LIFE STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Rob Smith **Email:** pastorrob@spiritoflifeav.org

Parish Lay Pastor: Loretta Hunt

Clerk of Session: Denise Lewis

Pianist: Martha Davis

Nursery Caregiver: Trista Hansen

Office Administrator: Shari Shaw

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10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS  
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**A n n o u n c e m e n t s . . .**  
**Today, October 6, is World Communion Sunday!** In worship we will enjoy music and prayers from many nationalities. We’ve been asked to bring ethnic food from our heritage/ ancestry (with a note of explanation) so after worship we’ll share in potluck lunch, sampling foods from several countries.

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

Children's K - 5th grade will be dismissed shortly after worship begins and have **Sunday school class** during worship. Kids 6th grade and older will meet for Sunday school following worship. Adult Sunday school class will also meet following worship. The **adult Sunday School class** will be highly participatory and highly flexible. Two daily devotional books will be featured one that focuses on thoughts that might be of greater interest to men and one that may be more appealing to women but of course will be interchangeable. Or if you have a favorite daily devotional that you would like to share your thoughts about, that would be encouraged as well. Participants will be asked to choose one of the week’s daily devotionals and share why it was the most meaningful or raised the most questions in their minds. By sharing our experiences it is hoped that we continue to grow our understanding of how God works in our lives. The schedule will be flexible as there are several Sundays this fall when other activities are planned immediately after service. These discussions will be easy to pick up on as each session will be independent of previous or succeeding sessions. All adults are encouraged to join the class when you are able. **PLEASE NOTE:** There is no Sunday school this morning due to the World Communion potluck immediately following worship.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Pastor Rob’s NEW “office hours”** are at the Dunn Bros., 15265 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley, on **Mondays, 9-11am**. 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 invited to join Pastor Rob for the **midweek Bible study**. The study will be on Ephesians, focusing on faith community. We’ll meet **Wednesdays, 10am**, at *Spirit of Life*. See Pastor Rob with questions.

**Meet in the Middle (M+M)** happens on Wednesdays. From 4:30-6pm, kids will be playing games, making arts and crafts, eating snacks, singing, Bible lessons and more! Parents join the kids for dinner at 6pm (provided by the church but free will offering received). Please contact Nikki at [nikkiharves@gmail.com](mailto:nikkiharves@gmail.com) to register or with questions. We also need people to sign up to provide desserts. There’s a sign up in the kitchen (on the refrigerator).

**Cookie hostesses** needed! We need cookie hostesses for worship in November. Please contact Rosellen Fairall ([rlfairall@gmail.com](mailto:rlfairall@gmail.com)) or Loretta Hunt ([huntgeo@msn.com](mailto:huntgeo@msn.com)) to sign up. Thank you!

It’s that time of year again, time to start thinking about ordering **poinsettias and greens for the holiday season**. Advent begins December 1st, that is the day we will decorate the sanctuary. Today is the final day to turn in your order. Gertens actually grows the plants to fulfill each specific order, which is why they need to be ordered so early. You are welcome to order plants to take home and/or leave at Spirit of Life as holiday décor. Use the bulletin insert to place your order.

Throughout the month, we collect change and then bring it on the second Sunday (October 13) 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!

It’s time for the **annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk food drive!** Take a grocery bag with a CROP Walk food drive tag on it and return it next Sunday, October 13, filled with canned proteins, paper products, and/ or personal hygiene products. These items are an immediate need at our food shelves. Your Spirit of Life CROP Walk team will get them to the CROP Walk. ... And, speaking of the CROP Walk: **the 7th annual South of the River CROP Hunger Walk is happening Sunday, October 13, at St. John’s Lutheran Church**, 20165 Heath Avenue, Lakeville! You are invited to join the team of walkers, or volunteer to help with registration. Registration and family friendly activities begin at 1:00 pm, with the walk starting at 2:00 pm. You can support our efforts to end hunger one step at a time by donating to our team or one of the walkers at [www.crophungerwalk.org](http://www.crophungerwalk.org), and search for South of the River using the search box in the right upper corner. That will take you to the SotR Walk page, and you can easily find the Spirit of Life team on that page. Talk to Denise Lewis or Peggy Roeske if you have questions!

October 20 is the next ***Spirit of Life* “WORKship”!** As a congregation we will have a short worship service beginning at 10am and then WORK around *Spirit of Life* will begin. We will be doing various fall cleaning jobs. We’ll plan to work until 1:30/2pm. Wear your tennis shoes!

**Women’s book club will meet on Thursday, October 24 at 7pm** at Lisa Smith’s home. We will be discussing Wolfpack by Abby Wambach, available at: [https://www.amazon.com/dp/1250217709/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_em\\_api\\_i\\_c\\_6PyEDbQ09HYSR](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1250217709/ref=cm_sw_r_em_api_i_c_6PyEDbQ09HYSR) All are welcome! Please join us!

**From the Music Director:**

Spirit of Life currently has a Mixed Voice Choir, Women's Choir, Youth Music Ensemble (singers and instrumentalists), and soon a Handbell Choir. If interested in joining any of these ensembles, please talk with Martha after worship today!

The choir will be sharing all kinds of praise music this fall - different styles and cultures but all will be about lifting our hearts, minds, and souls to praise God, no matter our imperfections and troubles.

A few people have said they can't commit to the choir because it's too much time. We will take you when you can come - it is an open invitation! If you can't commit to every week - welcome to the club!!! Please participate when you can come. We will have fun and learn some new things and I look forward to sharing some of the cool things that I have learned/experienced in my life with choral music. We also have childcare available at 8:45am on Sundays if we know ahead of time to plan accordingly.

<b>Building Use this week:</b>		
Sun, Oct 6	8:45am choir	sanctuary
	10:00am Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	Ethnic potluck lunch	sanctuary/kitchen
Mon, Oct 7	7:00 pm Pack 292 Leader mtg	conf rm
	6:00 pm Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
	6:30 pm Deacon mtg	dove rm
Tues, Oct 8	1:00 pm staff mtg	conf rm
	6:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 292	sanctuary
	10:00 am Ephesians Bible study	conf rm
Wed, Oct 9	4:30pm M+M	sanctuary/conf rm
	6:00 pm FAMILY MEAL	sanctuary/kitchen
	7:00 pm choir	sanctuary
Thurs, Oct 10	7:45 pm women’s choir	sanctuary
	8:00 am stewardship mtg	conf rm
	8:00 pm tech mtg	sanctuary
Sat, Oct 12	8:30pm NA	sanctuary/kitchen

October 6, 2019

# “Elements of Obedience”

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