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June 26, 2022 Worship

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Just a few notes to keep in mind:

- ◆ We are singing in person together again! So come, and sing boldly!
- ◆ Masks optional for all activities in the church building.

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**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements** (Rev. Rory Swenson)

**Call to Worship** (Mary Brause)

One: What is Prayer?

**ALL: Is it asking and knocking, seeking and finding?**

ONE: Is it speaking or reading? Is it singing or listening?

**ALL: Is it worship, serving and giving?**

ONE : It is Jesus. It is breathe and Spirit. It is mystery.

**ALL: It is comfort and it is change. It is faith and hope!**

ONE: Perhaps...maybe ... prayer is the love of God!

**Opening Song** Come and Find the Quiet Center CCLI #5262632

**Prayer of Reconciliation Song** (Odosa Amadasun)

**Assurance of Grace** (Rev. Rory Swenson)

**Passing of the Peace**

**Special Music** Hear Our Prayers by Ben Crist

**Prayer of Illumination** (Oghomwen Amadasun)

**Scripture** Kings 19 :11-13 (Oghomwen Amadasun)

God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake,<sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Philippians 4: 6 -7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

Mark 1:35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.

**Children's sermon** (Rev. Rory Swenson)

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**Call To Offering** (Mary Brause)

**Offertory** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CCLI # 22829

**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** God of the Sparrow #22 in purple hymnal

**Charge and Benediction** (Rev. Rory Swenson)

## **Announcements**

Pastor **Rob has challenged us as a congregation to work through the same book he will be using over the summer while on his Sabbatical:** "Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Lives", by Wayne Muller. There is an opportunity for you to join in with a group study of this book, if you are interested. Denise Lewis will lead it, and will be hybrid so our online congregants can join in.

Here is the proposed schedule for study (tentatively planned for following worship, with the adult Sunday School zoom link): by clicking the link at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84136883066>

June 26: Section 2, RHYTHM

July 10: Section 3, TIME

July 24: Section 4, HAPPINESS

August 7: Section 5, WISDOM

August 21: Section 6, CONSECRATION (Pastor Rob's first Sunday back)

**C & C after C** – we'll be having C & C after C (Coffee and Conversations after Church) again in a few Sundays. Please watch for sign-up sheets to participate in providing cookies coming soon. Please see Ruth Ewule if you have questions.

The session of elders of Spirit of Life is hosting our regular community

**PICNICS** this year while Rob has sabbatical. We ask those able to bring a side or dessert to share and the session will provide a main course. Dates will be **June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup>, and August 28<sup>th</sup>** and the time will be approximately 11:15am (immediately after worship) with games in the backyard for kids and food and fellowship for all.

Fund raising to aid the local community of **Bafut, Cameroon with building a high-capacity Presbyterian Church**. The goal is set for a sum of \$3500. Deadline is July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We call on members of SOL-their friends and family to who which to participate to this cause to note Cameroon in check line on their check. Thank you and God bless you!

**Coffee and Conversations Mondays, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.**

During Pastor Rob's sabbatical this summer, Bob Shepard will be leading the weekly coffee and conversation time with the above hours and using the same zoom link below. Come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person. It is open for you to pop in and out any time so feel free to drop in and say hello. \*Note, same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>

Spring has sprung! The **Community Service team is looking for help** in weeding our many flower gardens. If you would like to spend some quiet time outside, please contact Chris Sachs or sign up on the clipboard in the back of the church. We will establish a schedule with volunteers signing up for a week when they can do it at their convenience. Thanks!

**Also from Community Service:** The Community Service committee has planted the donation vegetable garden. This garden is a ministry of the Community Service committee, and all produce from the garden is delivered to the Rosemount Family Resource Center food shelf. Our deliveries will be weekly, and up to twice weekly as the garden starts to really produce later in the summer. If you are interested in being on the list of helpers, please contact Denise Lewis, [dlewis9476@comcast.net](mailto:dlewis9476@comcast.net).

Spirit of Life was offered the opportunity to purchase a classroom set of **used guitars**, at a steep discount. With Session approval, these guitars were purchased and are now in our possession. There are plans in the works to incorporate options for group guitar lessons into Meet in the Middle programming, and 12 guitars will be available for participating students to borrow. But, that still leaves an extra 12 guitars that are available for purchase for personal use; 4 church members have already requested the opportunity to purchase a guitar, so there are still 8 guitars available for sale. The cost is \$70 per guitar. They are beginner Yamaha CGS104A full sized, nylon string classical guitars. (Classical are smaller than full sized steel string--good for smaller hands). New, the cost of the equivalent of this guitar is approximately \$150. Used, between \$90-\$100; so this is a good deal. The guitars come with a case; there is wear and tear on the cases, and all of the guitars should have the strings replaced, so you would be purchasing them "as is". To repeat: children who may want to participate in Meet in the Middle group guitar lessons WILL NOT need to purchase a guitar; they will be available to borrow. If you are interested in purchasing a guitar, please contact Denise Lewis,

[dlewis9476@comcast.net](mailto:dlewis9476@comcast.net) to get the details.

It's back! Who remembers the **"Change for change" bucket offering**? Some are familiar with this, others may have questions. With the help of our children, we will continue collecting change in our metal buckets but going forward we'll give on a monthly basis (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month). Throughout the month, collect your change and bring it on the third Sunday! 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!

From Community Service: Our LITTLE FREE PANTRY has been of great use to our neighbors and is in need of frequent replenishment! We can now resume contributing canned items as well as other non perishables. Donations may be left in the little pantry or in the cabinet inside the church entry. Many thanks for your wonderful support of our pantry and neighbors!

If you have a **prayer request** you wish to share with our Spirit Care Prayer Team, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at [ccsachs123@gmail.com](mailto:ccsachs123@gmail.com). Word it as you wish it to be submitted, and we will post it for our prayer team.

We will have a **cleaning and painting day in the office** on Saturday July 9th starting at 9am. Tasks to be completed include:

- \*Spring Cleaning

- \*Painting

- \*Putting the new furniture in the office

-If you have painting supplies from home you can bring all the better! (paint brush, roller, tarp etc.....)

We will have jobs for folks of any age, including open playground in the back for any kids that come to play.

Questions: Feel free to reach out to Ryan Currens

#### **2021 Per Capita is \$36.50**

Questions about "Per Capita"? Here's an article from the Presbyterian Today magazine that provides information! Click on: [Per Capita article.pdf](#).

While Pastor Rob is on sabbatical, we have a wonderful pastoral care team here for you. *Worship & preacher schedule*

3-Jul	Rev. Steve Braden
10-Jul	Rev. Steve Braden
17-Jul	Rev. Steve Braden
24-Jul	Rev. Steve Braden
31-Jul	Rev. Steve Braden
7-Aug	Rev. Dr. Denise Dunbar-Perkins
14-Aug	Rev. Bill Chadwick

#### *Emergency Pastoral Care Coverage:*

June 20-July 17	Marge Braden, ph. # 574-849-0470
July 18-Aug 19	Loretta Hunt, ph. # 651-900-9681