

Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church

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Prelude (Martha Davis)

Welcome (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call to Worship (Kandace Lockore)

Taize Open: Nothing Can Trouble #820

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall
never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.

God alone fills us.

One:

**All: We bring our lives
to let go of all that binds us
and freely worship God
who forgives, heals and sets us free
to live.**

Taize Close:

Nothing can trouble,
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Opening Song All Are Welcome #301 vs 1, 3, & 4

Prayer of Reconciliation (Kandace Lockore)

Assurance of Grace (Rev. Rob Smith)

Passing of Peace

Song Change My Heart, O God #695 / CCLI Song # 1565

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Matthew 18:15-35 (Kandace Lockore)

Children's sermon (Rev. Rob Smith)

Sermon: (Rev. Rob Smith)

Call To Offering

Offertory: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me arr by Lloyd Larson
(Spirit of Life Choir)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
praise Christ, all creatures 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.

Minute for Mission (Denise Lewis)

Announcements (Rev. Rob Smith)

Closing Song: Head To The Heart

Charge and Benediction (Rev. Rob Smith)

Postlude (Martha Davis)

Announcements

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“*Reflections on the Heart*” is our Lent theme. Join us **each Wednesday of March, at 6pm sharp**, for a family friendly meal followed by a brief time of worship and family devotions. This is the perfect opportunity to get to know others in our community. Watch for more information on the **April 6th, Maundy Thursday potluck supper at 6pm**. Mark your calendar for our **Good Friday worship on April 7th, at 7pm**. And plan to bring a friend for our special **Resurrection Sunday worship on Sunday, April 9th**.

Children’s Sunday School meets from 9:30-10:15, upstairs in the SS room. Kids can Zoom in for SS if they can't attend in person. We could use a helper for each week. If you're available, please reach out to Karen Johnson.

Date	Teacher
02/26	Sara
03/05	Ryan
03/12	Sara
03/19	Sara
03/26	No class (Spring Break)

Meet in the Middle meeting Wednesdays at 4:30 and including snacks, group guitar lessons for older kids /playing for younger kids, singing, Holy Moly video and lesson, and conclude with dinner for kids, youth and adults 6:00- 6:30 dinner. Monetary donations for dinner appreciated. If you’re unable to join in person, jump on zoom with this new link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85002502767>.

Confirmation Class will be for 7th and 8th graders, on the 2nd Sunday of the month after church. Next class is March 12th. Parents, please mark your calendars: Confirmation retreat at SOLPC will be Saturday, April 15th, and Recognition Sunday will be May 21st.

Adult Sunday School Class: The God in America adult class meets following worship in person and is available online via Zoom. The videos will be shown in class and are also available for free online at PBS. See Steve Braden with questions.

(Monday) COFFEE and CONVERSATION Plan to join Pastor Rob and others for Coffee and Conversation on Mondays, at 9:20 am. Come as you are. This is a gathering online and in person at the church. It is open for you to pop in and out any time so feel free to drop in and say hello. *Note, same time and same login, recurring meeting each week. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/286584190>. One tap mobile +13126266799, 286584190# +19292056099, 286584190#.

From Community Service: **March is MN FoodShare month**, which we participate in each year; all of our food and dollar donations go directly to the Rosemount Family Resource Center. You can bring in non-perishable food items (shelf-stable proteins, baking items, canned fruits and vegetables, or personal care items) and place them in empty grocery bags strategically placed throughout the sanctuary representing the 1 in

6 of our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. You can pick up a detailed list of the most needed food shelf items at the back of the sanctuary. Food shelves also strongly encourage dollar donations, because they can stretch those donations to provide more resources. This year, our committee is asking for donations in increments of \$25, \$50, or \$100, so we can fully deck out our “ambassador” snowman! It will take \$700 to get him fully decorated — watch the progress week by week. Make checks out to “Spirit of Life” with MN FoodShare on the memo line, or donate online making that same note.

GriefShare Program runs through May 4, 2023 (no meeting Maundy Thursday), 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 seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. 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.

Have you been considering **becoming a member**? We will be offering a class in the coming weeks so let us know and we will include you! Send a quick email to the office at spirit@spiritoflifeav.org or see Pastor Rob after worship and let him know!

The community service team designates the first Sunday of every month as **little free pantry Sunday**. As we remember the sacred Last Supper, let us also think of our neighbors in need of food support. For February, we are in need of items that can withstand freezing temperatures. This means **NO CANS OR GLASS CONTAINERS**. Some items that are useful include white rice, cereal, jelly (plastic bottles only) peanut butter (plastic jars only) pasta, spaghetti sauce (plastic jars only), Mac and cheese boxes, tuna in foil packets, etc. Our pantry has proven very helpful - we notice items being taken very shortly after placement on the shelves. We’ve also received a note of thanks from one user. Thanks so much for supporting this mission.

Easter fundraiser: Easter is early this year! Our online flower fundraiser will be starting soon. Sale began February 6, 2023 and will run through 10pm 3/2/23. To make a purchase: Go to: <https://www.gertensfundraising.com/> Enter Store ID: 149. The "Seller Name" box can be used to note if the flower is for the church. Reminder: NO Lilies for the church as we have someone with a major allergy. Thank you! Becky

Spring cleanup date of March 26th, 2023 (after worship): work for all ages, come one, come all. HUB members serving as work crew leaders on various projects for organization and work flow. This year we will focus on the inside of the church building as our new grounds / snow vendor has a spring cleaning included in their mowing price.

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.

Per Capita for 2023 went up to \$37.50