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Everyone at Spirit of Hope is a Minister of the Gospel

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your acts of kindness, and give glory to your God. *Matthew 5:16*

February 26, 2017 Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Jerry Rubino

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts.
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of His glory.
The whole earth is full of His glory,
The whole earth is full of His glory.
Holy is the Lord.

If We Walk

If we walk in the light, as God is the light, we have fellowship with one another
And the blood of Jesus His Son, cleanses us from all sin.
If we walk in the light as God is the light, we will walk and talk, in the light!

Lord the Light of Your Love

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; Set us free by the truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me, shine on me.

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***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*

It is good to reach a higher, brighter place, **A place with a good view,**
Where the clutter and commotion of everyday **Are out of the way, the Light shines through,**
And you gain some clarity, even if only briefly. **Have you been to such a place lately?**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

No. 371

***OPENING PRAYER**

We do pause in astonishment, God, at least occasionally,
As when we experience the range of weather right here this past week,
When we are confronted by your creative genius at work in this world,
And see that same brilliance stretching out into ever-expanding space, or,
When we realize (especially when we're sick!) the relatively small,
But incredibly complex workings of our own bodies, minds, souls!
In those awakened moments, we marvel that in such a vast and constantly-changing world,
You claim each of us as your own, precious, beloved, irreplaceable work-in-progress!
How can such a thing be? And how might we respond
Appropriately, courageously, faithfully, 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 worshiping 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

In Paradisum
Paul David Stanko

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 24:12-18 p. 87
Matthew 17:1-9 p. 22

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

MESSAGE

"A moment of clarity, that leads to..."

Pastor Jeff Hansen

Key Verse: But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."
When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. *Matthew 17:7-8*

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

GIFT OF MUSIC

Beautiful City
Max Wojtanowicz

Stephen Schwartz

***OFFERING OUR THANKS IN PRAYER**

God of all, whose self-giving way is shown most brilliantly in Jesus, how might we help to further “light up the place”?! Trusting that your love for us reaches farther than we can ever move beyond, help us to find the courage and the joy to live and give ourselves as freely and fully as followers of Jesus are meant and called to do! We ask this in the name and spirit of that very same one who prayed...

***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**

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor
3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful

high and ho - ly place, where we wait with
bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E -
lest our faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter,

hope and long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.
li - jah mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is heard.
find it tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.

Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what

not in vain, search - ing like those first dis -
 Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments drenched in
 we pro - fess, that our dai - ly lives may

ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

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A BLEST SENDING

Coming to church, **Now going to be church,**
 To live the love of God in Christ, for all, unconditionally. The world needs that sort of embodied clarity, so,
 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.**

MINISTRY FAIR/PROGRESSIVE LUNCH – Please remain in your seats as your tour guide/shepherd comes to show you the way to green pastures, still waters, food and ministry team tables! Thank you!

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.*

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.
- **Progressive Lunch Sunday** and an introduction to each ministry committee here at Spirit of Hope immediately following the 10am service. 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.**
- **Bible Study – Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** for coffee and fellowship and bible study at **10:00 a.m.** in the upper lobby.
- **Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 1!** Have you bought your book yet? *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Skeptics (and Other Wanderers)* by Eric Elnes. **Cost: \$13.** Each Wednesday during Lent we will have soup suppers starting at **5:30p.m.** **We have a time of worship and discussion from 6:30 p.m. until 7:45p.m.** Come join us!
- **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.
- **Serving at Simpson Shelter** is on **Monday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m.** Sign up to help bring food and/or serve on the sign-up sheet on the upper lobby bulletin board.
- **Loaves and Fishes** Meets the third Thursdays of each month. Please consider volunteering at Brunswick United Methodist Church on **Thursday, March 16, at 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** for setup and prep, or **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** for serving and clean up. Sign up is on the upper lobby bulletin board, outside the sanctuary.
- **Statewide Reconciling Gathering** – Spirit of Hope will be hosting this even on **Saturday, March 4 from 11 a.m. -2 p.m.** There will be a social time, choir, potluck and program. The keynote speaker will be Retired Bishop Melvin Talbert.
- **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 Turrittin; 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.
- **Help Needed!** Anyone interested in helping with the Easter flowers? You'd need to come in the day they are delivered, take the sleeves off the flowers, and make sure they are watered and place them in the sanctuary and make sure they stay watered. Volunteers later move all remaining flowers that had not yet been picked up to the Café area counter for one week. Call the church office at 763-545-0239 or email us at office@spiritofhopeumc.org if interested.

Our Community

- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** – will be held on **Thursday, March 2, from 4:30-6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. This week's **guest speaker is Penny Bonsell**, Director of Children & Family Ministry & Music at Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church, who will speak on *The Morning After Mourning*. Also, help is needed to **set up at 3:30 p.m. and take down at 6:30 p.m.** of tables/chairs for the Grief Coalition **on Thursdays March-May**. If you are available to help, please let Jody Grande know at 763-546-6624.
- **Ball: A Musical Tribute to My Lost Testicle**. You want to see a charming, witty, moving and thoroughly enjoyable show? Come see our own Max Wojtanowicz's with Jerry Rubino at piano as he presents his story on **Sunday, April 23, at 4 p.m.** at Spirit of Hope! This performance contains adult subject matter and language.

2017 Food Drive Challenge for PRISM (March 1-April 2)

10 tons of food collected for PRISM

*3 new people to help **provide food** to serve at Simpson Shelter

*3 new people **committing to help** serve with Loaves and Fishes

See shopping list on next page.

PRISM is our local food shelf. During Lent, we are having a special collection for PRISM. You can help by bringing in some of the items which are most needed. You may also make a money donation to PRISM. Be sure to clearly mark "PRISM" on your offering envelope or the memo line of your check. Please make your "challenge" contributions by **Sunday, April 2.**

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 19, 2017

8:30 a.m. First Service	12
10:00 a.m. Worship	100
Nursery	3
Faith Walk Sunday School	10
Total	120

Ministers: *Congregation*

Pastor: *Jeff Hansen*

Director of Youth Ministry: *David Hodd*

Director of Children & Family Ministry & Music:
Penny Bonsell

Minister of Music: *Jerry Rubino*

Office Manager/ Finance: *Veronica Jacobsen*

Office Administrator: *Janine Hall*

Nursery Attendant: *Colette Gorra*

Volunteers

Ushers: Gere* and Vicky Gries, Art and Carol Doten *Head Usher

Greeters: Diane Anderson, Allen Hanson

Liturgist: Carmen Garland

Hospitality: Rob Alber

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

