



08 MARCH 2020 AD

2ND 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 "God of Wonders" by M Byrd & S Hindalong, arr by Bill Wolaver
Martha Davis

WELCOME Rev. Rob Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP Kelsey Howland-Laborin

All: To know we are made in the image of God.

One: What does that require of us?

All: To love our neighbor as ourself.

One: Where does that take us?

All: To a place where we see all are equal.

One: In this important season of preparation, we learn that we are important to God and that each person is valued, so lay down titles and positions and pick up the threads of fellowship and joining with our neighbors let us worship God who calls one and all to join together in the journey of love.

OPENING HYMNS Open My Eyes Medley: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (blue #324), "Open Our Eyes, Lord" (green #80), "Open the Eyes of My Heart" (purple #452)

TIME WITH CHILDREN Rachel Elliott
Change for Change bucket offering

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION Kelsey Howland-Laborin
Tibetan Singing Bowl Denise Lewis

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

One: From the stars to the seas, from mountain to meadows, landscape to the lakes, creation is a vast canvas declaring your glory, Lord.

All: Open our eyes and help us to see!

One: From a newborn child to octogenarian, from African to Australian, Caucasian to Cantonese, humanity is a vast canvas declaring your glory, Lord.

All: Open our eyes and help us to see!

One: From crocodile to caterpillar, from loon to lynx, beavers to buffalo, wildlife is a vast canvas declaring your glory, Lord.

All: Open our eyes and help us to see!

One: Open our eyes and help us to see your amazing universe of diversity, delight and dynamism through spirits soaring in wonder, hearts lifted with awe and minds filled with imaginative thought.

All: Open our eyes and help us to see your amazing world and our place within it all, our duty of care for it all, our call to serve it all.

Open our eyes to see environmental concern.

Open our eyes to see the needs of hurting humanity.

Open our eyes to see disharmony in your world.

**May we respond in ways that help rather than hinder,
assist rather than aggregate, maintain rather than mistreat.**

One: Open our eyes in worship today, Lord of creation, to see from your holy perspective. Amen.

*All: Jesus, Remember Me, when you come into your kingdom.
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Tibetan Singing Bowl Denise Lewis

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE Rev. Rob Smith

PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Rob Smith

RESPONSE HYMN "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

ANTHEM "Carry Me" by Patricia Mock & Brian Buda

Kids (K-5) are dismissed to go to Sunday school

HEARING

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Kelsey Howland-Laborin

SCRIPTURE Mark 10: 32-52 Kelsey Howland-Laborin

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

RESPONDING

SERMON RESPONSE SONG "The Servant Song" (#727)

CALL TO OFFERING Kelsey Howland-Laborin

OFFERTORY "Who You Say I Am" by B Fielding and R Morgan

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.

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.

SENDING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

CLOSING SONG "Good Good Father" (ccli #7036612)

CHARGE & BLESSING Rev. Rob Smith

POSTLUDE

Volunteers for today, March 8, 2020:

Lay Leader: Kelsey Howland-Laborin

Audio Visual: Josh Ullom

Children's Sermon: Rachel Elliott

Ushers / Greeters: Steve Lewis, Marge Lewis

MARCH CAREGIVER - Ruth Ewule

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, March 15, 2020:

Lay Leader: Steve Lewis

Audio Visual: Eric Scott

Children's Sermon: Karen Johnson

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.

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 is this morning, March 8.

From Community Service/Mission: we are once again participating in the MN FoodShare March Campaign food drive, with all of our donations going to the Rosemount Family Resource Center. This year, we are LOOSELY basing our food drive on the NCAA basketball tournament known as March Madness. Four teams have been selected to compete simultaneously: Christian Ed, Hub/Community Service, Leadership, and Worship and Music. Pick the team you want to support, and place your donated non-perishable food items in the grocery box labeled for that team (located on a back table in the sanctuary). Lists of suggested items are on the back table as well. You can also write out checks, **made payable to Spirit of Life, with MN FoodShare on the memo line**; put your check in the MN FoodShare March Madness special envelope (in the attendance pads and also on the back table) and be sure to check off the team you are supporting. A single check will be given to RFRC at the beginning of April. The teams will be awarded 2 points for every pound of items placed in their grocery box, and 3 points for every dollar donated on their behalf. The first “half” of our game will end at noon on March 8; points will be tallied and reported in the Tuesday email. The second “half” ends March 15, with the score again reported in the Tuesday email. There will be an overtime period between March 15 and March 22, to give you a chance to push your team to the top — take advantage of those 3 point plays! The final score, and the winning team, will be announced in worship on March 29, and we will celebrate during fellowship time with game day snacks. Questions? Talk to Denise Lewis.

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.

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!

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 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.

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.

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