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August 21, 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.

Prelude (Martha Davis)

Welcome (Denise Lewis)

Call to Worship (Denise Lewis)

Opening Song / Call to Worship Here I Am to Worship (CCLI #3266032)

Prayer of Reconciliation (Becky Brandt)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf)

Passing of the Peace (Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf) May the peace of Christ be with you now, (And also with you)...let us take a moment and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Song Morning Has Broken (Hymn #664, verse 1)

Prayer of Illumination (Kelly Polson-online)

SILENCE, **S**IMPLE, **S**ACRED, **S**ERENITY, **S**LOW DOWN,
SCRIPTURE

A LISTENING EAR, **A**N HONEST PRAYER

BREATHE, **B**ALANCE, **B**E PRESENT

BEGINNINGS, **B**LESSED, **B**E PATIENT

APPRECIATE EVERYTHING, **A**TENTIVE, **A**WARE

TIME, **T**HANKSGIVING

HEARTFELT

Scripture (Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf) Genesis 1:1-2, Genesis 18:1-15

Genesis 1:1-2

In a beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Genesis 18:1-15

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. ² He looked up and suddenly saw three

men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. 3 He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

6 So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" 7 Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

9 They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "Right here in the tent."

10 Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were both very old. Sarah was no longer menstruating. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, thinking, I'm no longer able to have children and my husband's old.

13 The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Me give birth? At my age?' 14 Is anything too difficult for the Lord? When I return to you about this time next year, Sarah will have a son."

15 Sarah lied and said, "I didn't laugh," because she was frightened. But he said, "No, you laughed."

Children's Sermon (Pat Buchholz) ("Change for change" bucket offering)

Sermon (Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf)

Song This Is a Day of New Beginnings (CCLI #231043)

Call to Offering (Becky Brandt)

Offertory You Keep Hope Alive by Jon Reddick, Jess Cates, and Anthony Skinner (CCLI #7125876) (Spirit of Life Singers)

Gratitude (Bob Shepherd)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Loretta Hunt)

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.

Announcements (Becky Brandt)

Closing Song We Are Marching in the Light of God (Hymn #853)

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

It's back! Some are familiar with “**Change for change**” bucket offering, 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. 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!

C & C after C – Please sign up to participate in providing cookies for C & C after C (Coffee and Conversations after Church). Please see Ruth Ewule if you have questions.

(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION will resume Monday, August 22 at 9:15am. It will be available in person at the church and via zoom. Robert Shepard is inviting you to Church coffee Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86131064188>. Meeting ID: 861 3106 4188.

We are collecting **supplies for Highland Elementary** on Sundays, August 21, and August 28. There is a box on the table in the entry at church.

Supplies needed are:

Expo washable, chisel point dry erase markers - purple, blue, green and black, One dozen of each color. (Only Expo brand because other kinds don't erase fully.) Fifty folders with pockets in different colors, four dozen glue sticks in packages of 10-12, twenty medium size bottles of white school glue, one dozen boxes of crayons with 24 crayons in a box.

Anything you can contribute will be appreciated. We did this last year and the coordinator was so happy we will be helping again this year.

The session of elders of Spirit of Life is hosting our regular community **PICNICS** this year while Rob has sabbatical. The final picnic date is **August 28th** and the time will be approximately 11:15am (immediately after worship) with games in the backyard for kids and food and fellowship for all.

GriefShare Program Starting Thursday, September 8, 6:30 pm at Spirit of Life Church, Apple Valley. This program features biblical, Christ-centered

teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to bury their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program. Please contact Bob Shepard or Jacqui Hicks for more information or to sign up.

From Community Service: FOR THOSE OF YOU INTERESTED IN THE PRODUCTION FROM THE DONATION GARDEN: We have had back to back 100+ pound delivery weeks, having delivered 261 pounds in August alone — with much more to come!! We are over 400 pounds year to date! This is the bounty of our God!

We now have a drop box on the wall in the office for any church money that needs to get to our treasurer. We also have envelopes above the drop box with labels you can fill out when leaving money so that Meg or Barb know what the money is for and who it is from. If you are depositing cash please count the amount of cash and put that information on the envelope too.

The Justice Works borrowing bookshelf is up and running, so check it out.

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. Word it as you wish it to be submitted, and we will post it for our prayer team.

“Our Little Free Pantry continues to be of great service to our hungry neighbors. An anonymous note of appreciation was left this week. We would appreciate donations to keep our cupboard full. Preferred items at this time include jars of spaghetti sauce, any pasta, bags of plain white rice, any canned vegetables or fruits, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, Spam, dry milk. These items and any other non-perishables can be placed in the driveway pantry or left in the cabinet inside the front door to the church. Members of the Community Service committee will refill items when needed and thank you very much for your support and donations. We can make a difference in preventing hunger in our neighborhood!”

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