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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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WELCOME 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.

***Thank you for silencing your cell phones during rehearsals and worship.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE *"For All the Saints"* arr by Cindy Berry **Martha Davis**

WELCOME **Rev. Rob Smith**

CALL TO WORSHIP **Steve Lewis**

One: Mr. Rogers shared, "There's something unique about being a member of a family that really needs you in order to function well. One of the deepest longings a person can have is to feel needed and essential."

All: We are here, neighbors that make a family. Every person here sharing many gifts, each one essential.

One: Fred Rogers helps open our eyes to see our neighbor as God sees, saying, "As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has--or ever will have--something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover the uniqueness and provide ways of developing its expression.

All: We are here, from many places, thankful for each other with an opportunity before us to make room for the neighbor not yet here. We welcome this day with thanksgiving for this gift of family, this gift of belonging. Let us worship God.

OPENING SONG *"10,000 Reasons"* (CCLI #6016351)

TIME WITH CHILDREN **Rev. Rob Smith**
 Children sing *"You Shall Love the Lord Your God"*

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION **Steve Lewis**

One: Fred Rogers once said, "When we hear the word that we are not lovable, we are not hearing the Word of God. No matter how unlovely, impure or weak or false we may feel ourselves to be, all through the ages God has still called us lovable." Jesus' message, according to Fred, is "Be who you are. We'll grow from there." Let us pray together:

All: Loving God, take all the broken bits of our lives, our broken promises; our broken friendships; our differences of opinion; our different backgrounds, and shapes and sizes, and arrange them together, fitting them into each other to make something beautiful. Like an artist makes a stained glass window. Make a design—your design— Even when all we can see are the broken bits.
 ~Anonymous, from *The Classic Treasury of Children's Prayers* (1999), p. 133

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **Rev. Rob Smith**

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

RESPONSE HYMN *"I Love You, Lord"* (#627)

ANTHEM *"Days of Elijah"* by Robin Mark, arr by Jack Shrader **Spirit of Life Choir**

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION **Steve Lewis**

SCRIPTURES 1 Kings 18: 20-39 **Steve Lewis**
 Matthew 22: 36-40

SERMON "Won't You Be My Neighbor: Love the Lord" **Rev. Rob Smith**

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE *"For the One"* (CCLI #7077180)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP **Steve Lewis**

TESTIMONY **Mike & Rachel Elliott**

CALL TO OFFERING **Steve Lewis**

OFFERTORY *"You Are Mine"* by Mark Hayes, arr by David Haas
Women's Choir, Haley Harves, flute

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 thy 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.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS (Served intinction)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING HYMN *"Song of Hope"* (#765)

CHARGE & BLESSING **Rev. Rob Smith**

POSTLUDE **Martha Davis**

Volunteers for today, November 3, 2019:

Lay Leader: Steve Lewis

Audio Visual: Alfred Hicks

Children's sermon: Rev. Rob Smith

Ushers/Greeters: Deon Ford

Communion: Mary Brause (lead), Loretta Hunt, Deon Ford, Alvine Laure Ekame, Duane Sweep, Holly Bueno

NOVEMBER CAREGIVER - Patience Mbonifor

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*

Next Sunday, November 10, 2019,

Lay Leader: Loretta Hunt

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's sermon: Karen Johnson

Pianist: Chris Wolf

Ushers/Greeters: Deon Ford

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.

2019 Per Capita is \$35.70.

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

OFFICE

10:00 AM—3:00 PM MON-THURS

FOR PASTORAL EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL ROB @ 952.807.4413

Announcements ...

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

Today we begin our stewardship campaign. Our theme this year is "**Won't You Be My Neighbor?**" Each week in November, we will discuss being a neighbor. To conclude our Stewardship campaign, we'll share in worship at the Apple Valley movie theater (15630 Cedar Ave, AV) on Sunday, November 24. We'll meet at the theater and begin at 10am as usual, then have a few preliminaries before watching the movie "Won't You Be My Neighbor?".

Children's K - 5th grade will be dismissed shortly after worship begins and have **Sunday school class** during worship (except on Communion Sunday). Kids 6th grade and older will meet for Sunday school following worship.

Reminder that today, November 3, immediately following worship, we will be kicking off our year long focus on learning about immigration. Everyone is invited to come! The first event will be a story-telling circle, where we will share, and listen to, generational stories of immigration — what we heard from parents and grandparents growing up. We will further explore how those stories helped to form our values, and how they frame our views of current immigration issues. We have several volunteers to begin the story telling, among them Joanne Boyd, Duane Sweep, and Pastor Rob. Even if you don't plan to share a story, please come to listen to the stories of sisters and brothers in our faith community. The next planned event will be in December, and we will be welcoming some guest speakers to teach us about the intricacies of the history of immigration in our country, and details about the many types of immigration and citizenship status.

Pastor Rob has set a scheduled time to be available for anyone who might wish to connect with him. **Pastor Rob's "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 is on Ephesians, focusing on faith community. We 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 to register or with questions. **We also need desserts for Nov 13, 20 and Dec 4 & 11. Please use the M&M sign up on the refrigerator in the kitchen or email Loretta at huntgeo@msn.com.**

Do you have the heart of a cookie hostess? We do have an opportunity for you to pursue hospitality during Sunday fellowship hour. Indeed, hospitality is a vital part of the life of Spirit of Life and fellowship hour is the time when people can socialize, get to know newcomers, catch up with friends. Besides bringing cookies, the hostess should also assist with setup, pouring lemonade and water, and cleanup afterwards. Guidelines for being a cookie host/hostess are on the fridge in the church kitchen. We need cookie hostesses for worship in December. Please contact Rosellen Fairall (rlfairall@gmail.com) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

Throughout the month, we collect change and then bring it on the second Sunday (November 10) to give in the "**Change for change**" bucket offering. 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!

We will be buying **Armful of Love gifts** for two families for Christmas this

year. Community 360 will not be able to get us the names and list until November 18th and we need the gifts by December 6th. We want everyone to be aware of the short turnaround time to buy and wrap gifts. Questions—please see Wendy Barta.

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.

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.

Thanks to our Spirit of Life South of the River CROP Walk team of walkers! The Currens family, Karen, Jerry and Lyle Johnson, Wendy Barta, Peggy Roeske, and Denise Lewis. Thanks for all the donations — our goal was \$1500, and we raised \$1,566, with some more donations still to come! We had 70 walkers braving the elements on October 13, and the walk raised at least \$12,000, with lots of bags of foods donated. Another successful year! Thanks for all your support!

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Building Use this week:

Sun, Nov 3	8:45am	choir	sanctuary
	10:00am	Worship	sanctuary/kitchen
	11:15am	youth music rehearsal	upper classroom
	11:15am	immigration study	conf rm
Mon, Nov 4	6:00pm	Cub Scouts/ Den 3	conf rm
	6:30pm	Deacon mtg	dove rm
Tues, Nov 5	1:00pm	staff mtg	conf rm
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts Troop 292	sanctuary
	6:30pm	personnel mtg	dove rm
Wed, Nov 6	10:00am	Ephesians Bible study	conf rm
	4:30pm	M&M	sanctuary/conf rm
	6:00pm	family meal	sanctuary/kitchen
	7:00 pm	choir	sanctuary
	7:45pm	women's choir	sanctuary
Thurs, Nov 7	11:00 am	piano tuning	sanctuary
Sat, Nov 9	9:30am	community serv mtg	conf rm
	8:30pm	NA	sanctuary/kitchen

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