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1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

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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:** Large print bulletins & Children's activity bags are available at the usher station. 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 still ring, it will extend Pastor Rob's sermon by 15 minutes this week.

GATHERING

PRELUDE "The Way of the Cross Leads Home" by Charles Gabriel, arr Victor Labenske
Martha Davis

WELCOME
Rev. Rob Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION
Denise Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP
Duane Sweep

One: What is this time in our lives?

All: It is the time to turn to God.

One: What does God ask of us?

All: God asks that we follow.

One: Where is God taking us?

All: To new places we have yet to discover.

One: Following Jesus to Jerusalem, let us begin our journey of Lent and let us sing to God's praise.

OPENING SONGS Love Medley: "Love the Lord Your God" (#62), "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (#366), "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" (ccli)

TIME WITH CHILDREN
Merry Close

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION "Jesus, Remember Me" Duane Sweep
All: Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom.
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One: God of Love, Giver of all good things, You call us to be your disciples,

revealing to us along the way the reality of what following means: giving as well as receiving, serving as well as being served, loving others as well as you loving us.

All: We offer you our heartfelt worship today, by giving of ourselves in ways that show sacrificial love for you, for our neighbor, for your church, for your world.

One: What must we do to receive eternal life, Lord? Sell all that we have and give it to the poor? Really, God? Seriously, Lord? You are kidding, right?

All: We love so many of the songs we sing. We are grateful for this opportunity to say our prayers. We relish the reading of your word. Help us, then, in the aspects of honoring you that we find more difficult. Assist us in the actions that we must take to enter into the life of your Kingdom for the heart of the matter is often a matter of the heart. We confess that we find aspects of following you difficult at times and we admit it is easier to receive than to give. Help us in making choices that please you, honor you, and our call to serve one another for the building of your kingdom. So, challenge us and change us in this season of lent.

All: Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom.

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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 "Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace" by Mary McDonald

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Duane Sweep

SCRIPTURE Mark 10: 17-31
Duane Sweep

SERMON "WHO: Who Do You Think You Love?"
Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE SONG "Reckless Love" (CCLI #7089641)

CALL TO OFFERING
Duane Sweep

OFFERTORY "Deep Wondrous Love: What Wondrous Love is This? O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Loves Me" arr by Ruth Elaine Schram
Martha Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow" #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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 HYMN "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (ccli #24494)

CHARGE & BLESSING
Rev. Rob Smith

POSTLUDE

Volunteers for today, March 1, 2020:

Lay Leader: Duane Sweep

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's Sermon: Merry Close

Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis

Communion: Mary Brause (Lead), Loretta Hunt, Rosellen Fairall

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*

Volunteers for next Sunday, March 8, 2020:

Lay Leader: Mary Brause

Audio Visual: Josh Ullom

Children's Sermon: Rachel Elliott

Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis

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.

Pastor Rob will hold “office hours” at the new **Dunn Bros. located 16106 Pilot Knob Rd, Rosemount (by HyVee), 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.

Remember: March 8, 2020 we begin Daylight Savings... "spring ahead" by setting your clocks forward one hour.

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 March. Please contact Rosellen Fairall (rlfairall@gmail.com) or Loretta Hunt (huntgeo@msn.com) to sign up or with questions. Thank you!

Karen Johnson is celebrating her 60th birthday with a "Swinging Sixty Dance Party". She has rented space at Spirit of Life on Sunday, March 1st, 2-5pm, for music, dancing, food and non-alcoholic drinks. She's also having Jeff Carver, trumpeter, perform smooth Jazz, big band and soft pop music. Dress up like 1960 and let's have fun. In lieu of gifts, Karen is requesting donations (canned goods, toiletries, etc) that would be donated to Rosemount Family Resource Center and Breaking Free. RSVP to Karen at KCJLJOHNSON@yahoo.com or text her at 612-210-8600.

We've had a great turn-out and wonderful discussion for our **immigration book study.** We're covering the book "The God Who Sees". Here is the schedule going forward; you are welcome to join in whenever you can!

- March 1, chapters 9 and 10
- March 9, chapter 11, and wrap up discussion

There are questions at the end of the book for each chapter. Before each Sunday, please read the assigned chapters, review the questions for each of

those chapters, and take note of any questions that you are particularly interested in discussing.

From Community Service/Mission: March is just around the corner, and Spirit of Life will once again participate in the MN FoodShare March campaign, with all donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products, as well as all financial donations, going to support the food shelf at the Rosemount Family Resource Center. We are going to try something a little different this year, so today, March 1st, in worship we will introduce the new format.

2020 SYNOD SCHOOL is July 26-31 at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA. There are over 60 classes—classes for all ages. Synod School is also for families. There are planned programs for infants, children and youth. Anyone is welcome to attend. A typical day includes worship in the morning and evening with 4 class session available throughout the day. Registration opens on March 2nd. Limited scholarships are available. Visit the website at www.lakesandprairies.org for additional details. Feel free to chat with Loretta Hunt if you have questions.

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 coins drop in the buckets! Our next collection will be next Sunday, March 8.

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