

**Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church**  
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October 10, 2021 Worship

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ It is mandatory that ALL wear a mask, per recent decision from Session. Please see a Session member with questions.
- ◆ For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

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**Welcome:** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Call to Worship:** Open: Uyai Mose (Led by Pastor Rob Guitar, Martha on shakers/percussion, Rosellen Fairall reading)

*Uyai mose, tinamate mwari. (x3)*

*Uyai mose zvino.*

*Come, all you people, come and praise your Maker. (x3)*

*Come now and worship the Lord.*

One: Come, you who hunger to taste the bread of life!

**All: Come, you who thirst for living water!**

One: Come, you who hunger for justice and peace, and you who thirst for God's kin-dom to drop like rain upon the world:

**ALL Come, let us journey together as a community of faith, come, let us worship God.**

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*Uyai mose zvino.*

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**Opening Song:** All Things Bright and Beautiful purple #20

**Prayer of Reconciliation:** (Kelly Polson)

One: Holy God, sometimes it is so hard to look honestly at the world and ourselves. We grow tired of the constant bad news, so we put on a brave face and gloss over the ache of violence, sickness, disaster, and human callousness that plagues our globe. With those we are closest to, we sometimes pretend that we feel okay, that we are not worried, that we have a plan. We even try to tell this to ourselves, not fully admitting the impact of our actions on one another or ourselves.

**All: Forgive us, O God, when we try to hide our hearts. Strengthen us that we trust that we might approach you with our full selves— authentic in our gifts, and our fears, and our shortcomings. Give us the courage to walk together through the trials of life, rather than soldiering on alone. And help us to sense your faithful presence through the days when there feels like more shadow than sun.**

**Assurance of Grace** (from Psalm 103:8, 11-12)

**Prayer of Illumination:** (Rosellen Fairall)

**Scripture:** God Provides Manna: Exodus 16: 1-18 (Kelly Polson)

**Sermon:** (Rev. Rob Smith)

**Call To Offering** (Rosellen Fairall)

**Offertory** Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer CCLI#

**Prayers of the People:**

**Closing Song:** For the Fruit of All Creation purple # 36

COMMISSIONING OF WALKERS: SHARED BLESSINGS

**Pastor Rob:** We support and give thanks for all who are walking today in our Sout of the River CROP Hunger Walk. You represent all of us as you walk to share our blessings with brothers and sisters in need around the world.

**Walkers: We have been blessed.**

**Pastor Rob:** God has given to each of us many gifts, blessings and talents – none earned, none deserved. That is why in faith we acknowledge that all that we have, all that we are, all that we shall ever be, is a gift from God – a gift of which we are but stewards.

**All: We strive to be good stewards of the gifts we have received.**

**Denise:** When I can say: “I have a home,”

**All: We say: “Let us walk so that all may have safe shelter.”**

**A Sponsor:** When I can say: “I have food,”

**All: We say: “Let us walk so that none in our world will go hungry.”**

**Denise:** When I can say: “I have plenty to drink,”

**All: We say: “Let us walk so that none shall thirst.”**

**Denise:** When I can say: “I have employment and a livelihood,”

**All: We say: “Let us walk so that others might be able to provide for themselves and their families.”**

**Denise:** When I can say: “I have gone to school and now teach others,”

**All: We say: “Let us walk so that schools might be available to**

**children everywhere.”**

**Pastor Rob:** We love the Lord our God...

**All:** With all our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbors as ourselves. Amen

**Charge and Benediction:** (Rev. Rob Smith)

## **Announcements**

**Session requires masks be worn for all indoor church activities** (worship, M in M, Sunday School, etc) **regardless of vaccination status.** Thank you for your cooperation, and for your care for our community, as we continue to deal with this pandemic. For the immediate future we will not have congregational singing indoors.

**GriefShare:** Many of us have suffered the loss of a loved one, someone dear to our hearts who has been an important part in our lives. The grief that we encounter can be overwhelming at times and causes us to reach out for help. Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church is offering a Christ centered program produced by a network of thousands of grief recovery groups meeting around the world. The group meets weekly Thursday evenings, 6:16 to 8:16 pm, in person in the Spirit of Life Church sanctuary. We will skip the week of Thanksgiving and then restart the weekly Thursday series on December 2. Please contact Bob Shepard at [shepardsprairie@gmail.com](mailto:shepardsprairie@gmail.com) or Jaqui Hicks at [jahutchinson23@gmail.com](mailto:jahutchinson23@gmail.com) or the church office if you have questions.

### **News from Christian Education Committee:**

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Adult Sunday School begins Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 - 9:50 am  
(before church)

Class will be led by Steve Braden

Six Week Series: PBS Walking the Bible

Children's Sunday School classes meet 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. There will be a PreK - 2nd grade class and a 3rd-5th grade class. We will bring the children back to the sanctuary for the Children's sermon at 10:15 and then the children can sit with their parents during the rest of the service.

Sunday school Teacher schedule

Oct 10 prek-2nd Monique

Oct 10 3-5th Karen

Oct 17 prek-2nd Meg

Oct 17 3-5th Karen

Oct 24 - no Sunday school -MEA weekend

Oct 31 Prek-2nd Sara

Oct 31 3-5th Karen

M&M meets 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Meal at 6 p.m.

Donations needed: individually wrapped, store-bought snacks and desserts such as granola bars, ice cream sandwiches, cookies, clementines, etc. Please have them to the church by 4:15 p.m. Let Loretta know the date you would be able to provide them. Thank you for your support.

**South of the River CROP Hunger Walk** is today, October 10! Check-in begins at 1:30. Walk starts at 2:00pm.

**From HUB and Community Service: Save The Date**

October 17, immediately following worship, will be an **outdoor clean-up day** and lots of helpers are needed. Details to follow.

**Holiday flowers and greens:** Online ordering site is open 9/27 thru 10/21 with delivery Thanksgiving weekend. Since this is online ordering only, there are a lot more items than we have been able to offer in the past, please check the site! Orders CAN be placed for items to be displayed at church. Items for the church will be displayed thru the Advent season and then can be taken home if desired. Please see Becky Brandt for assistance with online ordering process. To access the site and place an order for your fundraiser group: Go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com). Enter the Store ID code provided into the text field and click 'Enter ID to Continue'. Store ID code for Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church: 149.

All are invited to join the **Bell Choir!** Rehearsals start on Wednesday, October 13 from 7:30 to 8:15 in the sanctuary and will be weekly. This is a great fun way to contribute to our music program. We are planning to perform in worship monthly. If you are new to bells, you can just start with a couple of bells and work into doing more when you are comfortable. We will observe covid safety recommendations and participants must wear a mask. If you have any questions, please contact Martha at [davis.martha@live.com](mailto:davis.martha@live.com).

**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. We need two volunteers for each week. 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](mailto:thebrandtfam@gmail.com). Thank you!