

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

July 18, 2021 ~ Indoor Worship

We look forward to seeing everyone in person as we worship together again. Please use your own electronic devices to follow along. We will have only a limited number of printed copies available for guests at the church. Just a few notes to keep in mind: If you are not vaccinated it is mandatory that you wear a mask; For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

Welcome: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship:

One: Forgiven... loved... free...

All: Let us hear good news of God's grace and believe.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Song: Goodness of God CCLI #7117726

I love You, Lord

For Your mercy never fails me

All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

In darkest night

You are close like no other

I've known You as a Father

I've known You as a Friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful

And all my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

With my life laid down

I'm surrendered now

I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after

It's running after me

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything.

All my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.
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Prayer of Reconciliation:

One: Jesus invites us to be honest with ourselves and with each other. Let us pause now to examine our hearts and turn to God.

All: God of mercy, our need is great. The pandemic has left us tired, anxious and uncertain. We have stretched beyond our limits and numbed ourselves to our pain. We have accepted getting by as good enough. Help us, Holy God, to acknowledge and to know our need for you at the center of all of our life. Help us care for ourselves so we can continue to care for others. Amen.

Moment of Silence

Assurance of Grace: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of Peace:

Time With Children:

Prayer of Illumination

Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Speak into our minds and in our hearts the message you want for us today through your Word read and proclaimed. Renew us as we commit our lives to follow you. Amen.

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. **3** All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us **5** even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ[a]—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— **9** not the result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Response: By His Grace CCLI #569478

By His grace I am redeemed,
By His blood I am made clean;
And I now can know Him face to face.
By His power I have been raised,
Hidden now in Christ by faith;
I will praise the glory of His grace.

Call To Offering

One: We are blessed. Now let us be a blessing to others through the presentation of our tithes and offerings. Let us pray.

All: Holy God, you call us to live generous lives. May your care for us be reflected in our offerings today, that these gifts might spread your love and your hope to serve others. Amen.

Offertory Tremble CCLI #7065049

Peace, bring it all to peace
The storms surrounding me
Let it break at Your name

Still, call the sea to still
The rage in me to still
Every wave at Your name

Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear
Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus

Breathe, call these bones to live
Call these lungs to sing
Once again, I will praise

Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear
Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus

Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear
Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus

Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny
Your name cannot be overcome
Your name is alive forever lifted high
Your name cannot be overcome

Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble
Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear
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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.

Closing Song: Send Down Your Spirit CCLI #7130893

Though I wage war within
My broken heart cannot begin
To understand who You are
And how You love me

Lord send down Your Spirit
Let me receive Your peace
Lord send down Your wisdom
Let my trust in You increase

Though I fail to believe
My wandering heart longs to see
And comprehend who You are
And know Your mercy

Lord send down Your Spirit
Let me receive Your peace
Lord send down Your wisdom
Let my trust in You increase

Lord send down Your Spirit
Let me receive Your peace
Lord send down Your wisdom
Let my trust in You increase

Draw near to us
Come dwell in us
We invite You Jesus
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Charge and Benediction: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Announcements

Just a few notes to keep in mind now that we are worshipping together in person again: If you are not vaccinated it is mandatory that you wear a mask. For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

We have congregational questionnaires to fill out at the end of worship today!

The Session has approved the participation of our congregation in a Presbytery effort to gather demographic information. You can participate in a number of ways:

1. If you normally get worship bulletins mailed to you, in your mailing this week the questionnaire was included, along with an explanatory letter,
2. Today following worship we will have time to complete the questionnaire for all who are in attendance. We will project a QR code that will link directly to the questionnaire by using your smart phone, or other electronic device, and there are paper copies available as well. The Clerk of Session will convert your answers on paper questionnaires to electronic to submit to the Presbytery.
3. Monday, July 12, the explanatory letter and the link to the questionnaire was sent to your email. We will repeat this sequence the week of Sunday, July 18.

Because a high participation rate is necessary to gather usable information, if you don't fill out a questionnaire, you will receive a phone call reminding you about it. Questions can be directed to the Clerk of Session, Denise Lewis: dlewis9476@comcast.net, 651-285-7233.

News from Christian Education Committee:

Today, Sunday, July 18, is church picnic following worship, in the church's backyard. Hot dogs and chips are provided. There will be games for the kids and time for fellowship. Everyone is welcome! The next picnic is August 18)

Sunday School classes will begin September 19th from 9 to 9:45 a.m.

M&M will begin on October 6 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. A meal will be served at 6 p.m. We are

looking into the possibility of having part of the program on zoom for those kids who cannot attend.

Garden Update From Community Service

The donation garden is producing very well this year! We are running about 4 times the amount of donations of fresh produce this year compared to this time last year, and have just surpassed our first 100 pounds total! As you can imagine, all that fresh produce takes time to harvest, and this is an opportunity for anyone who wants to help with the process. Sundays following worship, you are invited to come out to the garden and help our committee harvest the bounty! It will be delivered on Mondays to the Rosemount Family Resource Center. Any questions can be directed to Denise Lewis.

Graduate celebrations:

All are invited to the Graduation / 18th Birthday BBQ in honor of Austin Ambe on July 24th, 2-9pm at Mendak OTA-2171 Dodd Road. RSVP to Dr. Patience Mbonifor 651-336-1260

Everyone is also invited to celebrate at the graduation party for Odosa Amadasun. Join us on July 24th, 12pm-5pm at Antlers Park in Lakeville.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

We invite you to join us in making prayer shawls for members of our community who are in need of comfort. All are welcome regardless of knitting, crocheting, or sewing abilities. Join us in community and we will find a job for you! If you are unable to join us in person, we are happy to accept your knitted, crocheted, tied, or sewn shawls or handmade blankets. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Rose McMurray at 612-710-8327.

Volunteers Needed:

...We need one person each Sunday to serve as a Greeter and one person each Sunday to serve as an Usher for Sunday worship indoors this summer. **We need two volunteers for Sunday, July 25th.** We also need volunteers for each Sunday of the remainder of the summer. Please let Becky Brandt know what dates you are available to help and she will build a calendar. Call/text Becky at (218)779-0427 or email her at thebrandtfam@gmail.com.