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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

We Are One in Christ Jesus

We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.
We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together.
We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,
One single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

Oh, How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth.
It sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

Chorus

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, Because He first loved me.

It tells me of a Saviour's love, who died to set me free.
It tells me of His precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

It tells of One whose loving heart, can feel my deepest woe.
Who in each sorrow bears a part, that none can bear below.

Search Me O God (Cleanse Me)

Search me O God and know my heart today. Try me O Savior know my thoughts I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me. Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

Lord take my life and make it wholly Thine. Fill all my heart with Your great love divine.
Take all my will my passion self and pride. I now surrender Lord in me abide.

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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*

Take my life, God, not away, **But into its appropriate place;**
Into the depth and beauty, **The light and goodness it's meant to contain,**
And carry, and bring to others. **Maybe this is the place and time**
Where all of that begins to come into clearer view?

We Worship You, God

Ps. 104:2-6, 10-13

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

1 We wor - ship you, God; your power and your love
 2 We tell of your might, we sing of your grace,
 3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

are bla - zoned a - broad, a - round, and a - bove:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old,
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 Your char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 Es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 Your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is your path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it you cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Born in Bengal, India, Robert Grant became a lawyer in England, a member of Parliament, and for the last four years of his life was governor of Bombay. This text was inspired by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104.

Tune: LYONS 10.10.11.11.
 Attrib. to J. Michael Haydn (1737-1806)
 Alternate tune: HANOVER

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***OPENING PRAYER**

Frail children of dust... though we're not happy about it, that's us alright!...

Yet you don't hesitate, God, to invest your whole self in frail, dusty us!

And we trust that will always be true, as it always has been,

Because that's just the way you are! Thanks be to you!

But we are the way we are too – trusting and confident in you,

In our better moments. We have other moments,

As you well know! Moments where our trust in you is as frail as we are,

And shorter-lived! Still, that doesn't keep you from being our maker and defender,

Our redeemer and endless friend. And if somehow, even in our feeble moments,

We are able to see ourselves in the light of your deep faithfulness,

How might we yet live and love and grow,

And become truly your whole people, 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

*Undivided
Quartet*

Melodie Tunney

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-24

p. 125

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

(v. 1)

p. 451

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:25-41

p. 125

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

MESSAGE

"...seeing is believing is seeing is believing..."

Pastor Jeff Hansen

Key Verse: Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him." Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." *John 3:9, 41*

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND SELVES

GIFT OF MUSIC

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them (Messiah)
Melissa O'Neill, soprano and Michael Davis, flute

G. F. Handel

***OFFERING OUR THANKS IN PRAYER**

God of all, we admittedly see as we want and choose to see. But, we claim a connection to this Jesus, who shared your loving vision of and for all. How do we find our way to join him in that place, adopting that perspective? In return for what we are able to offer now, in gratitude and hope, we ask for the directions and courage to come to and go with Jesus, in vision and joy, grace and generosity, even as we offer the very prayer he teaches his friends....

***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**

Be Thou My Vision

(vss. 2-3)

No. 451

A BLEST SENDING

Be our vision, God, **The way we see everything, and every one--**

Even our very selves! So that we do indeed live in your light and it in us. So may it be! Amen. 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.*

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

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

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 Administrator: *Janine Hall*

Finance/ Office Manager: *Veronica Jacobsen*

Nursery Attendant: *Colette Gorra*

Attendance Report for March 19, 2017

8:30 a.m. First Service	7
10:00 a.m. Worship	147
Nursery	4
Faith Walk Sunday School	24
Total	182

Volunteers

Ushers: Lowell* and Bernie Mogck, John and Sally Turrittin
*Head Usher

Greeters: Dianne Anderson, Allen Hanson

Liturgist: Susan Williams

Hospitality: Barbara Kuenne

Altar Flowers:

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.

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** [Adult Education Class] – **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fireside Room. We will have a special guest, Darin Hussein on **April 9**. She is a Fullbright Hubert H. Humphrey International Fellow student. She is a Palestinian who will talk about life in Palestine and the challenges they face. She is a brave young lady who has a lot to say and can answer some of our questions. Please come and hear this discussion! She is currently studying at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the U of M. There will be no FORUM on April 16.
- **Youth Choir** – will meet on **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in fellowship hall.
- **Spirit Singers** – will meet on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** in fellowship hall, during lent.
- **Easter Flowers** – If you would like to order an Easter plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the order form in today’s bulletin and turn it in with your check payable to Spirit of Hope UMC. **Order Deadline: Sunday, April 2.**
- **Driving for Dinner at Your Door** – **Monday, March 27, at 10:30 a.m.**
- **Book Study** – **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the lower lobby, except the first Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome!
- **Bible Study** – **Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** for coffee and fellowship and bible study at **10:00 a.m.** in the upper lobby.
- **Spirit A`Peal** – Rehearsals are on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Sanctuary.
- **Lent Wednesdays** - Each Wednesday during Lent we will have soup suppers starting at **5:30p.m.**, in the café area, and a have a time of worship and discussion from **6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the upper lobby**. This week’s focus: *The Gift of Temptation*. Come join us! Our discussions will come from the book, *Gifts of the Dark Wood: Seven Blessings for Soulful Sceptics (and Other Wanderers)* by Eric Elnes. Cost: \$13. If you would like to bring food or help with clean-up, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower lobby.
- **Confirmation/Youth Group** – You are all invited to join us for soup/worship and discussion during lent.
- **Serving at Simpson Shelter** is on **Monday, April 3, 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, April 20**, 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.
- **Liturgists Needed** – If you would like to help lead worship on a Sunday in **April and May**, please sign-up on the bulletin board on the upper lobby, outside of the sanctuary. (Liturgists lead the call to worship, opening prayer and read the first scripture of the day.)
- **Altar Flowers** – If you would like to sign up for altar flowers, there is a signup sheet in the upper lobby. The cost is \$25.00 and you are welcome to take the flowers home after the service. Upcoming Sundays available are **April 30 and May 14.**
- **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.
- **Events** – If you would like an event included on the website calendar, please go to the website and in the upper right-hand corner click on “submit news events” and follow the instructions as you go.
- **Flea Market** - Rummage Sale - Boutique is coming. Have you cleaned those closets?
- **Please limit your use of perfume/cologne in respect of those who have allergies around you.**

Our Community

2017 Food Drive March Challenge for PRISM (Bring through March 31)

10 tons of food collected for PRISM

*2 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 **Friday, March 31**.

- **West Suburban Grief Coalition** – will be held on **Thursday, March 30, from 4:30-6 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. This week's **guest speaker Mark Flaten**, who will speak on ***Self Care During Grief***. Your 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.
- **The Minnetonka Choral Society** – with Jere Lantz, Music Director, Presents: ***Springtime is Love***. **Sunday April 2, at 3 p.m. at** Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 301 County Road 9, Excelsior, MN 55331. From April showers through May flowers to June weddings, springtime is the season of love. MCS offers a bouquet of romantic blooms, including renaissance madrigals, English and American folksongs, traditional ballads, Broadway favorites, and modern classics by Eric Whitacre, Carole King, James Taylor and more. It's a concert for everyone who has ever been (or wanted to be) in love. **Tickets:** \$18 Adults, \$10 Students (17 and under). Available at the door (cash or check), from chorus members see Jeff Becker, or online at www.MinnetonkaChoralSociety.org. Like us Facebook: www.facebook.com/MinnetonkaChoralSociety.
- **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.
- **Faith Communities and People with Mental Illness**. Join us to learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes and five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience a mental illness, all within the context of a faith community. On **Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. – 12:00 noon**. Presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Morning refreshments and coffee will be served. For questions and to reserve your space contact Jody Grande at 763-546-6624.