

**WELCOME TO
SPIRIT OF LIFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Thank you for joining us!

We hope you experience the joy of God's love in our diverse, inclusive, and compassionate community. Come as you are; all are welcome!

- ◇ Worship is at 10:00 am Sunday mornings, and can be live-streamed or watched later on YouTube or Facebook.
- ◇ Restrooms are in the first hallway to the left on exiting the sanctuary.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
JUNE 30, 2024**

** All who are able are invited to stand.
Hymnals are available on the cart by the sound booth.
Regular attenders, visitors, & members, please complete &
return Connect/Prayer cards in offering plate
or to the Welcome Table at the back of the sanctuary.
Today's worship leaders: Rev. Rob Smith, Steve and Julie Raatz*

Prelude

Welcome

Special Song "Old MacDonald" (Jr Ekame)

Special Song "Grandfather Clock" (Josh Gracek)

Call to Worship

...We gather in the name of the Creator,
inviting us always to risk the unknown.

We gather in the name of the Christ,
fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.

We gather in the name of the Spirit,
unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.

Prayer

***Opening Song** Spiritual Sing Medley: I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing, I'm Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing, I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Prayer of Reconciliation

Special Song "Home on the Range" (Jordan Cornormia)

Assurance of Grace

***Passing of Peace**

***Song** Come and Find the Quiet Center

Special Song "Falling Leaves" (Joe Cornormia)

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Revelation 3: 15-16

Special Song (Veera Rae Boucheu)

Children's sermon

Sermon L is for Laodicea

Call To Offering

Ushers will circulate offering plates for those who wish to give in this way. Online giving is also available on our website.

Offertory Praise God in His Sanctuary (by Phil Barfoot) (Spirit of Life Choir)

Prayers of the People

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.

Special Song "Love Somebody" (Briyelle Kube)

Announcements

Graduate Recognition

***Closing Song** Lord, Listen To Your Children (CCLI #22829)

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and refreshments after worship.

[Liturgy in the bulletin today is adapted from © Church Anew and used with Permission.]

Announcements

Visitors: Welcome to Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church! Thank you for worshiping with us. Visitors, regular attenders and members, please complete the Connect/Prayer card and indicate if you wish to receive our weekly emails. If you don't have a card, please pick one up from our Information Table at the back of the sanctuary. Please return completed Connect/Prayer card in offering plate or in box labeled accordingly at the back. If you have any questions, please ask at the Information Table or Pastor Rob.

As we celebrate today the gifts of music, it's importance in the life of the church, we made a commitment last year to a new music lesson ministry helping to provide music lessons with emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion. We received seed money as a new ministry through a Presbytery Grant for \$10,000. Our funding now is down to \$3300 with estimates that this will cover the lessons through this summer. **Today, we are asking for you to consider an additional special offering** (envelopes provided in bulletin-labeled Music Lesson Ministry). \$35 will pay for one lesson. \$105 will pay for three? Or can you help with \$350 to pay for ten? We will be announcing in the next week another late summer fundraiser opportunity for us to help share this gift well into the future.

KIDS CAMP will be August 5-9, 2024! Mark your calendars and pick up your registration forms at the information table or online at <https://forms.gle/qVgpz3P8U8bzSCWJ9>.

Prayer Ministry at Spirit of Life Please use the connect card and turn in at the offering time if you have a prayer request to share today. During the week, please email our deacon, Chris Sachs at sachs123@gmail.com to share a prayer request with our Spirit Care Prayer Team.

As 1 Cor 12 shares, God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful.

It takes all of us to be the church. Leadership is working diligently to organize the opportunities and sharing many of these through the Sign Up Genius links you received in the weekly email blast. You can also find the links on our facebook page. Would you please take a few minutes and help make a commitment to help pick up a part. Especially, would you consider becoming part of the Sunday Fellowship Team? If we can build a team of

12 as a goal, the team will help organize and facilitate Sunday treats and coffee. The entire congregation will still be able to sign up as we seek help from everyone, but this team needs more hands to simplify, coordinate, communicate expectations, and help this work smoothly so that the expectation of the work does not fall on one or two people. We have so many good things happening as a growing and vibrant church. Thank you for all of the ways you help us be the body of Christ. Thank You, Pastor Rob

Friends - By consensus at our last gathering (a delightful time at Bob & Rebecca Shepard's new home), **Merry Old SoLs** are skipping July. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, August 21, at the home of Jerry & Karen Johnson in Eagan. 9:30-11:30 am as usual. Mark your calendar, and we hope to see you there.

FROM COMMUNITY SERVICE: You are invited to help in the gardens on our grounds! **Sundays after worship**, and **usually Monday mornings** (time dependent on weather), you can join our crew in harvesting the vegetable garden for donation to Rosemount Resource Center food shelf, and/or weeding in the vegetable garden or flower beds. Check in with Denise, Loretta, or Karen for details. Currently, our raspberries are ripening; they are labor intensive to harvest, so if you want to pick raspberries, wear solid shoes (no flip flops or sandals), long pants, and long sleeves. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!

Our **LITTLE FREE PANTRY** is being used often and in need of frequent restocking. Please pick up a couple items any week - from the store or your cupboards - and leave them on or in the cabinet in the entryway. Suggestions Include: Pasta Products, Pasta Sauce, White Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Boxed Potatoes, Cereal / Oatmeal, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Canned Meats, ANY Nonperishable Items. With warmer weather, any type of container is acceptable. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

2024 Per Capita is \$38.50

Usual Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 10-3. Call ahead to make sure as we work remotely some days.

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