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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

David's Lamentation
Spirit A'Peal

Billings/arr. Yoder

GREETING AND WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Hansen

We're glad you're here! If you're a first time guest, welcome! If you've been here before, welcome back! If this is your first time at Spirit of Hope or a return visit, would you provide us with some contact information using the attendance book as it comes by? We would like to get to know you. Please join us for coffee and conversation after worship. Once again, welcome!

TIME OF SINGING

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living, sanctuary for You.

You Are the Words and the Music

You are the words and the music, You are the song that I sing.
You are the melody, You are the harmony, praises to your name I will bring.
You are the mighty God, You are the Lord of Lords, You are the King of all Kings.
Now I return to You the song that You gave to me. You are the song that I sing!

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.
High and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.

Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Chorus

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim. in the light of His glory and grace.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

*An asterisk * is an invitation to stand, as you are able
Light print for the leader and bold print for the congregation*

In the light of God's glory and grace, **Which is where we always reside,**
Even in the darkest times, **And the scariest places,**
So much "big overwhelming stuff" becomes so small, **And that promising, infinite love**
Shines brilliantly through it all! Thank God!

HYMN OF PRAISE*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine**

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Samuel Longfellow, 1864; alt.

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine.
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine.
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, law di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine.

Voice of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it from its night.
Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire, pu - ri - fy me with your fire.
Bold - ly may I al - ways live, brave - ly serve, and glad - ly give.
Be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Louis Moreau Gottschalk was the first American musician to be acclaimed at home and abroad as a virtuoso pianist and gifted composer, often incorporating folk and popular tunes into his own concert music. Mercy was arranged from his piano composition, "The Last Hope."

Tune: MERCY 7.7.7.
Louis Moreau Gottschalk, 1867
Arr. Edwin Parker, 1888

New Century Hymnal
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***OPENING PRAYER**

Uncommon, yet all-engaging Spirit,

Dawn upon, reign and shine within me, and this entire community!

Inward light,

Awaken in us both the desire and the courage to see what is true

And to do it as well! Even if it disturbs the peace of easy answers,

And disrupts the cozy comfort of closed hearts and made-up minds.

Become within us the law we live by, the rule of a love

That binds us to each other, and to you endlessly, and thus sets us truly free, in Christ. Amen.

THE WORD

SHARING A WORD OF PEACE AND GREETING

Where Children Belong

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

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SHARING A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Following children's time, we will "miss" our children as we dismiss them to go to Sunday school (preschool through grade 6). Nursery is available for children 3-years old and younger.

GIFT OF MUSIC

Lord of the Troubled Sea
Quartet

Medema/arr.Hayes

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Matthew 5:38-48

p. 132
p. 6

For the word of God in scripture, within, among, and beyond us, **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE AND PRESENTATION

"Now that's different...so is God...so are you..."

Pastor Jeff Hansen
Wilson Garland

Key Verse: ...so that you will be acting as children of your Father who is in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both the evil and the good and sends the rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous.

Matthew 5:45

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, We lift this prayer to you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

CHOIR ANTHEM

He Hideth My Soul

Kirkpatrick/arr. Duren

*OFFERING THANKS TOGETHER IN PRAYER

God of all, each part and piece of your whole creation is unique, lovingly shaped and offered for the enrichment of all. That makes every one of us a piece of holy art! So shouldn't your creative energy and love come through us unimpeded, in our living, our giving, our joyful gratitude, all offered up here and now, and from here on and always, in the name and spirit of Jesus, who leads us as we pray...

*AS JESUS TEACHES

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

*CLOSING SONG

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
Anywhere Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna give...

I'm gonna pray...

I'm gonna sing...

A BLEST SENDING

Are you really? **Yes!**

Good! That'll make the world different! God send you, the Spirit fill you, Christ go with you and you with Christ, always and everywhere! **Amen!** God bless. Go in peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC

Jerry Rubino

(Out of respect for those who wish to remain and enjoy the closing music, please meet and greet each other over coffee in the lobby. Thank you!)

**Please stand, as able, to the Glory of God*

Any and all are welcome to join parents and their children in the Sunday school closing circle after worship.

All Parents, who have children in Sunday school and nursery, please pick up them up right after the closing of the service. Thank you!

TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Spirit of Hope News

- **Guests** – Thank you for joining us in worship today. Please join us after worship for coffee and conversation!
- **First Service** – We have an **8:30 a.m.** service in the chapel (third floor, end of the hall), with scripture, sermon, prayer and communion. The service lasts about 45 minutes (but who's watching the clock?) All are welcome.
- **FORUM** – **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fireside Room.
- **No Bible Study** – on **Tuesday. Resume on Tuesday, February 28.**
- **Spirit A' Peal** – Rehearsals are on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.
- **Confirmation/Youth Group** – **Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.**
- **Spirit Singers** – **Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel.
- **Finance Meeting** – **Thursday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Church Council** – **Thursday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Progressive Lunch Sunday** and an introduction to each ministry committee here at Spirit of Hope. Hot dogs will be served with side dishes in the lower lobby area.
- **Driving for Dinner at Your Door** – **Monday, February 27, at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Please limit your use of perfume/cologne out of respect for those around you who have allergies to scents**
- **The Spirit of Hope Ministry Trust Fund** provides a source of special funds for worthy programs and projects within the church and our community. The funds in the account are separate from the church operating budget and not available to use for the operating budget. The Ministry Trust Fund is managed by a Board of Advisors. The current members are: Steve Gunn; John Turriffin; Lisa Schroeder; Pam Collins; Ann Rest; and Eric Forsberg. The Board makes grants based upon applications. Typically the grants have been between \$500 and \$1,000. Applications are available from the church office. The Board will consider applications at its next meeting in March. If you have questions about the fund or the application process, contact the church office or one of the Board members.

Our Community

PRISM – is our local food shelf and has asked the church partners to contribute food, supplies, pet food items throughout the year for the food shelf. In **February we are going to focus mostly on pet foods**. We are trying to help Stella Wright who is a Girl Scout with here silver award project, called, “Don’t 4get the Pets.” She is trying to raise awareness of the need for and to increase donations of pet food at PRISM and other local food shelves. We ask that you bring pet food for dogs, cats, fish, amphibians, mice, etc. We are also including, laundry soap, dish soaps, bar soap and cleaning supplies.

You may also make a money donation. Be sure to clearly mark PRISM on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check. If you would like a **PRISM envelope**, see an usher or get one from the Kiosk

- **Attend the 7th Annual Empty Bowls Event on Tuesday, March 7, 4:00-7pm**, at Robbinsdale Cooper High School, 8230 47th Avenue North, New Hope, MN 55428. Handcrafted bowls created and donated by community members, local schools and organizations will be available for a donation. A simple meal of soup and bread, all donated by local businesses, will be available, along with local entertainment for your enjoyment. Please join us!

Statement of Call: We are called by God to be radically inclusive, caring community of faith offering personal and social transformation through Jesus Christ.

Reconciling Statement: We are a reconciling congregation welcoming people of all sexual orientations.

Attendance Report for February 12, 2017

8:30 a.m. First Service	14
10:00 a.m. Worship	135
Nursery	7
Faith Walk Sunday School	23
Total	179

Ministers: *Congregation*

Pastor: *Jeff Hansen*

Director of Youth Ministry: *David Hodd*

Director of Children & Family Ministry & Music:

Penny Bonsell

Minister of Music: *Jerry Rubino*

Finance/Office Administrator: *Janine Hall*

Office Manager: *Veronica Jacobsen*

Nursery Attendant: *Colette Gorra*

Volunteers

Ushers: Al Hanson*, David and Toni Peters
*Head Usher

Greeters: David and Toni Peters

Liturgist: Merry Anne Rosengren

Hospitality: Wilson and Carmen Garland

Altar Flowers: Craig and Cynthia Hotvedt

Ask an usher if you would like **large print bulletins** or **Williams sound system** for persons with hearing loss.

